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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st August 1861.*

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd June 1861, No. 2,841 :—

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 25th May 1861, No. 110.

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 14th March 1861, No. 593, I beg the favor of being informed who is in future to make the Plans and Surveys required by the Board, in every case of land application, whether for Coffee, Tea, or any other purpose; this has hitherto, for many years, been done by Mr. Williams, now forbidden and removed from me by Government Order of 14th March 1861.

2. The Board know I have no other Surveyor in my Office. I am not aware what distinction is meant, in the same paragraph, by Mr. Williams doing "survey work for the Collector or the Improvement Committee," and at the close of the paragraph, all "survey of private property" forbidden. There were no surveys ever made by Mr. Williams, or required by the Board, *except* with reference to private properties, like Mr. Rae's Tea, *all* the Coffee plantations, &c. I add a list of those now lying over, which I sent to Captain Farewell, as I believe the Order of 14th March 1861, No. 593, intends. I append Captain Farewell's reply; it shows how long parties are still liable and likely to be kept waiting. I beg to refer to a list I sent to the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, in September 1860, showing the dates many had *then* been waiting; the same parties are *waiting still*.

3. It cannot be advisable that *private parties* should survey their *own* estates, instead of paying for (as now) a recognized official survey; and as to disputed boundaries, it would be both impracticable and unadvisable that a Native Tahsildár should mediate and decide between European gentlemen. *Native* disputes he can, of course, dispose of. Mr. Williams alone, from his long local experience, knows all the disputed boundaries here, but Captain Farewell will probably be seldom able to spare him to me, especially if he has also to attend to the calls of the Improvement Committee. The Board will see that *some one* must make the plans and surveys required by the Board and by individuals, and also that boundary disputes between Europeans can often only be settled by *accurate* survey and measurement, such as Mr. Williams could best, and indeed only, make.

4. If Mr. Williams cannot be spared again to my Office (even for six months out of the twelve, an arrangement of my own proposal formerly, and which *worked well* so long as it was allowed to stand) I must request either that the 70 Rupees sanctioned by the Government of India, under date the 30th March 1855, may be allotted to my Office, for the best Surveyor I can get, or that Captain Farewell be instructed to furnish the plans and surveys required within a certain time (any period the Board think right). But I think that the services of Mr. Sub-Engineer Williams (long employed under this Office and conversant with nearly all localities and difficulties) allowed to me, as before, for half the year, will be the most economical and eligible mode of effecting this very necessary work. As matters now stand, some parties have waited three years for their plans and surveys, on which sales and transfers often depend. They naturally think the delay rests with *my* Office, and are constantly and unfairly (to *me*) complaining of the detention. As land increases in value here correct survey and demarcation, and without much delay, becomes yearly more important. I beg to refer to my former letters to the Board on this subject, and I can, and need, only add that if a Surveyor was necessary *then* he is much more so now.

P. S.—*Besides* all *new* holdings applied for, many *old* proprietors are without plans, and uncertain (as is this Office) as to their real boundaries, all such ask, and need survey, and are willing to pay, though such plans by Mr. Williams, or other Surveyor, seem forbidden by the order above quoted.

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1st August 1861.*

ORDERED to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings in the Revenue Department quoted by the Collector.

In paragraph 4 of those orders it is stated, that Mr. Surveyor Williams is not to be employed by the Collector "to settle disputes respecting the boundaries of private land, or to "survey private property," but the Board beg to point out that these private disputes involve questions of public right: as for instance, whether land claimed by two neighbouring occupants really belongs to either or is not, on the contrary, public property; and again, the question of who is liable to pay the Government demands on certain land in dispute. In almost every question of the kind, a survey is necessary to ascertain whether the contents of the existing holding correspond with the original grant. Again, in all cases of land newly occupied, it is necessary that an accurate Survey of the plot should be made to determine its contents and boundaries, and the quit-rent due thereon, and it was for this and other similar purposes that the sanction for a Surveyor to be attached to the Collector's Office and employed on the Neilgherries, which

* Board's letter to Government, dated 18th instant, 1855, No. 138.

was communicated in the Proceedings of Government, dated 1st May 1855, No. 1,293, Revenue Department,* was obtained.

