Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 17th November 1857.

No. 52. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 30th September 1857, No. 3284.

Read the following letters from the Collectors of the different Districts relative to the accuracy or otherwise of the Maps in Pharoah's Gazetteer.

From Ganjam, 19th July in Cons. 6th September 1856.
" Do. 8th in Cons. 13th August 1856.
" Vizagapatam, 2d in Cons. 14th August 1856.
" Rajahmundry, 27th June in Cons. 7th July 1857.
" Masulipatam, 11th Aug. 1856 in Cons. 29th June "
" Guntoor, 30th May in Cons. 4th June 1856.
" Nellore, 31 in Cons. 7th June 1856.
" Bellary, 1st in Cons. 9th July 1856.
" Kurnool, 29th May in Cons. 4th June 1856.
" Chingleput, 12th in Cons. 14th June 1856.
" North Arcot, 5th in Cons. 10th June 1856.
" South Arcot, 2d in Cons. 5th June 1856.
" Tanjore, 12th Dec. 1856 in Cons. 10th Feb. 1857.
" Trichinopoly, 30th May in Cons. 4th June 1856.
" Madura, 3d in Cons. 11th June 1856.
" Tinnevelly, 7th in Cons. 13th June 1856.
" Coimbatore, 5th in Cons. 16th July 1856.
" Salem, 11th in Cons. 16th December 1856.
" Canara, 16th in Cons. 24th August 1856.
" Malabar, 30th May 1856 in Cons. 7th May 1857.
" Madras, 30th May in Cons. 3d June 1856.

Resolved that the foregoing letters be forwarded for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

2. Pursuant to the orders of Government contained in para. 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation Revenue Department, No. 475, dated 9th May 1856, the Board of Revenue called upon all Collectors and the Agent at Kurnool to state, whether the maps of their several Districts contained in Pharoah's Gazetteer were inaccurate in any important respects. This information is furnished in the replies now submitted to Government.

3. It will be seen that the defects noticed consist for the most part in the mis-spelling of names, the omission of some villages from the reduced size of the maps, and the incorrect delineation of boundaries.

4. The Board will briefly notice the chief points in the Collectors' letters.

Ganjam. 5. In Ganjam the boundary of Kimedy is not correctly shewn, and several of the forts and passes in it are also omitted.

Masulipatam. 6. The divisions marked in large characters in Masulipatam viz. Condapelly, Mustipurum and Ellore are no longer recognised.

The village of Dawaram is now known as the large town of Jaggaiyapettah, and Nellaghy the chief village of the talook of the same name is omitted.

Rajahmundry. 7. The Collector of Rajahmundry states that the maps do not shew the new important lines of traffic and navigation in the Polla talooks, but this is not to be required as these are recent improvements. He also mentions that the position of the hill country of Kunchelloor to the North of Rajahmundry is not drawn correctly, and that the boundary line between the Ellore and Masulipatam is the neighbourhood of Tenookoo, Doova, &c., is also faulty, owing probably to its irregularity.

Guntoor. 8. The sub-divisions of Estates, &c., shewn on the map of Guntoor are now done away with.

Nellore. 9. A portion of the Venkatagherry Zemindary belonging to Nellore is omitted, and the talooks of Vovadagherry, Sydapoor and Calagherry are not shewn, as they are at present constituted.

Bellary. 10. Mr Pelly states that the boundary of the Bellary District appears to be accurately delineated, but that the present limits of the talooks are not shown correctly.

Chingleput.

11. The Suttevaid villages transferred from North Arcot in 1851 are not included in the Chingleput District, and the line of the railway and the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount are not represented. Mr. Shubrick further remarks that an Index of places contained in each map would be useful.

Malabar.

12. The Collector of Malabar points out that "Tellicherry" is entered in the map instead of Cotcam. He has also furnished a Memorandum from which it appears that 21 roads, 7 canals and 4 villages have been omitted.

North Arcot and Coimbatore.

