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#### No. LXXI.-PAPERS RELATING TO THE IRRIGATION WORKS IN THE SIALKOT DISTRICT:

#### No. 2897. dated 19th October 1894.

From-Lientenant-Colonel J. A. L. MONTGOMERY, Officiating Commissioner and Superintendent, Ráwalpindi Division,

To-R. SYKES, Esquire, Senior Secretary to Financial Commissioner, Punjab.

Five maps of the five tahsils. Five Statements A showing canals and bands made in each tahsil.

Five Statements B showing agricultural advances made for wells from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1894.

BOTH Mr. Rivaz and Mr. Thorburn, when on tour in the Siálkot district last winter, told me I ought to send up a report showing what I had done towards encouraging and developing irrigation works while in charge of the district. I have the honor in accordance with these instructions to send the papers noted in the margin.

Immediately after taking charge of the district in 1888, I saw that much could be done to encourage the construction or repair of irrigation works. The district lies not far from the hills ; and the flow of water during the rains from north-east to south-west is very great. The people had already made some attempts to store this water ; but their attempts had been fitful and marred by a want of combination among themselves. I found the people only too glad to be advised in these matters, and I was fortunate at the time in having M. Aurangzeb Khan as Tahsildár of Pasrúr. The work begun by him in connection with the great Satrah *chhamb* gradually increased, and the other Tahsildárs came to know that the way to get on was to do what they could for the good of the people. I spent a good deal of time in my tours in considering irrigation projects. The largest works were :-

- In tahsil Daska the Aik Canal. (a).
- In tahsil Pasrúr the works connected with the Satrah chhamb. (b).
- In tahsil Raya the canal from the Degh at Jiwan Goraya, and that from (c). Hachar.

3. The officers who did the best work were :--

- M. Aurangzeb Khan, Tahsíldár of Pasrúr, now Officiating Extra Assistant (1).Commissioner.
- (2).
- M. Feroz Dín, who succeeded him as Tahsildár of Pasrúr. M. Imám Ali Khan, Tahsildár of Daska, and now Officiating Extra Assist-(3). ant Commissioner.
- M. Ghazanfar Ali, Náib-Tabsíldár of Raya. (4).

I shall be glad if the thanks of Government can be conveyed to these officers. They did not spare themselves, but were often out at all seasons of the year supervising the construction of irrigation works, settling disputes, and saving bands from destruction when threatened by floods.

4. The great point was we carried the people with us. When I asked them why they did not combine and make a band in a place that was manifestly profitable, they would reply that they could not agree among themselves who was to begin the work; but if I would send a *tahsil chaprási* who would make them combine, they would be very thankful. In the smaller works the sending of the *tahsil chaprási* was ordinarily all that was needed. It will be noticed that a good deal of Degh water has been diverted for irrigation purposes, more especially in the Raya tabsil. In this connection I should note that I was very particular to allow no new bands in the Degh. They were repaired or reconstructed only where the Riwáj-i-ám of the last settlement showed them to have before reconstructed only where the intradjutant of the last sectement showed them to have before existed. This was necessary to preserve the rights of the lower villages and districts in their old established irrigation. When the Degh is not in flood less water now goes down to the Gujránwála and Lahore districts; but this is only because the Siálkot villages now take the water they have always been entitled to.

5. The irrigation customs have been carefully revised during the present settle-ment, and will be found in the new Riwáj-i-ám ábpáshi. I hope succeeding Deputy Commissioners of Siálkot will continue to take an interest in these irrigation works, and will increase their number. Without constant supervision many of the bands will fall into disrepair, and the people will be great losers. The five statements marked B show the amount advanced to the people for wells during the six years ending 31st March 1894. In this matter also it is very important that the Tahsildárs should be kept up to their work. Every loan applied for means extra work to the Tahsildar in inspection and to the Revenue Accountant in the preparation of accounts. But my experience is that if every facility is given to the people to apply for loans a great deal of money can be most profitably advanced, and they are most thankful for it.

I shall be obliged if the maps can be returned, as no copies have been retained of them, and they will be useful for future reference to the Deputy Commissioner of Siálkot.

# A .- List of Bands and Canals (Irrigation Works) made in Tahsil Roya since 1st April 1888.

	The state of the second			igated by canal.		Was the amount	
No.	Name of irrigation work.	Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, i.e., papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	vas the amount obtained by takávi or paid by the zamíndárs themselves ?	Remarks, giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.
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1	Khál Dhilli	Dhilli Dátewál Jhada		Kanáls. 800 1,000 100 1,900	Rs. a. p. 	Was dug by the zamindárs themsel <del>y</del> es.	A cut made by the people from the Degh. No expension incurred. Water from this cut also benefits to some exten Bohgal Najjár and other villages. Length 9,652 feet.
2 3 4	Jiwan Goraya masonry dam. Jiwan Goraya Band New Jiwan Goraya Khál	Joint property of works Nos. 5 to 12. Baggeke, Bhuchh and 31 villages belonging to works Nos. 5 to 12 are benefited.		Vide Nos. 5 to 12.	294 6 0	Paid by the zamindárs.	Very few villages used to irrigate their lands from the Deg before. It was thought expedient to extend the irrigation to all the villages shown in column 3. Band No. 3 he been, constructed in the Degh to prevent water from running in its natural course, and from this band, khál N 4 has been cut off in order to carry the water required for villages appertaining to works No. 6 to 12. A masonry da (No. 2) with sluices, which serves as a distributary water, has also been constructed. It is used as a bridg also. These three works jointly form one main work, at are meant to serve the purposes of a proper distribution the water of the Degh.

5	Canal from Jiwan Goraya to Chhamb Mandháli.	Jiwan Goraya Amín Shah Dhingána Mehla Suja Jai Singhwála Mardána Chakráli Kot Bhailán Bhitewadh Kot Muhammau Sharífpur Chak Telián Mandháli Batta Pírán Rattián	     		7,858 1,205 1,496 4,113 380 5,697 9,503 7,481 1,542 3,242 1,595 483 341 600 4,811 2,341 52,688	( <sub>9</sub> 4,940 10 0	Do	Jiwan Goraya was the only village irrigated before by means of a small cut; this has been very largely extended and widened; there are now over it eight bridges, which can also be closed with sluices for irrigation purposes; two bridges used as such only; and a distributor of water to subsidiary cuts used as bridge also. The minor cuts taken from the main canal are 23 in number, all with masonry heads. The large depression near Chakráli, known as <i>kund</i> Chakráli, is used as a reservoir, from which water is taken to the lower villages. There are 21 <i>jhallárs</i> on this <i>kund</i> . The main canal is about 18 miles in length. The money shown as spent on this work does not include that spent by the people on their own subsidiary head works. These they have made themselves. The water should be let out of the <i>kund</i> all the cold season, as its bed is generally cultivated and all the bridges must be kept closed so as to stop water running into the <i>kund</i> during the cold season.	
6	Khál Mári	Mári Kalán Mári Khurd	•••		3,600 4,480 8,080			A cut made by the people from a branch of the Degh issuing from the Jiwan Goraya masonry dam No. 2 used as a distri- butor of water. By means of this cut water is taken to a large depression in the vicinity of Mári Kalán, and there subsidiary cuts have been made for irrigation. Length 12,903 feet.	1805
7	Agal Mári Kalán	Mári Kalán			See above.	400 0 0	Rs. 400 takávi	This band is not for irrigation, but in order to prevent the lands of the village from being inundated by floods from the Degh. The first time it was made it was breached. It has now been made a second time, and will, it is hoped, stand now. Length 3,300 feet.	
8	Hachar Band used as a road. Length 1,315 feet.	Joint property Nos. 9, 10 and	of work 12.	8	See Nos. 9 to 12.	Rs. 1,417 includes the expenditure incurred on works, Nos. 9 to 12.	by takávi. The remainder	The water supplied by the distributary at Jiwan Goraya (work No. 2) is first brought to the vicinity of Hachar in a branch of the Degh. There two bridges have been made by the District Board where the Hachar band always stood; the bridges are provided with boards for the open- ings to serve as sluices. Kháls Nos. 9 and 10 are taken off from this band, which is now a public road, and water is taken down to the Ghurkán chhamb. The Bhagodiál ágal (embankment) is on the west of the	

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			Area irr band or	igated by canal.		Was the amount			
No.	Name of irrigation work.	, Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, i.e., papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	obtained by takávi or paid by the zamíndárs themselves ?	Remarks, giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.		
9	Khál Hachar Length 6,451 feet.	Hachar Baggeke		Kanals. 5,536 2,700 8,236	} See No. 8.		chhamb, thus water is preserved for irrigation, and the lands of Bhagodiál are preserved from inundation. Beside the two large bridges mentioned above, there is a bridge on the Ghurkán khál, and 3 others, smaller ones, have been made out of the money given by the people; they serve		
10	Khál Ghurkán Length 6,451 feet.	Ghurkán Hardo Ladheke		6,236 6,641 12,877	} See No. 8.		as sluices at the head of subsidiary cuts. Fifteen smaller sluices have also been made in the Bhagodiál ágal and khál Ghuchli. The latter is connected with the former, as the water preserved in <i>Chhamb</i> Ghurkán by means of the Bhagodiál ágal is let into the Ghuchli Khal.		
11, 12	Agal Bhágodiál and khál Ghuchli.	Kotli Wirk Pindori Jám Gil Jhundir Manánwála Farkhandabad Bhagodiál Ghuchli Bure Othi Murádpur		$1,692 \\ 1,062 \\ 1,392 \\ 2,102 \\ 800 \\ 4,000 \\ 4,119 \\ 7,043 \\ 7,771 \\ 1,426$	See No. 8.		From the band at Jiwan Goraya to the end of this irrigation project the distance is nearly 15 miles. The expenditure shown in this statement does not include money spent by villages separately on their own small head works; this was small in amount in each case. Length of No. 11, 19,030 feet. Length of No. 12, 6,215 feet.		
				24,407					

13	Kot Sainsra Band	Kot Ahdián Moghal <del>w</del> ála		 517 665	Řs. 170	a. p 0 (		Paid by Govern- ment.	The money spent was given from the Contingent allowance for Sánsi Kotes. The people of Moghalwála gave labour. The <i>band</i> has two masonry sluices and irrigates a good deal of rice land. Length 330 feet.
14	Dhadora Band	Dhadora	 	 900					This band was made by the people with their own labour. No money was spent. The area benefited is considerable. Length 1,795 feet.
15	Arud Afghán Band	Arud Afghán	 	 3,343	200	0 (	0	Paid by the zamíndárs themselves.	This band was made by the people; the money was spent on two masonry sluices; a large quantity of water is now col- lected and used for irrigation. The expenditure has long ago been recouped from increased profits. Length 5,329 feet.
16	Ladhewála Band	Ladhewála	 	 2,443	100	0 (	0	Do	The band was made by the people, the money was spent on a masonry sluice. The expenditure has been recovered from increased profits. Length 1,606 feet.
17	Báth Band	Báth Band	 	 400					A small band made by the people with their own labour.
18, 19 and 20	Band Ghariál Kalán, Agal Ghariál Kalán and Agal Ghariál Khurd.	Ghariál Kalán Ghariál Khurd Bhágián Akbarián Kot Bhuchh Total area irri	 	 10,661 6,800 4,180 2,810 3,532 27,983 144,439	1,079	9 9	9	Rs. 260 takávi	A large band has been made in the branch of the Degh near Ghariál Kalán; the <i>chhambs</i> of Ghariál Kalán and Ghariál Khurd are used as the two reservoirs. The large band is also used as a bridge and contains a sluice for an outlet. There are also five other sluices at the head of the subsidiary cuts. The earthwork was done by the people themselves, this is not included in the estimate of expenditure. Nearly all the area of the five villages is irrigated by this work. There are some <i>jhallárs</i> also. Length of No. 19, 3,146 feet. Length of No. 20, 2,222 feet.