Much dissatisfaction is caused by the great delay that now occurs in the issue of the titles for holdings, the value of which is seriously impaired by the want of proper papers in case of a sale or mortgage, and believing that the Collector has good reason for making his present application, the Board beg leave to suggest that the Orders of

In Cons. 15th March 1861, No. 1,635.

Government, dated 14th March 1861, No. 593, Revenue Department, be re-considered in view to the Collector being provided with the services of a Surveyor.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1861, No. 1,529.

The Chief Engineer will ascertain from the District Engineer what aid he can afford the Collector in the survey of properties on the Neilgherries, whether an additional Surveyor is really necessary, and if so, what would be a suitable rate of pay. The table of fees for plans should be revised, and the probable monthly receipts estimated.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No 8

From

Executive Engineer's Office
Pottaramund 14th May 1861

Captain W. Sarswell

Executive Engineer

To

S. B. Thomas Esq.

Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 134 under date the 9th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Survey shall be resumed as soon as possible press of business at the end of the official year has prevented the surveys being attended to up to this time.

I am Sir, &c.

(Signed) W. Sarswell Capt.

Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

S. B. T.

Collector

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Description of
Works to be done

Date of letters
to the District
Engineer and
Mr. Williams

Remarks

Potamogeton

M^{rs} Havlocks' property be
surveyed & a plan and Spe-
cification to be prepared.

To J^r D^r Engineer
4th August 1860
N^o 256.
To M^r Williams
Feb 7 1861. N^o 34.

Mrs. Manslock's application
for a Title Deed, is lying
over since Aug. 1. 1860, for
want of a plan & specification

Several properties of Cap: God
- Frey at Botacamund to be
surveyed & plans & Specifici-
- cations to be prepared -

To Mr Williams
1st March 1861
No. 50

Sept.^r Rodgers's applications
for free hold Conveyances
& permanent Titled Deeds
are lying over for want of
plans & specifications

General Cleveland's property
at Potacamund known
as "Waste land and Dobe's
hunts" the plan of this to be
Corrected

General Cleveland
requests in his letter
of 19th October 1860.
that this plan should
be Corrected

Miss Smith's property at
Potacumund known as
"Wheeler Cottage" to be
surveyed and plan made
also specification -

Miss Smith's ap-
plication for a
Title Deed is lying
over since July 1860.
for want of plan &
Specification

1000 Canons of land applied
for by Rev. L. Lascron on the
Sagor Road at $3\frac{1}{2}$ Miles from
Potacamund to be surveyed and
boundaries marked

1861 Departures &
in a letter from the
Collector of Birdskins
dated 25th May 1861 from
Stony
to Mr Brewster Esq
New Jersey
of 12 \$1500/50
the Collector of
Birdskins
states that the drawings
shall be commenced with
as soon as possible and
that some of the birds
presented their skins
attached to us to the
time—
Jas^{rs} 2298 of 1861

Kulthuthy
A piece of land applied
for by Mr. Rae at
Kulthuthy

Coonoor
Two Cawmes of land
purchased in public
auction by Mr. M. A. Stanes
at Coonoor near his
Coffee plantation to
be surveyed - plan and
specification to be
prepared

A piece of land appli-
ed for by Mr. Oliver
to be surveyed and a
plan and specification
to be prepared

Reverend Mr. Winslow's
property at Coonoor to
be surveyed - and a
plan and specification
to be prepared

To Mr. Williams
13th March 1861
N^o 58.
The issue of a
permanent
Title Deed is
delayed for want
of a plan and
specification

To D^o 28th
December 1860
N^o 373
This application
is lying over
for want of the
plan and spe-
cification.

To District Eng^r
18th July 1860
3rd & 10th Sept^r
1860
Rev^d Mr. Winslow
has paid the
redemption price,
and his application
for Freehold Con-
veyance is lying
over for want of
plans &c.

A piece of land
applied for by Mr. Groves
at Coonoor to be surveyed 1860.
=ed and a plan and
specification to be
prepared

Two sites of Rev^d Mr.
Laseron at Coonoor
to be surveyed and
plans prepared.

