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Q13

**Who among the following was/were associated with the introduction of Ryotwari Settlement in India during the British Rule? 1. Lord Cornwallis 2. Alexander Read 3. Thomas Munro**  
**Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.**

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**Explanation****(a)**

(a) 1 only. Cornwallis is identified with **Permanent Settlement** (1793) in Bengal, not Ryotwari. 1 only is not the key.

**(b)**

(b) 1 and 3 only. Pairing Cornwallis with **Munro** mixes zamindari with ryotwari. It is not the key.

**(c) Official key**

(c) 2 and 3 only. Captain Alexander Read began Ryotwari in the Baramahal after the Third Mysore War; Thomas **Munro** systematised it in Madras. Cornwallis is out. This is the official key.

**(d)**

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Including Cornwallis is the error. All three is not the key.

**Summary**

Official key is (c) 2 and 3 only. Ryotwari settled land revenue with the cultivator (**ryot**), not a zamindar. Read introduced it in the Baramahal (Salem) tracts; **Munro** extended and defended it as Madras Governor. Cornwallis's **Permanent Settlement** is a different Bengal-Bihar experiment. **Mahalwari** in the North-West is the third British revenue family, not asked here.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**Permanent Settlement**

Cornwallis, 1793, Bengal

**Ryotwari start**

Read, Baramahal, 1790s

**Munro**

Madras Governor, Ryotwari champion

**Mahalwari**

Holt Mackenzie / Wingate, North India

**Ryot**

Peasant recognised as proprietor for revenue

**Mysore wars**

Baramahal ceded after Third War

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