			Area irr canal c	igated by or band.		Was the amount		
No.	Name of band or canal.	Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, i.e., papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers themselves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.	
1	Jámke Canal	Ralioke	Kanáls. 4,150	Kanáls. 4,167	Rs. a. p.		This canal was made in 1890. It takes out of the Aik	
		Kaurpur	1,442	1,643			at Ralioke and extends through several chhambs as far as Kila Sardár Thákur Singh, benefiting 30 villages.	
		Jámke		3,000			The canal is made to feed the <i>chhambs</i> on the way, and so the area irrigated from the <i>chhambs</i> has been very largely	
		Jaisarwála		720	192 0 0	Shareholders.	increased, <i>i.e.</i> , from 16,589 kanáls to 31,057 kanáls. The expenditure on it was Rs. 3,273, all subscribed by the	
		Gága	***	320	37 0 0	Do.	villages affected. A length of about 3 miles through the lands of Darweshke, Rám Rayán, Thhatta, Tirhára and	
		Kot Daska		1,600	80 0 0	Do.	Akbar was made in 1893 by the zamindárs themselves. The canal first goes through the villages of Ralioke,	
		Daska		1,976	379 0 0	Do.	Kaurpur, Jámke, Jaisarwála, Gága, Daska, Kot Daska, and Kotli Chhambwála, and these villages take some of	
		Kotli Chhambwála		240	37 0 0	Do,	the water as it passes. The water first collects in the Daska <i>chhamb</i> and thence goes into the Raja Ghamán and	
		Kálla		320	82 0 0	Do.	Músewála chhamb, where there is a band with two sluices. Excess water is allowed to escape through these sluices;	
		Raja Ghumán		1,153	442 0 0	Do. Takávi.	but if too much is allowed to go off there is a failure in the supply taken on by the canal direct from the Daska <i>chhamb.</i> The next depression met with is in the Darweshke Poble offer that the <i>allowing of States of Level Level</i>	
		Músewál	*	256	161 0 0	{Takávi 100 Sharers 61	Rohi; after that the <i>chhambs</i> of Nika and Lurikki are fed, also that of Ghake. There are <i>bands</i> at all these places, with sluices; after that the water goes to the Akbar and Dharmkot <i>chhambs</i> and thence to the great <i>chhamb</i> Khaki There is a <i>band</i> here too. The total length is 18 miles.	

A .- List of Bands and Canals made in Tahsil Daska since 1st April 1888.

I	arweshke			1,151	1,902	127	0	0	Sharers.	F
Т	hhatta			245	253	32	0	0	Do.	
T	lirhára				211	118	0	0	Do.	
B	tám Rayán Kl	nurd		680	692	183	0	0	{ Takávi { Sharers	100 83
F	tám Rayán Ka	lán		565	594	149	0	0	{ Takávi { Sharers	$\begin{array}{c c}100\\49\end{array}$
E	3hittewhád			138	136	158	0	0	{ Takávi Sharers	100 58
18	Salhoke			121	134	246	0	0	{ Takávi { Sharers	100 146
A	Akbar			110	587	155	0	0	Sharers.	
Г	Dharmkot			80	148	45	0	0	Do.	
T	Cáhliwála			147	278	34	10	0	Do.	
1	Naushera	•3•		283	349	90	0	0	Do.	
F	Kotli Kewal R	ám		309	267	46	0	0	Do.	
1	Wadála			1,402	2,486	247	0	0	Do.	
1	Natháke			905	1,181	98	0	0	Do.	
1	Mokhal			1,010	1,292	171	0	0	Do.	
N	Nadála			2,125	2,679	517	0	0	Takávi   Sharers	300 217
F	Rámke			1,405	1,681	237	0	0	{ Takávi Sharers	140 97
F	Rámgarh			290	296	98	0	0	{ Takávi { Sharers	60 28
F	Kila Sardár Th	nákur S	Singh	31	196					
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No.	Name of band or canal.	Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888. 1888.	Now, i.e., papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	Was the amount obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers themselves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.
			Kanáls.	Kanáls.	Rs. a. p.		
2	Band Doburji	Doburji			200 0 0	Takávi	a supply of water for its rice, Doburji in order to prevent
		Aminpur	588	733	$\begin{array}{ccc} 70 & 0 & 0 \\ 70 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	Takávi. Shareholders.	the water logging of its land. Length 2,673 feet.
3	Band Daulowáli Wairán	Daulowáli Wairán	6	387	200 0 0	Takávi	Practically a new band with a masonry sluice. The village has benefited very much from it. Length 4,060 feet.
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4	Band Taraunián	Tarannian	310	641	120 0 Q	Do	This band has been made in conjunction with mauza Dehsar in tahsíl Pasrúr. There are two sluices. Both villages have largely benefited. Length 907 feet.
5	Band Raja Ghumán and Músewála.	Rája Ghumán		1,153	300 <b>0</b> 0	Do	Practically a new <i>band</i> with two masonry sluices. The water comes more especially by reason of the Aik Canal Both villages have benefited largely. Length 742 feet.
1		Músewála		256	100 0 0	Do.	

A .- List of Bands and Canals made in Tahsil Daska since 1st April 1888-concluded.

6	Nála Aik from Begowála to Fatehgarh.	Farhádpur			1,500	2,250		43 1	12	0	Shareholders	improved, the consequence is an increased area under
		Fatehgarh			1,600	2,124		43 1	12	0	Do.	irrigation.
7	Khál Saidánwála	Begowála				480		12	0	0	Do	This and the four following cuts all belong to the same large village Begowála. These cuts have largely benefited the village. The work done has been only to clear existing channels.
8	Khál Munánwála	Begowála				398	•	14	0	0	Do.	
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9	Khál Teliánwála	Begowála			232	399		16	0	0	Do.	1811
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10	Khál Kashmiriánwála	Begowála			300	432		8	0	0	Do.	
11	Khál Kotli Chhambwáli	Kotli Chhambw	áli					300	0	0	Takávi	Length 2,761 feet.

		Area irrigated by band or canal.			Was the amount		
No.	Name of band or canal.	Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, i.e., papers of 1892.93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers themselves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.
			Ghs.	Ghs.	Rs. a. p.		
1	Sabzkot	Sabzkot Chak Bagga Ráipur Kádirabad Garhi Mahe	127 33    160	292 133 100 48 16 	300 0 0	Shareholders	There used to be here originally a small earthen dam; quarrels used to take place regarding it between the villages of Sabzkot and Chak Bagga. The new band is a more sub- stantial one, and money has been collected for the purpose of making in it a masonry sluice. This has been done with the consent of the villages to be benefited. Three cuts are taken off from the band, viz., two for Sabzkot and one for the other villages. The area to be irrigated in Kádirabad will increase. The band (when the sluice is completed) will also serve as a bridge for foot passengers and animals.
2	Nájo Chak	Nájo Chak Shabpur Baghiári Sapwál	224  - 17 - 8	236 128 19 29			No sluice. An old band strengthened.
		Sapwai		412			
3	Khára Band on Kála	Khára	12	68			As above

## A.-List of Bands and Canals made in Tahsíl Zafarwál since 1st April 1888.

4	Sohiánwála on Nála Kála.	Ganeshpur Sohián		$ \begin{array}{c} 69\\ 4\\ \hline 73\\ \hline 73\\ \hline \end{array} $		106	0 0	Sharers	This band was originally made by the villages of Sohián, Sidwán, Kot Báka Singh and Ganeshpur. A bridge was made in it with no means of keeping in the water. In 1891 sluice boards were supplied, and the water can now be collected for irrigation. But only two villages benefit from this, and the expenditure on the sluices (Rs. 66) was only given by Ganeshpur and Sohián.	
5	Warsalwála Band on Gadgor Nála.	Wársalke Kot Dána Balowáli Maniála Chawinda Sehnewáli	··· ·· ··		1 1 3 19 32 7	416	0 0	Expended by District Board.	This <i>band</i> is really formed by the road, and so the expendi- ture on it has been undertaken by the District Board. The area benefited by it is not large.	
6	Marlánwála Band on	Marl		27	63				A small band made by the villagers. No sluice.	1010
7	Gadgor Nála.	Ault			58				This is a part of the work connected with the great Satráh	
8	Kot Dhíngránwála Band	Bhatte			45 52	•			A small band made by the people. No sluice.	
9	Badiána	Badiána	•••		18		0 0	Sharers	A small band made by the people.	
10	Khurpa	Khurpa		. 80	59	100	0 0	Do	An old <i>band</i> repaired and maintained by the people. Part of the area was originally irrigated by lift, this irrigation has now been abandoned.	

				rigated by r canal.		Was the amount	
No.	Name of band or canal.	Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, <i>i.e.</i> , papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers themselves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.
1	and the second		Kanáls.	Kanáls.	Rs. a. p.		The product of the state was been and the state of the st
1	Band	Pathanwáli		982	400 0 0	Takávi	No masonry sluices here. Water is taken by means of small wooden sluices. The village benefited very largely from this band. The length of this band and of No. 2 together is 3,850 feet.
2	Do	. Bhani		345	200 0 0	Do	As No. 1.
3	Do	. Wangal		2,404	200 0 0	Do	No sluices at all. Water is usually taken by opening out the band where required. Length 5,280 feet.
4	Do	. Nidoke		1,237	200 0 0	Do	As No. 3. Length 3,850 feet.
5	Gurhiwála	. Chhichhariáli	849	906	140 0 0	Do	There is a masonry sluice. A good deal of water is con- tained in this depression, and the area irrigated is consider-
		Mahal Chenáwán		63			able. The water must be emptied out in October so far as to allow rabi crops to be sown on the Mahal Chenáwán
		Gurhi	996	2,312	600 0 0	Takávi.	land. Length 1,650 feet.
6	Do	. Gunna Khurd		837	600 0 0	Do	There is a masonry sluice. The area benefited by this band is comparatively small. Length 2,750 feet.

