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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 8th June 1885, No. 2511:—

I have the honor to submit the following matter for the consideration and orders of the Board and Government.

2. The Deputy Tahsildar of Anjengo has brought to my notice that the officers of the Travancore State who are conducting survey and settlement operations have proposed to plant boundary stones on the Anjengo side of the backwater which separates that settlement from Travancore territory, it being apparently intended to bring the whole of the backwater within the territorial possession of the Circar, and that on his protesting against it the proposed demarcation has been held in abeyance.

3. The Travancore Government, which was addressed on the subject, states that “in the absence of anything on the records of the Collector of Malabar to show that the backwater is included in Anjengo,” the Circar does not see how it can be claimed by the Collector, and that “the extracts from the ayacut accounts of Travancore from M.E. 949 (A.D. 1773-74) to 1014 (1838-39) in which the boundaries of Anjengo are clearly laid down” indicate that the backwater is included within Travancore limits. The ayacut account in question states that Kottadilli, which comprises the northern portion of Anjengo now leased to Travancore Government, is “bounded on the east by Kayal (backwater), on the south by Pandarathoppu at the beach near the Thonikatavu, on the west by the sea, and on the north by Kottayath Puramitam at Mampalli; and the salt-pan has been given up to the British Government.” I fail to see how this definition of the boundary adopted for purposes of ayacut accounts supports the position that the backwater is entirely beyond the confines of British territory. Moreover, it refers only to a portion of the settlement and does not include Anjengo proper. On the other hand the map of Anjengo, prepared in 1870 on the spot by Mr. Cannan, late Deputy Collector, Southern Division, shows that the backwater is exclusively British.

4. Further, it is certain that the guns of our fort at Anjengo completely commanded the backwater at that point. The settlement of Anjengo consists of Kotadilli on the north and Anjengo proper on the south. The latter was acquired and the fort built long before Kottadilli was acquired in 1721 under the deed printed at page 12 of the Malabar treaties and engagements published by me.

5. The placing of the Travancore boundary stones on our territory would be a very inconvenient arrangement. If we admitted the boundary to be the edge of the backwater on our side, there would be nothing to prevent Travancoreans from reclaiming our river frontage and converting it into Travancore territory, shutting us out altogether from the backwater which was in former times, and which still is, the great highway of internal communication. This would certainly be an inconvenient arrangement.

6. The question of where precisely the boundary is to run will become important if islands form in the bed of the backwater. They have not formed up to this time, nor, so far as one can judge, is this likely to happen hereafter.

7. I would suggest that the Travancore boundary stones be placed on the Travancore side of the backwater for the present, and if islands should hereafter form in the bed of the stream, the question of ownership be left open to be then decided according to circumstances. At present the question is not of much practical moment; of course this arrangement need not interfere with the power of Travancoreans to over-haul boats suspected of having smuggled goods on board whether on our side of the backwater or on theirs, and we should have exactly the same privilege.

8. A rough sketch of Anjengo is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Sketch.

RESOLUTION—dated 18th June 1885, No. 1825.

Submitted to Government.

2. The Board consider that the Travancore boundary stones should be placed on the Travancore side of the backwater, and they recommend Government to let the middle of the stream be regarded nominally as the boundary, but with equal rights to both the Travancore and the British Governments to search all boats afloat and in transit on the river, but not boats hauled up on shore.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with sketch to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

In C.R. to 31/9/85

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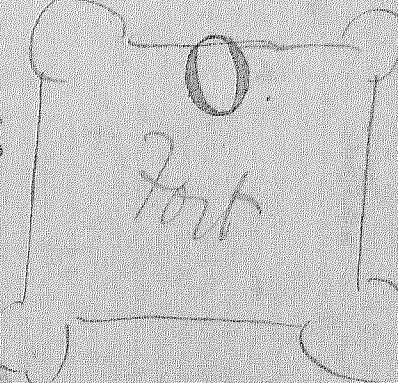
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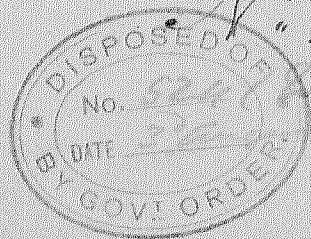
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