13. The Collectors of the Districts of North Arcot and Coimbatore referred the Board's Circular to the Engineers of their Districts, who are of opinion that the maps are correct in all important features. The Engineer of the latter District remarks that the only inaccuracy he sees in the Coimbatore map is the delineation of mere bridle paths as high roads while the latter are marked with single lines as if they were mere tracks. He suggests that this might be corrected by comparing the Atlas sheet with a map of the district roads which he has furnished to the Chief Engineer and Mr. Thomas.

Tinnevelly.

14. Mr. Silver reports that there are several important errors in the map of Tinnevely. The Nellumbalum talook which is an inland talook is represented as on the coast. The arrangement of the other talooks is also incorrect.

Tanjore.

15. The Acting Collector of Tanjore observes that no great inaccuracies are apparent, but that subsequent improvements in the district as roads, &c., must cause the map to differ in minor features.

South Arcot.

16. In addition to the omission of some towns, villages and roads in the South Arcot map, Mr. Hall points out that the line between the French Settlement of Pondicherry and his district is inaccurately shown in the map to be continuous and well defined as if there were no intermixture of villages on the frontier, whereas the reverse is the case, the line being exceedingly irregular. He also remarks that the country west of Trinamallee is not filled in although he believes that it was surveyed some time previous to 1815, under the orders of the Surveyor General.

Salem.

17. The Collector of Salem remarks that the small size of the map has rendered it useful in preparing sketches to show the roads and other general features of the country, but that a few omissions and alterations in it might be made with advantage. The Colly Malay, Chittary, and Jawady Hills should be shown, and the "Shoorva Mulla" should be styled Shevaroy Hills, which is the name by which they are now recognized.

18. In talook divisions, the extension of Tripatore to the north by the transfer of Tavasery and 3 other villages from North Arcot is overlooked, as also the addition of the village of Worainuccodi to Namkul talook from that of Moosery in Trichinopoly.

19. A few roads are noticed as being marked by single instead of double lines, and others as being altogether omitted. One road, and a bungalow which formerly existed on the Chendamungalum Droog ought to be erased from the map.

Canara.

20. From the Memorandum and two rough sketches forwarded by the Collector of Canara, it appears that in North Canara the boundary lines between the Soopah and Sondah talooks, and the latter and Bilgy are not correctly delineated. Further, the Chendergooty droog and petta should be omitted as belonging to the Nuggar division of Mysore, and the Hunnur Moogany should be inserted.

21. In South Canara, the boundary lines between the Barcoor and Oodipy talooks and the latter and Mungaul talook are inaccurate; and the line between the last mentioned talook and the new one of Bantwal is altogether omitted. The frontiers of Balculla and Buntwal as also of the former and Poottoor require alteration.

Trichinopoly.

22. Mr. Bird states that no inaccuracy in the map is apparent beyond that pointed out in his letter dated 31st December 1856, and which the Board observe consists in retaining the Mahaganum of Kossicoorchi within the Trichinopoly Collectorate while it was made over to the Madura district a long time ago.

Madras.

23. The Collector of Madras has had the map examined in his office and finds no error in it.

Kurnool. Vizagapatam. Madura.

24. The Collectors of the three districts shown opposite in the margin have no errors to point out worth noticing, except that there are some omissions of places and names wrongly spelt, but it is evident that the remark of the Collector of Trichinopoly as regards the Mahaganum of Kossicoorchi applies to Madura.

Cuddapah.

25. The Collector of Cuddapah has replied to the Board's reminder calling for an answer to their circular, but he has evidently mistaken Thornton's Gazetteer (relative to which also information was required by Government) for Pharoah's publication. The Board have therefore addressed him again and his reply will be submitted to Government when it is received.

26. From the Reports above abstracted it will be seen that except in a few instances Messrs. Pharoah's Maps are sufficiently accurate for general purposes, while their small size render them very convenient for reference. The Board believe that the Gazetteer Maps were reduced *in England* from the official "Sheet Maps," so that almost every inaccuracy that may be found on the Gazetteer maps, is due to the "Sheet Maps" themselves, which still continue to be issued under authority.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 53. ORDER thereon, No. 1173, dated 17th November 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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