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7	Kohar Band	•••		Kohar	 	31	1,379	200	0 0	Takávi	There are two masonry sluices. This was an old band; it has been very largely increased and strengthened, and now is most profitable to the village. Length 2,750 feet.
8	Sahochak Band			Sahochak	 	20	552	200	0 0	Do	No sluice. The band was originally quite a small one. It has been considerably enlarged. Length 1,100 feet.
9	Dharmkot Band		•••	Dharmkot	 	374	374			Money spent by the sharers themselves.	An old <i>band</i> repaired. No increased area irrigable. No sluice. Length 110 feet.
10	Sioke Band			Sioke	 	129	129				Same remarks as for Dharmkot. Length 120 feet.
11	Kuluwál Band			Kuluwál	 	310	302	240	0 0	Takávi	The band here was enlarged and a masonry sluice made. These were broken down in late floods. The area irrigable is practically the same as before. The people of the village are not very anxious to attend to this band since they have been ordered that no damage will be allowed by reason of it to be done to the lands of Bhartanwála. Length 330 feet.
12	Palkhu Band			Malhopar	 		218				A small band made by the people themselves. No sluice.
13	Do.			Jhulke	 		308				As above.
14	Do.			Dhille	 		225	·	-		Do.

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No.	Name of band or canal.	Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, i.e., papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers them- selves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.	
			Kanáls.	Kanáls.	Rs.		•	
1	Chhamb Satráh Band	Satráh Miánwáli Mokhal Dhandal Kalli Kot Kaura Thákar Wairán Begewáli Begewáli Begewáli Chiánwáli Thatha Umra Kotli Múbárán Kotli Bába Hira Ratta Bajwa Chhangi	5,483 2,573 137 114 276 1,937 200 850 154  1,163 	7,476 2,761 2,086 395 768 122 276 1,998 1,522 850 154 357 2,525 512 2,904 766 25,477	640 11,043 160 100 360 20 880	Takávi. District Board Miánwáli. Satráh. Langiánwáli. Langewáli. Báchh on all vil- lages	<ol> <li>Bridge with three openings on Satráh and Mián- wáli cut.</li> <li>Bridge on Kot Mokhal and Dhandal cut.</li> <li>Bridge on Begewáli cut.</li> <li>Bridge on Langiánwáli and Begewáli cut.</li> <li>Sluice for Begewáli.</li> <li>Sluice for Khanduwáli.</li> <li>Sluice for Chiánwáli.</li> </ol>	

A.-List of Bands and Canals made in Tahsil Pasrúr since 1st April 1888.

							<ul> <li>It now extends for nearly two miles, and the sheet of water held together by it in the rains is about eight square miles in extent.</li> <li>The water comes here by several streams from the northeast, and also from the drainage of the lands in the neighbourhood.</li> <li>The people have spent only Rs. 1,500 on it; the District Board has spent over Rs. 11,000, and this expenditure will be further increased by the construction of the new outfall bridge.</li> <li>The villages have benefited immensely and have already realised far more than the Rs. 1,500 spent by them.</li> <li>Rules have been drawn up for the proper management of</li> </ul>	
							this large irrigation work. But the attention of the Tahsíldár and the Deputy Commissioner should be con- stantly directed towards it, especially in time of floods. If the sluices are kept shut when water is coming in in any quantity the <i>band</i> will certainly be breached in many places. The District Board is an interested party in the upkeep of the <i>band</i> , as it is now the main road from Pasrúr to Satráh, and on towards Wadála, in one direction and Mundeke in another.	TOT
	an a						There should always be an active and intelligent Tahsíldár at Pasrúr to supervise this important work, and the others mentioned below.	
2	Seránwáli Band on Bege- wáli.	Seránwáli	 	1,973	1,400	Expended by the Sardár.	This band has been made entirely by Sardár Richpál Singh, who is sole proprietor of Seránwáli. A good deal of money has been spent on it, as the rush of water here is very great, and the band has several times been breached. There are three sluices. Length 2,337 feet.	

. \* Nore.-This has been made, and is of the greatest use in preserving the band from breaking.

						rigated by m canal.		Was the amount	
No.	Name of band or canal.	Villages I	oenefited	1.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, i e., papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers themselves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.
	•				Kanáls.	Kanáls.	Rs.		
3	Gilgitti band on Begewáli	Gilgitti Dehsarbála				730 785	300	Takávi	There was originally a small and practically useless band. This has been increased and strengthened. There is no sluice here; none is required. The money spent has already been recovered from increased receipts. Length 82 feet.
4	Khot Band on Begewáli	Khot Dehsarpáin		::		$\underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 167 \\ 1,453 \\ \hline 1,620 \end{array}}_{1,620}$	200 220 1,397	Takávi. District Board.	A new road has lately been made where this <i>band</i> lies; the District Board has, therefore, borne a large share of the expense. There is a sluice. The villagers helped in the earth work, and have already realised the amount spent by them from increased profits. Length 836 feet.
5	Mohanpur Band on Bege- wáli.	Mohanpur Amínpur			 588	304 733 1,037	$     \begin{array}{r}             160 \\             160 \\             140 \\             \underline{ 460 }         \end{array}     $	Bu the noonlo	<ul> <li>This was an old and disused band. It has been largely increased in size and strength, and a sluice has been made in it.</li> <li>The rush of water is very great, and the band has been breached more than once.</li> <li>Amínpur is in the Daska tahsíl; but the band should be worked from Pasrúr.</li> <li>The benefit to the people has been very great, and the money spent has probably been already recovered. Length 168 feet.</li> </ul>

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### A .- List of Bands and Canals made in Tahsíl Pasrúr since 1st April 1888-continued.

6	Chádar Band	Bakápur Chak Ramdás	 	 1,105 650 1,755	89	Shareholders	This is an old established masonry dam, said to have been made in the time of the Moghal Emperors. The masonry and mortar were excellent. But it had been neglected and there were no sluice boards. The defects have now been remedied at a small expense to the great benefit of the people. Length 1,375 feet.	
7	Chak Ramdás Band	Chak Ramdás	 	 607		Takávi. Villagers.	A new band made in the kálar; a considerable area of rohi land is thereby irrigated. The people have benefited much by it, and have already recovered what they spent on it. There is one masonry sluice. Length 10,511 feet.	
8	Rahímpur-Vándo Band	Rahímpur Vándo	 	 938 630	140 140 80	Takávi. By the people.	This is also a new band made in the kálar. There is a masonry sluice. The benefit to the people has been very great. The expenditure has already been recouped. Length 1,100 feet.	
				1,668	360			1819
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9	Saunfar Band	Saunfar	 	 392	400	Takávi	Also a new band. There is a masonry sluice. It has been very beneficial. The money spent has already been re- covered from extra produce. Length 1,397 feet.	
10	Rána-Vándo Band on Degh.	Rána Vándo Daliánwáli	  	 2,917 2,359 1,765 7,041	553	Villagers	There was a small and neglected band here. This has been much strengthened, and two sluices have been made. Irrigation is now more certain and a large area is benefited. The expenditure has long ago been recouped. Length 962 feet.	
11	Kuríkot Band	Karíkot	 	 ′ 1,370		Takávi. Villagers.	An old and neglected band; largely strengthened. There are two sluices of masonry. The money spent has been long ago recovered from extra profits. Length 357 feet.	

			Area irr band of	igated by r canal.		Was the amount obtained by	
No.	Name of band or canal.	Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, i.e., papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers them- selves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.
			Kanáls.	Kanáls.	Rs.		
12	Shádíkhanwála Band	Shádíkhanwála		898	500	Takávi	This is a new band. A masonry sluice is being made. It will greatly benefit the village. Length 225 feet.
13	Sáib and Nat Band	Sáib Nat		3,337 1,280 4,617	500 7,697	Takávi. District Board.	This is a new band, and it must be acknowledged that as band for irrigation it has been to a great extent a failure Sáib has benefited somewhat, Nat not at all. All that ha resulted is that a raised road has been made with fou bridges in it (one containing five openings), and people ca now cross the Degh when in flood without fear of bein drowned. The area shown as now irrigated is probabl exaggerated. Length 274 feet.
14	Náda and Kotli Ananta Band.	Náda Kotli Ananta		2,296 758 4,054	420 100 }	Takávi	This is a new <i>band</i> , made in the <i>kálar</i> . Owing to a chang in the course of the Degh it has not been a success, an has been abandoned.
15	Bhopar Band	Bhopar		1,588	300 90	Takávi. Villagers.	There was here a small but neglected band. This has be very largely strengthened, and a masonry sluice made in The money spent has already been recovered from increa- ed profits. Length 1,925 feet.

