

## APPENDIX A

## . UNITS OF WEIGHT AND MEASUREMENT IN BROACH DISTRICT

## I Weights

- (a) Basic Unit
  - i ser = one english pound and one sixth of an ounce.
- (b) Weights for Cotton
- · 1 maund = 40 sers.
  - 1 dhadi = 48 sers.
  - 1 bhar = 20 dhadis = 960 sers.
  - 1 bhar = 24 maunds = 960 sers.
- (c) Weights for Grains.
  - 1 maund = 40 sers.
  - 1 kalsı = 16 maunds = 640 sers.

## II Standard of Measurement

Two different stadnards were used in the district for measuring the land, <u>viz. bighas</u> and <u>kumbhas</u>. The former in Broach, Ankleshwar and Hansot pargana and the latter in Jambusar, Amod and Dahej. The bigha consisted of 20 wassas, and one wassa of 20 wis-wassa. A <u>kumbha</u> consisted of 100 <u>maulas</u>.

The standard rod (guntha or bans also called wassa) was seven feet, five and threefifth inches in length. A square measuring twenty of these rods on each side made one bigha. A bigha approximately equal to half an English acre or one acre was equal to one bigha, 19 wassas, 1 wis-wassa. 328 decls. (or little short of two bighas).

The standard rod (quntha or bans) in use in Jambusar was nine quz in length. The length of one quz was 27 and one fourth inches; therefore a quntha was 20 feet, 5 and one fourth inches in length. A square measuring ten of these rods on each side made a kumbha. A kumbha was the equivalent to 1 bigha, 17 wassas, 9 wishwassas and 207 decls. (of Broach standard). A kumbha was slightly smaller than an acre; 100 kumbhas were equal to 95 acres. I roods, 22 perches, 2 decls or 187 bighas, 6 wassas, 732 decls. Thus:

	Sq.	Yards Sq. Feet	Sq. Inches
In an English statute acre	4840	0	0
In a Jambusar <u>kumbha</u>	4641	0	20
In a Broach bigha	2477	7	64
In a bigha of Ahmedabad, Kaira and Surat districts	2844	4	0