To D^o Engineer Mr. Groves applied
for this land 8
months ago - but
the land has not
been sold for want
of the plan -

To D^o Engineer
11th August
1860 N^o 177.

Botacamund
9th April 1861

[J. B. Thomas
(A true Copy) Collector

P. B. L.
Collector

List of properties to be surveyed and plans to be prepared at Kotagerry.

Description of works to be done	Date of letters to the District Engineer and Mr. Williams	Remarks
Mr. Manges property to be surveyed and plan to be prepared	Written to District Engineer on the 7 th November 1860 No. 57	
Lieut. Fraser's property to be surveyed and a plan and specification to be prepared	Written to Mr. Williams on the 11 th March 1861.	The preparation of a permanent Title Deed for this property is delayed for want of a plan and specification.
A piece of land to be added to the plan of Mr. W. L. Thomas	Written to Mr. Williams on the 9 th March 1861 No. 53.	
A piece of land to be added to Captain Sarswell's plan.	D. D.	

Kotagamund }
9th April 1861 }

Signed J. B. Thomas
Collector
(True Copy)
J. B. T.

Letter 3298 of 1860
Jan 20 1861

No 1553/61

Letter of 1860 to the
District Engineer, and for the
District Engineer's Office

1861 District Engineer
Letter from Mr.
Collector of Kotagamund
Date 25th Aug 1861

List of Plantations to be surveyed

Description of work to be done	Date of letter to Mr. Williams	Remarks
Kotagerry Abboosait and Koopsain Sait's plantation Mr. Lockburn's 3 plantations Colonel Brown's plantation Mr. Arbuthnot do	30th September 1858 13th April 1860 31st March 1859 do do	
Coonoor Mr. J. Groves' plantation Dolphin's moss rock Mr. Haynes. Mr. Mallaby's plantation at Holicul.		
Sevoor Land applied for by Mr. J. Groves. do do by Capt. Rae. do do by Mr. Browning. Capt. Scott's plantation at Sevoor do do at Maloor. Mr. Etienne's land at Sevoor Mr. Perry's plantation Mr. Schuarrer do	21st May 15th August 1859 and 21st Feb 1860 6th June 1859	

Comptroller
Collector's Office
Cotacamund
9th April 1861

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Collector
(A true Copy)
E. B. T.
Collector.

1861
Letter from Mr. Williams
of Pondicherry dated
23rd May 1861 No. 111
No
List of plantations to be
surveyed and plans
to be prepared at Kotagerry
No. 3298 of 1861
No. 81333/4
No. 3298 of 1861

Board's letter to
Govt. dated 18th Jan^y
1855. No. 138.

communicated in the Proceedings of Government
dated 1st May 1855 No. 1293 R. D. was obtained

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delay that now occurs in the issue of the
titles for holdings the value of which is
seriously impaired by the want of proper
papers in case of a sale or mortgage and
believing that the Collector has good reason for
making his present application, the Board
beg leave to suggest that the orders of Govern-

ment dated 15th March 1861 No. 593 R. D.
1861. No. 1635.

be reconsidered in view to the Collector being
provided with the services of a Surveyor.

(A true Copy and Extract)

L. Rudrata
Secretary.

To

J. D. Sim Esq

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

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As per 25th January 1861

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With Mr. Rudrata's
be arranged.

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May 1880 71-72
June 1880 71-72

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 3rd
Dec 1880
No 4 of 1880

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No 2841

Submitting a letter from
the Collector of Revenue
regarding to be informed
as to who is in future to
make the plans and con-
vey in every case of land
application for coffee &c
in the Highlands.

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At the Office

13 Copies Chief Eng.
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No 1529

The Chief Eng. and

association from the District
Engineers and the Council
afford the Collector in the drawing
of properties on the Highlands
whether an additional charge
is really necessary and if
so what would be a suitable
rate of pay. The rate of fees
for plans should be revised
and the probably monthly receipts
estimated.

At the Office

14 Aug 1880

J. H. J.