# A.-List of Bands and Canals made in Tahsil Pasrúr since 1st April 1888-continued.

16	Thatha Guláb Singh Band	Thatha Guláb Singh			1,988	500 80	Takávi. Villagers.	This is a new band, made in the kálar. There is a masonry sluice. It has been most beneficial, and the money spent has been long ago recovered from increased profits. Length 3,300 feet.	
17	Thapnála Band	Thapnála		167	2,334	500 80	Takávi. Villagers.	The facts here are the same as in the Thatha Guláb Singh band. Length 5,720 feet.	
18	Ráoke Band	Ráoke		272	272	140	Takávi	There were no signs here of the old band. The present band is a good one with a masonry sluice. The benefit has been sufficient to recoup the money laid out. Length 588 feet.	
19	Nandpur Chhangi Band	Nandpur Chhangi Mirakpur			$     157 \\     849 \\     37 \\     \overline{1,052}   $	100 300 }	Takávi	As No. 18. Length 484 feet.	
20	Mandránwála Band	Mandránwála			385	200	Takávi	As above. Length 3,580 feet.	1821
21	Káli Band	Káli Mahál Bola Chanáwán		 	565 97 576 1,239	400	Village báchh	There was here originally a small and weak <i>band</i> . This has been very largely strengthened, and two masonry sluices have been made in it. The benefit has been great, and the money spent has been already recovered. Length 3,305 feet.	
22	Dharang Band	Dharang Kotli Makbára Shah Matha Bakápur Butewáli	:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::		1,162 1,745 2,257 152 729 6,047	100 300	Takávi. By villagors.	This was quite a small band. It has been largely strength- ened and lengthened. Three masonry sluices have been made. The villages have largely benefited and have long ago recouped the outlay. Length 880 feet.	
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No.	Name of band or canal.	Name of band or canal. Villages benefited.		Before 1st April 1888.	Now, i.e., papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	Was the amount obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers themselves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.	
				M Kanáls.	Kanáls.				
23	Saboki-Dandián Band	Dhadián Saboki			785 905	500 1,269	Takávi. District Board.	This is connected with the last band. The expenditure of the District Board is shown here, the bridges having been made by that body as the <i>band</i> is a road. Length 3,612	
				and the	1,690			feet.	
24	Guráli-Gurála Band	Guráli Gurála			405 1,634	200 400	Takávi	An old <i>band</i> , very much strengthened and lengthened. There is one masonry sluice, and it is proposed to make another. The benefit has been great, and the money spent has been	
	_				2,039	600		recouped. Length 962 feet.	
25	Kálar-Suhawa Band	Kálar Suháwa Jaboke Mirzapur			2,248 1,143 276 396	$380 \\ 140 \\ 40 \\ 240$	Takávi	ened and lengthened. There is a sluice for irrigation and as an outlet for surplus water. The District Boar money spent was on a bridge, the <i>band</i> being used as	
					4,063	800		road. Length 7,639 feet.	
						580	District Board.		

# A.-List of Bands and Canals made in Tahsil Pasrúr since 1st April 1888-continued.

26	Málo Máhe Band		Málo Máhe Satoke	 		$\frac{1,044}{31}$	-	260 140 400	Takávi	•	••	The road has been raised and used as a <i>band</i> , and there is a bridge. The benefit to the people has not been as great as was anti- cipated. Length 1,386 feet.	
27	Koreke Band	•••	Koreke	 		2,796	_	420	Do.			An old and neglected <i>band</i> , very much enlarged. There is a masonry sluice. Much benefit has accrued and the money spent has been recouped. Length 1,166 feet.	
28	Ban Bajwa Band		Ban Bajwa	 		3,883		300	Do.			Practically a new <i>band</i> with a masonry sluice. The benefit has been great, and the money spent has been recouped. Length 1,584 feet.	
29	Bhúler Band		Bhúler Lat Hajra	 		2,189 65						A band made by the people themselves to their great benefit. Length 112 feet.	
1994	The second second second				2	2,254	14- 14- 14- 14- 14- 14- 14- 14- 14- 14-						
30	Dhingránwáli Band		Dhíngránwáli	 		1,235		200	Do.			A new <i>band</i> , with a masonry outlet, made for the Sánsikot. Length 731 feet.	
												NOTE.—This band is in Zafarwál tahsíl aud is shown in the map of that tahsíl, but as the charge of the work is vested in the Tahsíldár of Pasrúr it has been included in this list.	1823
31	Kot Kalál Band	•	Naul Kot Kalál Sharmkot Log Gil Nangal Hashri Takhtpur Ude Nangal Bureke Sehte Nangal Rám Ch Misapur Kot Ghúman Dáta Brahmnan Dáta Brahmnan Dúlamwála Mirza Bajwa Kotli Bajwa Hájipur Kotli		303 1,384  1,64  1,64  1,851	$\begin{array}{r} 303\\ 1,384\\ 735\\ 37\\ 287\\ 694\\ 266\\ 164\\ 297\\ 402\\ 1,721\\ 85\\ 499\\ 307\\ 134\\ 1,035\\ \hline 8,350\\ \end{array}$		20 20 60 120 220	Do.			<ul> <li>The band itself requires to be repaired after every heavy flood. To make a sluice in it would cost more than the people can afford.</li> <li>A large number of villages have been benefited. The money has been spent in subsidiary cuts or dams connected with this band, and the money spent has been more than recovered from increased profits. Length 220 feet.</li> </ul>	3
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No.	Name of band or caual.	Villages be	enefited.		Before 1st April 1888.	igated by r canal. Now, i.e., paded, i, woll of 1892-93.	Amount s irrigation	pent on work.	Was the amount obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers themselves ?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.
				12.2	Kanáls.	Kanáls.		Rs.		
32	Kulewáli Band	Kulewáli				821				A new band made by the people themselves. Length 1,650 feet.
1		State States	•		-					
33	Basiwála Band	Basiwála Bakápur	 		 	787 825				The people have made this <i>band</i> themselves and have bene- fited much from it. Length 3,240 feet.
	- North Contraction					1,612				
4	Tauriánwála Band	Tanriánwála				2,152		60	Takávi	An old band, very much strengthened and enlarged. The money spent has been long ago recouped. Length 1,472 feet.
5	Nangal Hushri Band	Chandar				1,180				This is a new <i>band</i> and has largely benefited the villagers. A new sluice is about to be made. Length 104 feet.
		Takipur Nune Gujar Guraya Uda Nangal Nangal Hushri				$2,150 \\ 1,663 \\ 453 \\ 100 \\ 200 \\$				

## A .- List of Bands and Uanals made in Tahsil Pasrúr since 1st April 1888-continued.

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36	Bucha Tang Band	Bucha Tang				140	Takávi	A band made with the help of an advance. But a diversion of the Degh has made it a practical failure.	
37	Khot Band	Khot			100			A small band made by the people. Length 1,110 feet.	
38	Ratangarh {	Mán Bahdpur			376 1,480 1,856	60 120	By villagers	A new band from which a cut goes to the Lála chhamb, and thence another cut takes the water to the rohi of the two villages. The water is taken through a culvert across the Dhamthal road. It is proposed to widen this, other villages also get benefit from this work. Length 9,042 feet.	
39	Paropi Band	Paropi			278			A small band made by the people. Length 112 feet.	
40	Uddo Fatta Band	Uddo Fatta				300	.,.	A new band being now made with two sluices. Length 3,036 feet.	18
41	Chhamb Manjike	Nangal Kamla Thathi Panwána Sarai Shah Fatt Lohar Malipur Rámke	··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··	$\begin{array}{c}\\ 3,061\\ 353\\ 602\\ 1,270\\ 1,881 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 632 \\ 150 \\ 3,061 \\ 353 \\ 602 \\ 1,270 \\ 1,881 \end{array}$			The irrigation from this <i>chhamb</i> was before fitful and irre- gular, and the area entered as formerly irrigable did not get water regularly. The irrigation has been systematised now. Some villages in the Zafarwál tahsíl also benefit from this <i>chhamb</i> .	1825
				7,167	7,849				
42	Chhamb Patla Lakhanke	Satráh Pan Udo Fatta Sabangil Lakhanke			364 368 947 59 583 2,318			Two cuts have been brought from the Satráh <i>chhamb</i> to this one with the result that a large area is brought under rice cultivation.	
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			Area irr band o	igated by r canal.		Was the amount		
ſo.	Name of band or canal.	Villages benefited.	Before 1st April 1888.	Now, <i>i.e.</i> , papers of 1892-93.	Amount spent on irrigation work.	obtained by takávi or paid by the sharers themselves?	Remarks. Giving a brief description of each work, whether sluices, &c., have been made, and what advantages have accrued from it.	
43	Nála Arki	Kasrwál Bhág Kasri Bhág Fírozpur Bhág		Kánals 110 16 136	1,765	District Board	This cut has been made to feed the Satráh chhamb. A road is taken along its bank; trees have been planted by the District Board.	
		Káleke Bhág Dugri Chanewáli Balagan		119 395 220 138	-		The head from the Degh requires to be kept open as it is liable to silt up. A cut from this goes to Pasrúr. Length 19,567 feet.	
		Chhímwa Dehar Change Naukarián		132 19 458 279				
1				2,022		The second second		
4	Jallowáli Khál Nála	• •••					A branch of the Degh cleaned out by the people.	
5	Datazedka Khál						As above.	
6	Chhamb Sakhána and Kabrwáli.	Sakhána Kabrwáli		1,059 2,007	80	Villagers	There are two masonry outlets. This is a new work. Length 2,080 feet.	
				3,066				
-		GRAND TOTAL	21,696	122,137	39,883			

A .- List of Bands and Canals made in Tahsil Pasrúr since 1st April 1888-concluded.

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Name of	ITSURT		YEAR.				Amount of takávi given for wells.	Number of wells constructed or repaired.
0		ril 1888 to	31st March	n 1889			Rs. 900	7
	Do.	1889 to	do.	1890			3,500	23
RWAL	Do.	1890 to	do.	1891			6,540	52
ZAFARWAL.	Do.	1891 to	do.	1892			1,680	12
	Do.	1892 to	do.	1893			3,630	32
	Do.	1893 to 2	28th Februar	y 1894			1,160	8
	1			Total			17,410	134
	lst Apr	ril 1888 to	31st March	1889			4,760	· 22
	Do.	1889 to	do.	1890			4,340	24
UR.	Do.	1890 to	do.	1891			6,925	38
PASRUR.	Do.	1891 to	do.	1892			6,260	31
	Do.	1892 to	do.	1893			9,550	55
	Do.	1893 to 2	8th Februar	y 1894			3,100	16
		*		Total			34,935	186
I	lst Apr	il 1888 to 3	Blst March	1889			400	11
	Do.	1889 to	do.	1890			2,140	12
Α.	Do.	1890 to	do.	1891			4,830	5
RATA.	Do.	1891 to	do.	1892			2,080	19
	Do.	1892 to	do.	1893		****	2,980	23
	Do.	1893 to 28	3th February	7 1894			620	15
				Total			13,050	85
1	1st Apr	il 1888 to 3	31st March	1889			1,460	
	Do.	1889 to	do.	1890			2,320	8
KA.	Do.	1890 to	do.	1891			5,200	15
DASKA.	Do.	1891 to	do.	1892			3,880	23
/	Do.	1892 to	do.	1893			7,060	20
1	Do.	1893 to 28	th February	1894			2,880	30
				Total	***		22,800	96
-	lst Apri	1 1888 to 3	lst March	1889			1,810	7
	Do.	-1889 to	do.	1890			1,920	11
TOT.	Do.	1890 to	do.	1891			5,580	. 37
SIALKOT.	Do.	1891 to	do.	1892			3,000	14
-	Do.	1892 to	do.	1893			2,680	12
	Do.	1893 to 28t	h February	1894			3,850	3
1				Total			18,840	84

**B**.—Statement of Wells made from Takávi in the Siálkot District since 1st April 1888.

#### No. 670-6398, dated 2nd November 1894.

From-R. SYKES, Esquire, Officiating Senior Secretary to Financial Commissioner, Punjab, To-The Revenue Secretary to Government, Punjab.

