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Government of Madras.

Revenue Department.

G. O. no. 577.

Dated 29.4.1859

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th April 1859.

Read again letter from Dr. Cleghorn, Conservator of Forests; dated 7th February and recorded in Diary to Consultation 1st April 1859, No. 423.

No. 49. Read also the following letter from the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore; to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George, dated Nundydroog 4th April 1859, No. 5.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Bourdillon's letter, No 424 of the 30th March last, forwarding a copy of Doctor Cleghorn's Report, dated the 7th February, on the subject of the disputed boundary between Mysore and Malabar.

2. In reply I have the honor to state that I am perfectly satisfied with the line which Doctor Cleghorn has proposed.

3. I beg also to state for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that the suggestions contained in this report as to the conservation, appropriation and working of the Forests in the neighbourhood appear admirably adapted to the end in view. The nomination of an active and intelligent officer, accustomed to a Jungle life, seems an essential feature of the plan, and the Mysore will gladly defray a moiety of his salary.

4. The maps which accompanied Mr. Bourdillon's letter are herewith returned.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 577; dated 28th April 1859.

In the foregoing letter the Commissioner of Mysore states that he is perfectly satisfied with the line which Dr. Cleghorn has proposed as the boundary between the Mysore and the district of Malabar where it was lately in dispute. The Governor in Council likewise assents to it, and resolves to confirm the arrangements suggested by the Conservator of Forests in para. 33 of his report, No. 537, dated 7th February 1859, and which, in his own words, are as follows:

"The most convenient boundary would be to follow the water shed, or, in other words, to keep to the cart-tract form Rampoor Ford, a well known spot; this runs along a ridge and affords a well defined line convenient as a boundary, nearly as far as Messrs. Stephen's and Tod's third stone, whence the line might follow that laid down by these officers to the Mavina Hollay (5th stone.)"

2. It appears to His Excellency in Council that the best plan to be followed in fixing the boundary stones, which should be as defined in para. 34 of the report, will be that an officer from Malabar should meet one from Mysore for the purpose; and having placed the landmarks "in such a manner as to prevent further contention" to jointly report the positions of the marks. A communication to this effect will be made to the Commissioner of Mysore. And the Board of Revenue, to whom a copy of Dr. Cleghorn's report will be furnished, will be so good as to issue the necessary instructions on the subject to the Collector of Malabar.

3. In accordance with the suggestion in paras. 37 and 38 of Doctor Cleghorn's report, in which the Commissioner of Mysore has expressed his full

* Para. 3.

concurrence,* the Governor in Council resolves that the forest there referred to be considered a reserved forest for Government purposes; that it be joined to the tract of Mysore now worked by the officer of the Commissariat Department at Hoonsoor and put under a regular system of conservancy. Dr. Cleghorn will consider and report to Government what rank of officer, with what allowances and what assistance he would propose for this tract; he will also propose the name of the person whom he would recommend for the charge. Before bringing the matter again before Government, he will ascertain whether his proposals are agreeable to Sir M. Cubbon.

4. The Governor in Council proposes to make arrangements at a future time for the Elephant hunt recommended by Dr. Cleghorn,

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th April 1859.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 51. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore; dated 28th April 1859, No. 578.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 5, dated the 4th Instant, I am directed to state that the Honorable the Governor in Council is prepared to co-operate with the Mysore Government in carrying out the arrangements proposed by Dr. Cleghorn with respect to the boundary as well as the conservancy of the forest and the other matters alluded to.

2. I am to append for your information copy of the resolution of Government of this date and to call your attention to the course suggested in para. 3 thereof, in fixing the landmarks between the two countries. The arrangements regarding the proposed Elephant hunt will be considered hereafter.

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14 April/59

Dear Mr Bourdillon

With reference to my conversation with you yesterday I may mention that all I know regarding the Commisariat Tract of Forest near Hoosoor is, that it was made over early in the Century, when the Gun Carriage Factory was at Seringapatam and that it has lately been worked by the Commissariat Officer at Hoosoor partly for Ordnance purposes at Bangalore, partly for the supply of Camp Furniture, such as Camp Cots, Hospital Almshouses, Ammunition Boxes &c. There are good Carpenters at Hoosoor, & I believe an efficient Establishment. All that I would suggest

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Recd of the Madras Govt

Dated 20 April 1859

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with letter to the
Commissioner of Mysore
of 28 April 1859 No. 578.

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is that this tract of Park Forest
should come under supervision &
be under the same system of
Conservancy and renovation, as other
Gov't Forests.

Yours sincerely
H. L. Loomis

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14th inst. Gov: after resolving to
forward Dr Cleghorn's report on
the question of the boundary line between
Mysore and Malabar to the Commr
of Mysore for the purpose of
ascertaining whether he was satisfied
with the line therein proposed.
promised to consider & dispose of
the other matters referred to in the
report when the boundary ^{question was} settled.

Mr Mark Cutbush Esq
(Rev 590) sets the dispute in
reference to the boundary finally
at rest.

