brought about only by a substantial reduction in the rates of assessment which have been unwittingly imposed by a number of officers for getting the original intention underlying the ryotwari tenure in this Presidency. From the unauthorized cultivation of lands which are available for the purpose of assignment I find that the revenue derived during the year is six lakhs. There is another class of lands called poramboke lands which are occupied from time to time by ryots who are anxious to have a living out of the land. These poramboke lands are not available for assignment. 'Once a poramboke always a poramboke.' Poramboke is a piece of land set apart for the common use of the ryots. It should on no account be occupied or cultivated. If the village officers and the lower subordinate revenue officials are vigilant about it, it is just possible to prevent the ryots' from squatting upon the porambokes like cattle-stand, grazing ground, thrashing floor, burial ground, water-spread, meant for common purposes. If that matter is properly brought to the notice of the ryots and adequate steps are taken before ever a ryot squats upon such land it will not be necessary to deal with the ryots later on. Unfortunately on account of certain amount of laxity on the part of the revenue officials such lands are allowed to be occupied with the result that a revenue of three lakhs is derived from that source. I am not objecting, Sir, to the ryots occupying land which is meant for cultivation. But occupation of lands not meant for cultivation places in the hands of the subordinate officials and village officers an engine of oppression with which they can tease or rack-rent the ryot. It behoves the Government, Sir, to do away with these sources of revenue, viz., unauthorized occupation of land available for cultivation and occupation of poramboke lands. The best manner of doing that is to take a catalogue of all available lands which are meant for cultivation and assign them with as much rapidity as possible. There should be no more land available for unauthorized cultivation if such vigilance is exercised when darkhast applications come in for land. Occupation of poramboke lands should be prohibited altogether and should be never looked upon as a source of revenue. While on this I should very much like to say a word about the tank-bed lands which are taken up by poor people for cultivation during summer. When water in the tanks recedes poorer ryots step in and cultivate cucumber and melons. I find, Sir, that quite a decent income has been made by the department under this head. Sir, very poor ryots cultivate cucumber and melon and the ryots who resort to this sort of cultivation eke out a very doubtful livelihood. It would be well, Sir, to throw open tank-bed lands for such cultivation and Government ought not to make it a source of revenue. Melons and cucumber after all pay very little and the poorer ryots who do occupy the tank-bed lands without permission for the cultivation of these seasonal crops should be altogether exempt from the payment of any assessment whatever. Finally, Sir I would refer the hon. House to the collection of interest on arrears of land revenue. That is also an item, Sir, contributing to the general revenues from land. The ryots are now charged interest at the rate of 6 per cent on the arrears due under the Revenue