I am directed to submit for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-F. W. R. FRYER, Esq., C.S.I.

Commissioner R á wa l-pindi's No. 2897, dated 19th October 1894, and enclosure.

Governor the papers marginally noted, relating to irrigation works in the Siálkot district, and to say that the Financial Commissioner considers that Colonel Montgomery is to be congratulated on the success which has crowned his efforts in encouraging and aiding the development of

irrigation works in the Siálkot district, a result which is mainly due to his personal influence and energy. The works constructed have brought a large area under irrigation and have been of great benefit to the district.

The officers mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Commissioner's letter 2. deserve credit for their exertions, and the Financial Commissioner thinks that it would be an encouragement to others to follow their example if they received the thanks of Government as recommended by Colonel Montgomery.

#### No. 10, dated 7th January 1895.

From-R. G. THOMSON, Esquire, Revenue Secretary to the Government of the Panjab, To-The Senior Secretary to the Financial Commissioners, Punjab.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 670, dated the 2nd November 1894, forwarding for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor a report on irrigation works in the Siálkot district.

Sir Dennis Fitzpatrick has read the papers with much interest, and 2. considers that the energy with which Colonel Montgomery has taken up and brought to so successful an issue work which could not, strictly speaking, be said to fall within the scope of his ordinary official duties, deserves the special thanks of Government. I am accordingly to request that these remarks may be communicated to Colonel Montgomery. But His Honor thinks that the importance of the works undertaken calls for some more detailed account than that now given. I am accordingly to request that Colonel Montgomery may be asked to prepare a full general report on the nature of the works and the total expenditure and results. This would eventually be printed amongst the Selections of the Financial Commissioner's Office. Moreover, to ensure the matter not being lost sight of, it should be referred to annually in the Land Revenue Report of the Siálkot district.

The Lieutenant-Governor concurs in the commendation bestowed by 3. 1. M. Aurangzeb Khan. the Officiating Commissioner of Ráwalpindi on the four officers marginally noted who assisted him in his endea-vours to extend irrigation in Siálkot. The efforts of M. Feroz-ud-din. M. Imám Ali Khan. M. Ghazanfar Ali. M. Aurangzeb Khan deserve special mention. I am to request that these orders may be communicated to these four officers.

4. The original enclosures of your letter are herewith returned.

#### No. 529, dated 3rd September 1895.

From-R. SYKES, Esquire, Officiating Senior Secretary to Financial Commissioner, Punjab, To-R. G. THOMSON, Esquire, Revenue Secretary to Government, Panjab.

With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter No. 10, dated 7th January 1895

(Bevenue), I am directed to submit a letter from the Com-W. M. YOUNG, Esq., c.s.t.

missioner of the Ráwalpindi Division, No. 2383-8-IV-11, dated 14th August 1895, and its enclosures, forwarding a report by Colonel Montgomery regarding the irrigation works constructed during the time he held charge of the Siálkot district.

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#### No. 2383-I-IV-11, dated 14th August 1895.

#### From-S. S. THORBURN, Esquire, Commissioner and Superintendent, Ráwalpindi Division, To-R. SYKES, Esquire, Senior Secretary to Financial Commissioner, Punjab.

In compliance with the request conveyed in your No. 459, dated 23rd January last, and subsequent reminder No. 4054 of 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to submit, in original, a letter No. 96 of the 6th instant from Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. L. Montgomery, Divisional Judge, Delhi Division, and enclosures, submitting the full report called for by Government in regard to the measures adopted in the Siálkot district for the development of irrigation works. I invite attention to paragraph 5 of Colonel Montgomery's letter requesting that, when done with, the maps that accompany the report may be returned for record in the Siálkot district office.

#### No. 96, dated 6th August 1895.

#### From-Colonel J. A. L. MONTGOMERY, Divisional Judge, Delhi Division,

To-S. S. THORBURN, Esquire, Commissioner and Superintendent, Ráwalpindi Division.

In the correspondence received by me with your memo., dated 15th April last, I was requested to give some further information regarding the irrigation works which were constructed during the time I held charge of the Siálkot district.

I have found some difficulty in carrying out this request, but M. Ghulám Ahmad Khan, Khan Bahádur, Officiating Settlement Collector, has kindly helped me; I forward his report in original with a few notes of my own. I should add that M. Ghulám Ahmad informs me he has taken the physical descriptions of the district and of each tahsil from the draft of the Gazetteer of the district which was prepared by Captain Dunlop-Smith, late Settlement Collector. The length of each band or canal has been entered in Statement A from figures obtained from the Siálkot district. I cannot youch for their accuracy.

2. I do not know that there is much that I can add, more especially as I have not at the present time the opportunity for checking my remarks by personal local observation. It may be generally remarked that the only works of real importance are those noted in paragraph 2 of my former letter. These were undertaken without professional advice; and I am prepared to admit that it might have been better if I had obtained such advice. The Aik Canal is a cutting which takes water from the Aik, and connects a system of depressions down to the Khakhi chhamb near Nadála.

On the Satráh chhamb we found an old band; we strengthened and very largely lengthened this. Experience showed us the weak places, and we proceeded gradually to strengthen them and to make more water-way. The construction of the last sluice bridge (see note to No. 1 Pasrúr Statement) has been of the utmost importance. I hope the embankment is now safe from floods, provided of course the sluices are opened in time.

The canal from the Degh near Jiwan Guraya goes through very friable soil; we experienced some difficulty in preventing the undue widening of the canal by the wearing away of the soil at the sides. It has not been an uncommon thing for the water to wash away both sides of a bridge and leave it high and dry in the middle of the channel. This can no doubt be remedied by preventing too great a rush of water and by making longer and better wing walls to the bridges. But the regulation of the rush of water is difficult when the Degh is in flood.

3. My object throughout was to work with the people and to spend as little money as possible. The works have not the fine appearance of the great bands in Gurgáon; but, on the other hand, they have been constructed at much less expense. In fact it may be said of all the Sialkot works that they can be maintained in repair by the people themselves, without the assistance of Government or of the District Board, provided of course they are supervised by the District Authorities. In some cases I diverted the road so that it should go along the top of a band. The people built the band, and the District Board the bridge with sluices. We thus secured a double purpose. Some of the roads, notably in the south of the district, become quite impassable when floods are out. Those aligned along bands can now be kept open all the year round, to the great convenience of the people.

4. On all the larger canal cuts we insisted on the people making proper masonry openings for their distributaries, and in some cases the people have agreed to a maximum size of field or *kiári* for irrigation purposes to prevent waste of water. Where several villages have combined for one work, the maintenance share of each village has been defined, and the villages on the canal from the Degh at Jiwan Goraya in Raya have agreed to a small water-rate to go towards working expenses. Every *band*, except a very few of the quite small ones, is furnished with one or more sluices to regulate the water. I insisted on the construction of these sluices, as the only way of preserving the *bands*, and of ensuring a proper distribution of water. There is a great tendency to waste water in the beginning. As rice especially requires water in September just before ripening, we encouraged the people to keep as much water as possible in store for the later times. The sluices are of the ordinary pattern, bridges with arched openings, provided with slots into which the sluice hands can be fitted one on the top of the other. On the lower side of the sluice has generally been made a masonry reservoir to catch the first water and form a cushion for the subsequent water to fall on before flowing away. As far as possible the sides of the bands have been planted with grass or rushes to prevent their wearing away from the action of the water. It was difficult to induce the people to make the bands sufficiently thick and with a good slope. They learnt by degrees that extra labour spent on this object was not thrown away.

5. I now return the statements and maps, received back from Government, and have again to request that the maps may be returned, when done with, to the Siálkot district office. I am sending the office copy of this report to the same office.

#### REPORT BY M. GHULAM AHMAD KHAN, K. B., SETTLEMENT COLLECTOR.

#### PHYSICAL FEATURES OF THE SIALKOT DISTRICT.

1. The Siálkot district is officially classed as submontane, but the northern border is nearly 25 miles distant from the low Jammu hills which fringe the Himalayan range. Its general aspect is a plain, sloping down from the uplands at the base of the Himalayas to the level country. It is watered on the north-west by the Chenáb and on the southeast by the Rávi. but about midway between these two rivers a high dorsal tract, extending from beyond the border, forms a somewhat elevated plateau which stretches far into the district. Upon the border this elevated tract is about 20 miles in breadth, and extends from the Degh to the high eastern bank of the Chenáb. Gradually contracting in width, it terminates about 10 miles to the south-west of Pasrúr, and 32 miles from the point where the Degh enters the district. It thus forms a triangle, its base resting on the border, one side following the line of the Degh, and the other cutting diagonally, due north and south, across the district. Towards the Chenáb the central plateau falls off abruptly but slopes more gradually towards the Degh. To the west of it lies a broad plain extending from the high bank of the Chenáb on the one side to the Degh on the other, and occupying approximately half the district. To the west of the Degh the country is also a level plain broken up on the north by a few hill torrents, but perfectly flat to the south.

2. With the exception of the Bajwát canals, the chief source of irrigation among the hill torrents in this district, through dams and embankments, are the Aik and Degh streams. The former rises in the Jammu hills and enters the district at the village of Umránwáli about six miles to the east of Siálkot cantonments. Its general direction is south-west, and it skirts the south of the city of Siálkot. On the upper reaches the banks are high, and as a rule steep, and the stream rarely overflows. When it enters the Daska tahsíl, however, the bed gradually rises to the level of the surrounding country and the force of the current abates. In Daska it is of the greatest service to the villages within its sphere of influence. During the rainy months the supply of water is abundant, but this dwindles to very little during the dry part of the winter season.