The other matters noticed
by Dr Cleghorn are as follow -

1st /Pam 37/ He strongly recommends that
as the timber of the forest which
occupies the tract of land in Ma-
labar bordering on Mysore is of
a very superior description that
required for local purposes. The
forest should be considered
a reserved one for Govt. purposes.

2^d That it be joined to the tract of
Mysore now worked by the Honson
branch of the Madras Committee
3^d That it be put under a
regular system of Conservancy.

And in para 45 he further
recommends

4th That an elephant hunt should
be organized

In reference to the three first
propositions. he thinks it would be
well to assign the tract of forest ex-
tending from Bawal to Gondelpett
to the charge of an intelligent officer
who should reside partly at Chullans
Batter, partly at Gondelpett &
might draw amount of salary from
both territories

The Comm^r of Mysore states
that Dr. Fleghorn's suggestions as to
the conservation, appropriation & working
of the forests appear admirably adapted
to the end in view. That the nomination
of an active and intelligent officer,
accustomed to a jungle life seems
an essential feature of the plan
and the Mysore will gladly defray
amount of his salary.

With respect to the suggested

Elephant hunt. Dr. Fleghorn believes
that Major Clerk, Mpt. & Astronomer
would readily make arrangements
and states that a grant of 2000 Rs
would probably pay all expenses
and be amply covered by the proceeds
of the hunt.

He adds that a few of the
Yanna Elephants would be extremely
valuable for the working of this
and other forests - and that he
has not this year been able to pur-
chase at moderate prices with
the balance of the Anamallay
elephant fund.

The Secretary's orders are
solicited.

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K. to ascertain whether the
Forest belongs to Govt. or
not; if not in whom it
is contained to belong, & whether the
title of land belongs to
the Government or to the
private owner.

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For the information of the Secretary in reference to his orders on Dr. Flegghom's report on the Malabar forests bordering on Mysore

Mr Robinson Ag. Collr of Malabar says in a marginal note on Order No 305 dated 11 Oct 1853 of the Dist Magistrate of that District, that the Manjalla and Chara Mawattom forests in the Ganapathu Umschom are the escheated property of Govt in succession to the Cotheyom Rajah, their ancient feoffee.

In his letter No 4370 dated 11 Sep. 1854 he calls the "Echa-Cronoo" situated in the Wynad Taluk a Govt forest.

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Again in No 5502 dated 29 Decr 1858, he speaks of all the fine teak &c forests of the Echeecom tarrak of the Ganapathu Umschom as "the fee simple

simple property of the British Govt.
Govt of Malabar Jummies, and worth
lacs of Rupees".

On the 31 Decr 57, he writes, in reply to a communication from the Superintendent of Astagram, "We know of no Nagoda of that name possessing land forests in Malabar. All those of the Gannapathy-vattom and Mornennaad Umskoms of this Wynaad Taluk, being the free simple property of Govt."

Referring to the Pall. fully desham of the Wynaad Taluk in a letter to the Supt. he says "the Govt. has a claim on the forests in question and the matter is under inquiry."

In his letter to the Rev. Board d 8 Mar. 1858/59 he states the Mysore Authorities have run a new frontier line well within the Malabar District, transferring to Mysore all our most valuable Govt forests in Wynaad.

In letter to the Supt. of Astagram d 23 Jan 1858.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 28th April 1859

Read again letter
from Dr Cleghorn Conservator
of Forests dated 7 Feb
and recorded in 84 letters
1 April 1859 at 423.

Read also the follow-
ing letter from the Com-
missioner of Mysore
(Here enter 4 April 1859 at 5)

In the foregoing
letter the Commissioner of
Mysore states that he
is perfectly satisfied with
the line which Dr Cleghorn
has proposed as the
boundary between the Mysore
and the District of Malabar
where it was formerly in dis-
pute. The Gov. in C. like-
wise assents to it, and
resolves to confirm the
arrangement suggested by
the Conservator of Forests in
Para 33 of his Report N^o 537

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dated 7th February 1859 - and which, in his own words, are as follows:-

"The most convenient Boundary
"would be to follow the water
"shed, or, in other words, to
"keep to the East-trail from
"Rampoor Ford, a well known
"spot; this runs along a
"ridge and affords a
"well defined line con-
"venient as a boundary,
"nearly as far as these
"Stephens and God's third
"stone, whence the line
"might follow that lead
"down by these Officers to the
"Marina Holley, 15th stone."

2. It appears to M. C.
in Council that the best plan
to be followed in fixing
the boundary stones, is that
an Officer from Malabar
should meet one from Mysore
for the purpose; and having
placed the land marks
in such a manner as to
prevent further contention
to jointly report the positions
of the marks, and ensure

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in Paragraph of the Report, will
be

3. In accordance with the
suggestion in Paras 37 and 38
of Dr. Cleghorn's Report, in
which the Commissioner of
Mysore has expressed his
full concurrence, the
Governor in Council re-
solves that the forest
there referred to

x Para 3.