3. The Degh is formed by the union of two petty streams north of Jasrota in Jammu territory, and enters the north-east corner of the Zafarwal tahsil near the village of Lehri. Shortly afterwards it splits into two branches which traverse the whole length of Zafarwal and re-unite on the Pasrúr border. After only two miles two branches are again formed. One of these flows due south into the Raya tahsil where it again joins the main branch. The other runs towards the south-west, and when half way through Pasrúr deflects to the The other runs towards the south-west, and when hall way through rastur denects to the south, and finally joins the Gujránwála district. From both these branches there are smaller offshoots. The supply of water being drawn from the lower hills and dependent solely upon the local rainfall, is somewhat uncertain and intermittent. There is water, however, in the channel at all seasons of the year, and here and there springs of water occur in the bed. When heavy rain has fallen in the hills the discharge of water is sudden and abundant, causing floods which are frequently destructive. From the plain country, too, considerable accessions of volume are received during heavy rain; for the river valley, lying low, forms the main drainage artery of the eastern portion of the district. The nature of the banks varies much. Abrupt in some places, they become in others so gradually sloped as to be almost undistinguishable. The bed of the river is of course sand, forming in places quick-sands of considerable depth. The current during the rainy season is very rapid, being scarcely fordable even when only knee deep. When waist-high the stream is quite unfordable. The course of the main current shifts constantly from side to side of the river bed, but there have been no instances of late years of any violent change. The action of the stream varies with its distance from the hills. It rushes through the whole of Zafarwal and the north of Pasrur doing little but harm, and we seldom see any dam across it owing to the rapid slope of the country. To the south of Pasrár and in Raya, however, the current becomes slow and its value as a fertilizing agent is very great. The majority of dams in Raya are constructed across the Degh stream or a branch of it.

4. Besides these hill torrents there are several other smaller streams in the district which, though they receive, as a rule, no supply from the hills, serve the useful purpose of carrying off the surface drainage of the country. They are generally known by different

names in different parts of their course. They cannot compare with the Aik and Degh as irrigation agents, but they are utilized by the zamindárs wherever possible by erecting *jhallárs* or Persian-wheels on their banks, or constructing *bands* or dams across their channel.

5. There are also numerous marshy depressions locally known as *chhambs* in many parts of the district. They are fed by rain, surface drainage, and the smaller streams which are a distinctive feature of some parts of the district. They are of considerable value as reservoirs for purposes of irrigation, and many of them have had their capacity considerably increased by artificial embankments. In such cases the water is generally made available for irrigation by means of ducts. It was believed by Mr. Prinsep that under encouragement from the District authorities much might be done to improve and extend the means of irrigation thus provided.

6. Nothing was done, however, till 1888-89 when the general question of these chhambs and the channels leading to and from them was taken up by Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery, the Deputy Commissioner, and for the next five years the whole irrigation system depending on them was throughly overhauled. Old embankments, dams and sluice-gates were restored, and where necessary new ones were built. The old ducts were put in working order and new channels were cut whenever an increase in the volume of available water or a change in the bed of any hill stream necessitated such a course. The interested zamindárs supplied free labour, and when money was wanted it was furnished as a *takávi* advance from Government. Wherever the co-operation of the District Board was needed they responded to the call very warmly.

7. The general control of all these irrigation works is in the hands of the District authorities, and during the present settlement rules were drawn up providing in detail for each work and were entered in records of right of the villages concerned. The whole system is now in order, it works well, and with a little attention on the part of the district authorities there will be no fear of its failure in the future. It has resulted in a distinct addition to the assets of the zamíndárs in an appreciable proportion of the villages in the district, and consequently in an increase in the amount of revenue paid to Government. Not only has cultivation largely increased in the tracts affected by these works, but the character of the old cultivation has been raised, while the expense and labour of agricultural operations have declined.

8. Almost all the *chhambs* dry up before the winter rains begin, and again at the beginning of the hot weather. Generally speaking, cultivation of the area recognised as belonging to them is forbidden, but however in most cases the cultivation of the rabi harvest is permitted.

The information required by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for the various tahsils is given below :--

#### TAHSIL PASRUR.

9. In this tahsil the irrigation works are found in more abundance than anywhere else in the district. The tahsil lies midway between the Rávi and the Chenáb and is an elevated plain sloping from the north-east to the south-west. The high central region of the Siálkot district, which may be said to form the watershed of the Rachna Doáb and is locally known as the great Bharari tract, stretches down from the low Jammu hills across Siálkot and Zafarwál and enters this tahsíl in the middle of the northern border. In the north of the district this high upland stretches from the left bank of the Chenáb for about 30 miles in Zafarwál and then gradually narrows as it declines towards the south. At first this decline is sharp and is marked by small torrents formed by the rapid surface drainage from the hills. In Pasrúr, however, the slope becomes more gradual and finally merges almost imperceptibly close to Saukanwind in the great kálar plain, which is a distinguishing feature of the south of the Gujránwála district. Thus the rapid torrents with more or less well-defined banks which mark the sweep of the land in the north of the district generally give place in this tahsíl, particularly in the Kálar and Charkhri circles, to chhambs or marshy depressions, which have been formed into irrigation reservoirs by the construction of dams.

10. The most important of all the reservoirs in the district is No. 1, known as the Satráh chhamb, so called from the village of the same name close by. The chhamb is an embanked one with several good masonry sluice gates. It is said to have been erected during the reign of the Mughal Emperors. But it had afterwards been badly neglected and fallen out of repairs until it was lately put to rights by Colonel Montgomery. Under his directions several more sluices have also been added which have materially added to the value of the chhamb. In order to render the band more stable, the beran grass has been planted inside and mango trees outside of it. The embankment has been so designed that its strength varies with the force of water, *i.e.*, where the force of the water is greater the embankment is stronger. The roads leading from Sábingil and Satráh to Daska serve as an  $igal^*$  and are very useful for the collection of water.

\* NorE .- Embankment for keeping in the water. (Sd.) J. M.

The bridges and roads on and about the embankment are the property of the District Board, and they are responsible for their necessary repairs. The zamindárs execute all other repairs, such as clearing and repairing the distributaries, &c., according to the proportion of their lands irrigated from the chhamb. The Tahsildar and Zaildar of the circle hold a general control over the management of the band. Besides, an irrigation dárogha has recently been employed. He is paid from the irrigation works fund. The proprietors of Ratta Bájwa, Khaudúwáli and Chíánwáli complained of the loss they sustained from their being prevented from cultivating their lands under the chhamb.\* These villages are at the extremities of the *chhamb*, and it has been ordered that when the water get so as to injure their lands it should be let off by opening the sluice-gates. The area of the *chhamb* is defined by the erection of masonry pillars. The villages lower down the chhamb also benefit from the overspill water, but they have to pay on that account a small water-rate which amounts to about Rs. 200 per annum at an average. Besides, there is an annual income of about Rs. 100 from the sale of natural products, such as nílophar (nymphæa lotus), khas grass (cymbopogon aromaticus), fish, &c. All this income goes to the necessary annual repairs to the band, &c., which are generally carried out before the rainy season sets in, *i.e.*, during the months of March and April. For further account of the sluice-gates, &c., see List A. of Pasrúr tahsíl.

Excepting the Satráh chhamb there are 45 irrigation works in tahsíl Pasrúr. Of 11. these 11 (Nos. 16, 17, 22, 23, 25, 26, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 46) are marshy depressions in the lines of natural drainage which have been converted by irrigation dams and *ágals* into useful reservoirs of water. These are all permanent reservoirs furnished with sluice-gates and distributaries except No. 39 Paropi which has no docts and No. 40 Uddo Fatta which is still under construction. Necessary repairs, &c., to the dams or distributaries are made by the villages concerned in proportion to the share of water they get. Nos. 16, 17, 20, 40 and 46 are newly made dams and were designed by Colonel Montgomery. The remaining six are old dams, but have been much increased and regulated under the directions of that officer. As a rule, the District Board took no share in the preparation of these works, but as roads run along the top of bands Nos. 23, 25 and 42, the District Board have constructed bridges on these dams at their own expense which serve as sluice-gates. No. 43 is a cut made from the Degh stream in order to feed the Satrah chhamb. Nos. 44 and 45 are two branches of the Degh stream which have been cleaned out by the people and are much utilized for irrigation purposes.

12. The remaining 31 works are all dams right across the natural lines of drainage or nálás. Of these Nos. 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 28, 32, 33, 35, 38 and 46 are new works. The other works are old and appear to have been designed by the people themselves, but were repaired and put into working order by Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery. The District Board have constructed the bridges or roads along the top of the bands Nos. 4, 13, 23, 25 and 43. All bands, except No. 39, from which water is allowed to run over the country have sluices and ducts for distribution of water. Repairs to all bands are made by the zamindárs interested, except where the bridge and road forming the dam or ágal belongs to the District Board, in which case the repairs are executed by that body. Repairs are usually carried ont before the rainy season sets in, *i.e.*, during the months of March and April. Each band is managed by the villages interested in it under the general control of the Tahsildár. The nála Arki cut is about 19,547 feet (3,554 kadams) long and is under the control of the District Engineer.