4. A communication to
this effect will be made
to the Comm^r of Mysore. And
the Board of Rev. - to whom a
copy of Dr. Cleghorn's Report
will be furnished, will be
so good as to issue the
necessary instructions on the
subject to the Collector of
Malabar.

5. The Gov. in Council
now proceeds to pass orders
on the other matters referred
to by Dr. Cleghorn in his Report,
and respecting which, it is
observed, the Comm^r of Mysore
states "the suggestions contained
"in this report as to the
"Conservation, appropriation
"and working of the forests
"in the neighbourhood appear
"admirably adapted to
"the end in view."

6. Ordered that, in
accordance with the recom-
mendation of the Conservator
of Forests, the forest in the
Wynnad taluk of the
Malabar District, bordering
on the Mysore, be considered
a reserved forest for Govt.

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purpose; that it be joined
to the tract of Mysore now
worked by the Officer of the
Commissioner at Dept. at Mysore
and put under a regular
system of Conservancy.

7. The Gov. in Council also
sanctions the ^{proposed} appointment
of a Superintendent, to whom
will be assigned the tract
of forest extending from
Bowally to Gondelpett and
will be required to reside
partly at Sultan's Battery
and partly at Gondelpett.

8. With respect to the
salary of the Sup^t, the Con-
servator has suggested and
the Commissioner of Mysore
has consented, that the
charge should be borne
equally by the British Govt.
and the Mysore State.

9. This arrangement
has the full approval
of the Gov. in C. who requests
that Mr. Cleghorn will state
what in his opinion, should
be the proper grade and
salary of the Custodian of
this forest.

Mr. Cleghorn will consider
and report to Government
what rank of officer
with what allowances
and what assistance
he would propose for
this tract; he will also
propose the name of
the person whom he
would recommend
for the charge. Before
bringing the matter
again before Government,
he will ascertain whether
his proposals are
agreeable to Sir M.
Cuthbert.

I should like to do this myself

approves of this proposal,
and grants two thousand
Rupies for the purpose. He

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to make arrangements
at a future time for
the elephant hunt
recommended by Mr.
Cleghorn.

#4. In para 45 of his report
Mr. Cleghorn thinks it worth
the consideration of Govt. whether
an Elephant hunt should
^{in the forest in question}
not be organized, and states
that he believes Major Clerk
Superintendent of Octagram
Division would readily make the
arrangements and that
a grant of 2000 Rs. would
probably pay all expenses
and be amply covered by the
proceeds of the hunt.

The Gov. in Council
~~agrees to this measure~~
and resolves to address
the Gov. of Mysore in view
to his carrying the arrange-
ments proposed by Mr. Cleghorn
into effect if agreeable
to him.

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Chief Secy. Govt.
with Mr. C. report.
3-11-1884
Conservator of
Forests.

Cons. 1st April 59 N^o 66068

Copy in a letter to C.
of 9th April 1859.

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D^{to} Cons: 29th April

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Extract Min^{is} of Cons.
D^{of} 28th April 1859.

From the Secretary to the B^o of Rev^o D^{of}
17th May 59 & N^o 894 Cons: 31st
No 5-6-

From the Conservator of Forests of 14th
Sept^r 1884

Passing orders on the
boundary line between
Mysore and Malabar as
well as the conservancy of
the forest and other matters
alluded to by D^r Cleghorn.

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With letter to the Com.
-missioner for the Govt.
of the Territories of His
Highness the Rajah
of Mysore. N^o 578
of 28th April 1859.

N^o 578 Q. D.

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To the Commissioner for the
Govt. of the Territories
of H^{is} Highness the Rajah of
Mysore.

Sir, I am ^{replied to} directed to
~~acknowledge the receipt~~
of your letter N^o 5 ^{dated} dated the 4th instant, and
I am ^{directed} ~~directed~~ ^{state} to declare that
~~the willingness of the~~
Hon^{ble} the Gov^r in Council
is prepared to ~~cooperate~~ ^{cooperate}
~~in connection with the Mysore~~
Govt. in carrying out the
arrangements proposed
by D^r Cleghorn with respect
to the forest extending
from Bomali in Malabar
to Gundelhatt in Mysore
I am to append
for your information copy
of the ^{Resolution} ~~Resolution~~
of the Govt. of Madras

boundary as well as the
conservancy of the forest
and the other matters
alluded to.

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~~And~~ of this date and to call your attention
~~to request your cooperation~~ to the course
~~in the manner suggested~~
in para 3 hereof, in fixing
the landmarks between
the two countries and
~~your aid in~~
~~your aid in~~
~~the good success carrying~~
~~into effect the measures~~
~~proposed by Dr. Cleghorn~~
~~for an Elephant hunt.~~

The arrangements
regarding the proposed
Elephant Hunt
will be considered
hereafter

J.A.

Fort St. Geo. 28th April 1859

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To the Commissioner
of the Land
Office
28 April 1859.

Government are prepared
to co-operate with the citizens
in carrying out the
arrangements proposed in the
above said matters. Calling
attention to the several
reports of the land
commissioner and the
land office and the
fact that the land
office is prepared to
make arrangements at a
future time for the
land.

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