13. No complaint has ever been made except in the following cases :--

- No. 2 Siránwáli.—Complaint from the proprietors of mauza Begewáli. Ordered that the water should be allowed to stand in the depression only so far as not to be injurious to their crops.
- No. 23 Sáhoke.-Complaints from two villages. Orders passed were the same as in the above case.
- No. 24 Gurála and Guráli.-Complaints from two villages. Orders passed were the same as in the above case.
- No. 32 Kálewáli.-On complaint being made by the proprietors of the village, it has been proposed to dig a new outlet to let the excessive water out.
- No. 38 Ratangarh.—On complaint from villages lower down the band, it is proposed to make a bridge in order to let the water off to save the villages affected.<sup>†</sup>

#### TAHSIL RAYA.

14. The tahsíl abounding in irrigation works next to Pasrúr is Raya. Longitudinally this tahsíl is naturally divided into three great tracts. Two belts on the east and west slope down towards the Rávi on one side and towards the Degb on the other, while the ridge of slightly higher land runs down the centre. The whole tahsíl, moreover, gradually declines from the Zafarwál border towards Lahore. Except band No. 16 (Ladhewála)

†Note.-This is in order to make a water-way through a road which obstructs the passage of the surplus water. (Sd.) J. M.

which is situated in the Darp, all *bands* and marshy depressions exist in the Dokánd and Kálar circles. Almost all of them are dependent for the water supply on the Degh stream, whilst the rest are formed in the lowest levels of natural drainage. A brief account of each is given below :--

- No. 1 Khál Dhilli. A cut from Degh stream (with no sluice gate) designed and dug by the zamíndárs of Dhilli, Dátewál and Jháda in 1891. It has no distributaries, the water being allowed to run over the country. Water comes in the cut only when the Degh stream gets sufficient water from rain in the hills. It is duly cleaned out by the zamíndárs when necessary.
- No. 2 Jiwan Goráya masonry dam.—It is fully described in the list. No aid was rendered by the District Board. The people of Chakráli complained against their deprivation of cultivating their lands under the kund during the rabi. It has therefore been proposed to make a new\* cut in order to let the water off during the cold weather.
- No. 6 Khál Mári.—A temporary dam is erected on the Degh stream when water is required for irrigation purposes. When the water is required by the villages lower down the stream, the band is pulled down. No aid was given by the District Board.
- Nos. 8-12 Hachchar Band.-Fully described in the list. No aid was given by the District Board. No complaints have ever been made by the villages lower down.
- No. 13 Kot Sánsis.—The dam is erected on a depression formed by the constant stoppage of water there. It is an old and permanent band, but has been much augmented under the directions of Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery. No complaint from any village.
- No. 14 Dhadora Band.—An old and permanent band on a low depression largely increased under the directions of Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery. It has no sluice-gates and no distributaries. No complaint has been ever made by any village.
- No. 15 Arúd Afghán.—A newly made permanent band in a low land. It has masonry sluices and water ducts. No complaint has ever been made by any village.<sup>†</sup>
- No. 16 Ladhewála Band.—An old band renewed by Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery. It is laid across a nála which forms from the overspill-water of the rohi lands of tahsíl Zafarwál. No complaint has ever been made in respect of it.
- No. 17 Báth Band.—It is a temporary band in the old Degh stream with no sluice-gate and water distributary. It is erected when necessity for water arises. No complaint has been made in respect of this band.
- Nos. 15-20 Band Ghariál Kalán and Agal Ghariál Kalán and Agal Ghariál Khurd.-A permanent dam made under orders of Lientenant-Colonel Montgomery. It is fully described in the list. No complaint has ever been made in respect of it.

15. Except the Kot Sánsián Band No. 13, the money spent on which was paid by Government, all the bands in this tahsil were made by the zamíndárs at their own expense, the District Board having rendered no aid at all. All bands except No. 13, which is under the immediate supervision of the jamadár of the Sánsi Reformatory Kot Ahdián, are managed by the interested zamíndárs themselves. The necessary repairs are also rendered by them during the autumn before the rainy months. Recently a jamadár has also been employed for the supervision of these bands under the control of the Tahsíldár. He will be paid from the Irrigation Works Fund lately formed in this tahsil.

#### TAHSIL DASKA.

16. The Daska tahsil is a long narrow tract, shaped somewhat like a carrot, and may be said to form the western boundary of the district. It is throughout an unbroken plain, but, stretching as it does from the Chenáb to the Kálar tract to the north of Lahore, it contains different varieties of soil and varying facilities for irrigation.

\*Nore.—This cat was thought of in mytime, but there were difficulties which could not be overcome. I am very glad to hear it is now to be made. It will effectually dispose of all objections from Chakráli. (Sd.) J. M.

+Norg.-One or two of the owners in the village objected at first. Their objections were overcome at last and the band made. (Sd.) J. M. The centre of the tahsil consists of a large plain of over 200 square miles, unbroken by streams or hills, but marked by more or less well defined hollows scattered over the greater part of its area. These hollows serve as lines of drainage for the surplus water from the higher submontane tracts to the north and north-east; where they are pronounced they form *chhambs* which serve as reservoirs of water for the autumn crops. They are joined to each other, in some places by artificial cuts, but generally by natural drainage channels which prevent the winter floods from submerging the young spring crops.

17. The detail of the various irrigation works made since 1888 is given below-

- No. 1 Jámke Canal.-Was made in 1890 by the zamíndárs themselves. The canal dries up when there is little or no water in the Aik stream. The villages\* along the canal complain that during the rainy season, when the Aik stream is in floods, the water in the canal is very troublesome to them. It will therefore be necessary to erect a masonry sluicegate with wooden-board openings. For the first five miles the clearance is effected from the sale proceeds of grass and sarkina grown on the canal. After that distance it is cleaned out by the zamíndárs. It is managed and maintained by the interested zamindárs themselves, no aid being given by the District Board. The canal is supplied with distributors of water.
- No. 2 Doburji Band.-A newly made permanent band with water distributaries across the Begewáh nála. It was designed by the zamíndárs themselves.
- No. 3 Daulowáli Band.-It is a permanentembankment. It has water distributaries.
- No. 4 Tarawánián Band. —It is a joint band with the village of Khot in Pasrár. See band No. 4 of that tahsíl. The remarks are the same.
- No. 5 Musewála and Rója Ghumán Band.—It is a dam on the Rája Ghumán reservoir which is fed by the Aik Canal. It has masonry sluices and water distributaries.
- No. 6 Nála Aik.-It is an old nála of the Aik stream which was renewed in 1891 under the directions of Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery. It requires no clearing out nor any repairs<sup>+</sup>.
- Nos. 7 to 10.—Kháls.—These are four old khals renewed under the directions of Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery. They are permanent and irrigate the lands of the large village of Begowála. They are called by different names after the names of the wells the areas of which they irrigate.
- No. 11-A new cut made from the Jámke Canal in order to feed the chhamb at Kotli Chhambwáli.

All the works in this tahsíl have been made by the zamíndárs themselves, the only aid given by the District Board being in case of Tarawanian Band. They are all managed by the zamíndárs themselves under the general control of the Tahsíldár. No complaint has ever been made in respect of any of these works. Necessary repairs to all these bands, except the Tarawanian bridge, are made by the zamíndárs themselves. They generally carry out these repairs during the months of March and April, *i.e.*, before the rainy season sets in.

#### TAHSIL SIALKOT.

18. This tabsil forms the link between the uplands at the base of the hills and the flat plains of the Punjab. But it is nearer the hills, and the Chenab and its tributaries combine to produce greater diversity of feature. Part of the high central region of the district which stretches east into Zafarwál and south into Pasrúr occupies the lower portion of the eastern half of the tahsil. This plateau, which is remarkably free from undulation, slopes sharply from north to south and forms a small watershed from which surface drainage finds its way down to the Aik and other streams in small shallow channels. To the south-west is the low flat country which marks the beginning of the plains proper. This portion presents no variation of surface and is broken only here and there by drainage channels and slight depressions.

- 19. There are 14 bands in this tabsil as under :-
  - No. 1—Pathánwáli Band.—It is a permanent dam across the Pathánwáli nála. It has water distributaries and sluices. One watchman is employed by the zamíndárs to whom they have given a muífi of 12 kanáls of land.

<sup>•</sup> NOTE.--Mainly the villages at the head of the canal who derive little benefit from it. (Sd.) J. M. • NOTE.--What was done here was to regulate the water and see that these two villages got their fair share. (Sd.) J. M.

- Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10.—These are permanent embankments with ágals on low depressions. Of these No. 2 was designed by Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery, and Nos. 3, 4 and 8 were renewed and Nos. 9 and 10 were repaired under his directions. A guard is appointed during the rainy season for each of Nos. 3 and 4 who is paid at 2 topás of grain per plough. The guard appointed for No. 1 looks after No. 2 also. Only No. 2 has small wooden sluices and water distributaries. Nos. 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10 have no sluices and the water is generally taken by opening out the band.
- No. 5.—Is an old and permanent dam on the Kohár nála. It has been renewed under instructions of the late Deputy Commissioner, Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery. It has a masonry sluice and distributary for Gurhi, the remaining villages of Chhenawán and Chhichhriálí getting water by means of *jhallárs*. A watchman is appointed by the zamíndárs during the rainy season on payment of 2 topás of grain per plough.
- Nos. 6 and 7.—These are two dams on the Kohár nála. No. 6 was designed by Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery and No. 7 was renewed under his directions. The former has not proved a success and is falling out of repairs. These both have distributaries.
- No. 11.—This is an old and permanent dam across a nála. It has been renewed and enlarged under the directions of Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery, late Deputy Commissioner. The zamíndárs of Bharthánwála complained against it, and it has therefore been ordered that water should be let off in October in order to allow them to cultivate the rabi crops.

Nos. 12, 13 and 14.—All these three dams are on the Palkhú nála. Owing to the high banks of the nála the water is taken by means of *jhastar* or water-baskets by lift. There are no distributaries. All of these bands have been made by the zamíndárs themselves without any aid from the District Board. They are managed and maintained by the zamíndárs interested under the general control of the Tahsíldár. The necessary repairs are carried out by them usually during the months of March and April, *i.e.*, before the rainy season sets in. No complaint has ever been made in respect of any band, except where it has been stated opposite the band.

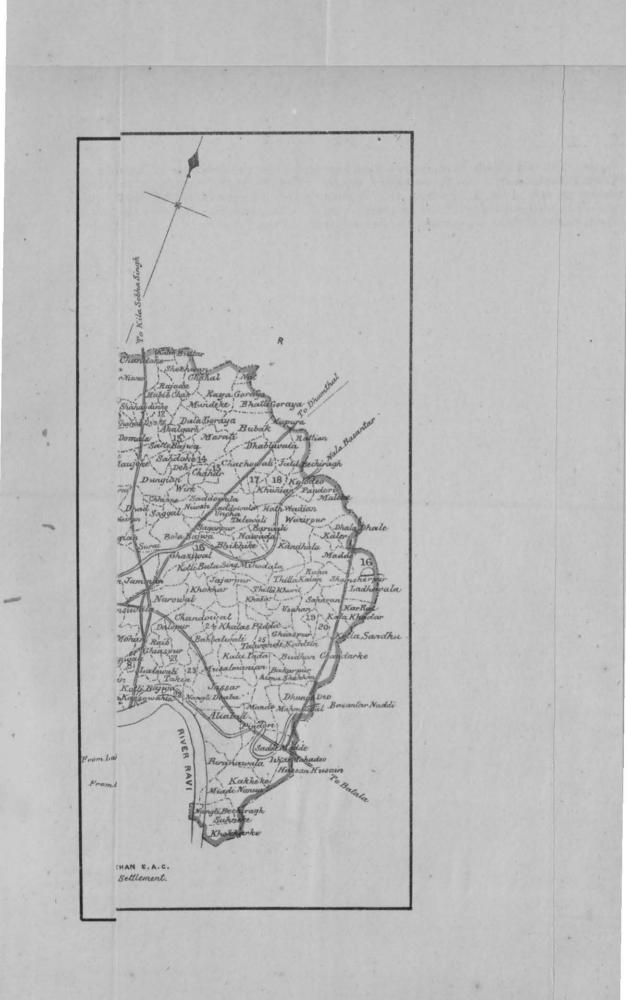
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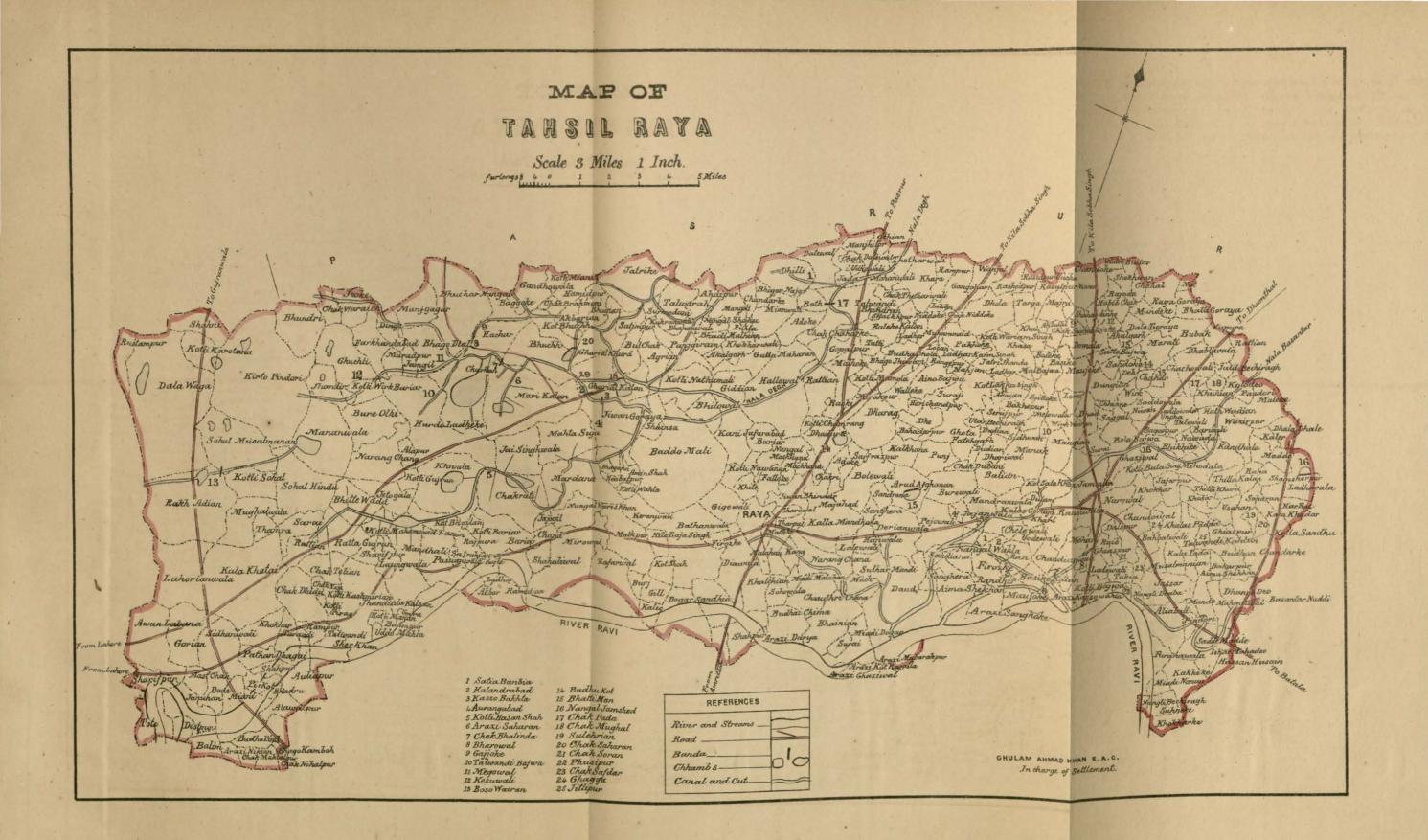
20. This tahsil forms part of the uplands between the low Jammu hills at the base of the Himalayas and the level plain which comprises the rest of the district. These uplands run in a marked and direct slope from the northern border to a line running east and west which practically corresponds with the Siálkot and Gurdáspur high road, which passes through Philaura and Dhamthal. On the north the incline is most marked. There is no watershed on the border such as is found in Shakargarh. The result is the surface of the ground is more uniform and there are fewer  $n\acute{a}l\acute{a}s$  and ravines. Owing to the distance from the hills the drainage water finds its way to the plains in a few well marked channels some distance apart, instead of in those numberless small irregular cuttings which intersect the north of the Gurdáspur district. The slope of the country nowhere undulates and except in the extreme south-west there are no deep depressions which could be utilised as natural reservoirs. The only *chhamb* of any importance in this tahsil is at Manjke. It is situated partly in this tahsil and partly in tahsil Pasrúr, but the largest benefit is derived from it by the adjoining villages of Pasrúr. In the Pasrúr statement it is described at No. 43, Band No. 10 is erected on this *chhamb*. It is a permanent dam and has been largely improved under the directions of Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery.

21. All other bands, i. e., Nos. 1—9, are dams right across nálás or natural lines of drainage, except No 7 (Arki Canal) which is described at No. 43 of the tahsíl Pasrúr list. A brief detail of each is given below:

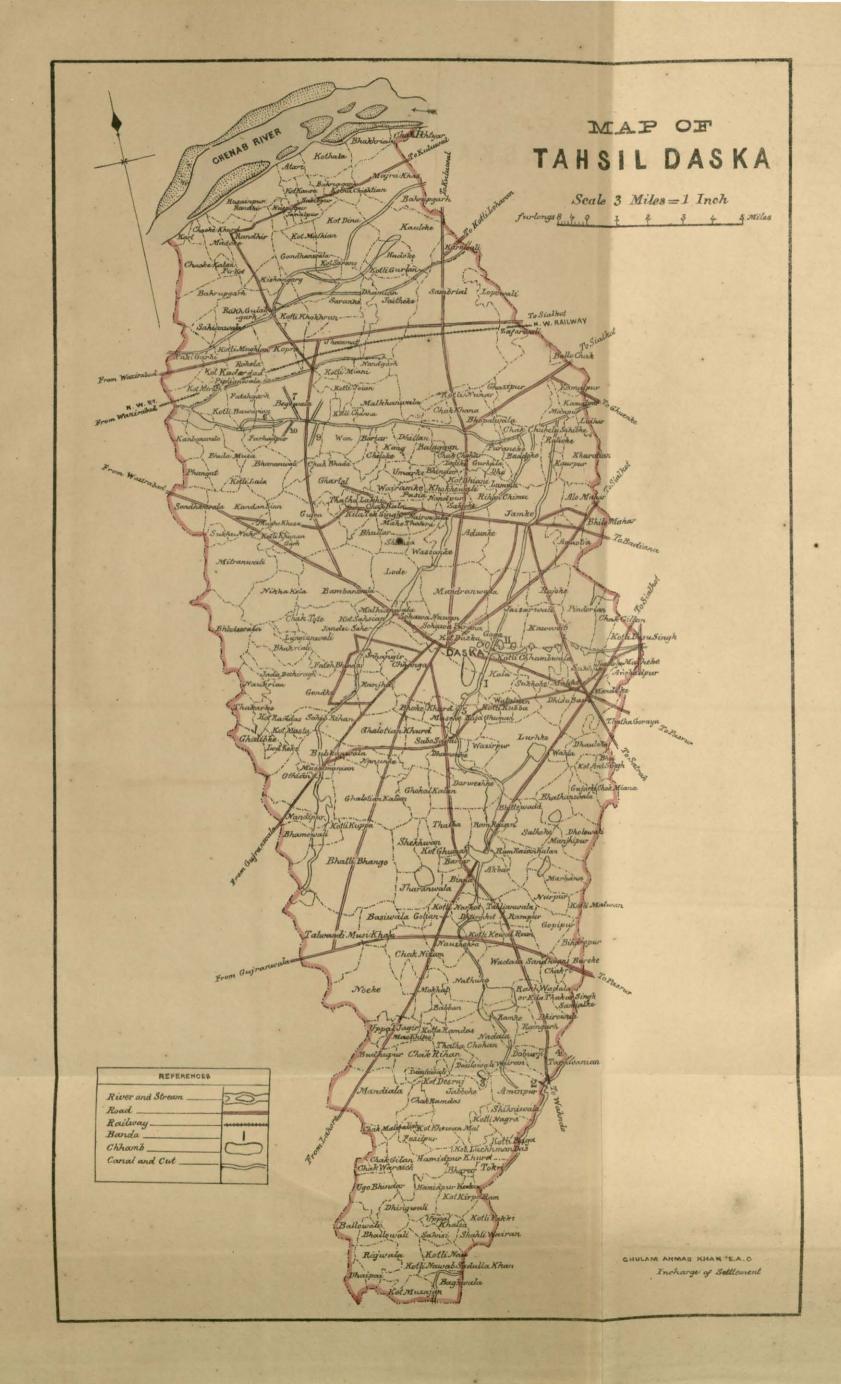
- Nos. 2, 6 and 8 are temporary *bands* with water distributaries. They have no sluices.
- Nos. 3 and 9 are temporary bands. They have no water distributaries. The water is taken by means of *jhattás* or water-baskets.
- Nos. 1, 4 and 5 are permanent dams with sluices and water distributaries.

Except No. 6 which has been designed by Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery, all of these dams are old and were made by the people themselves. No aid has been given by the District Board except in case of No 5 where the road passes along the top of the band and that body paid Rs 416 in erecting the bridge over the nála. The temporary bands are only erected when water is required by zamindárs for the irrigation of their rice or other kharíf crops. No complaint has ever been made in respect of these bands. The old bands have largely been improved under the directions of Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery. All the necessary repairs are made by the zamindárs themselves, except in case of No. 5, for which the District Board is responsible. All repairs are usually carried out before the rainy season sets in. The zamindárs look after the proper maintenance of these bands under the general control of the Tahsíldár.













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