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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd October 1861.

No. 262. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1861, No. 5,269 :—

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Ootacamund, 16th September 1861, No. 201.

SIR,

1. With reference to Government Order of 10th ultimo, No. 1,609, I have the honor to forward the plan of Mrs. Havelock's property alluded to in paragraph 2 of my letter to Board, dated 16th July last, No. 158, and to request that the same may be returned to me after inspection by Government to be delivered to that lady.

2. The Government direct me to state "its practical utility," seeing that no reference is made to it in the "Title Deed." In reply I beg to report that the entries in the columns headed "boundaries" and "extent" in the Title Deed have been deduced from the plan, without which these two columns could hardly have been filled up accurately. It would have been better to have added a remark below the two columns "as per plan attached." This was not usually done hitherto, but will be so in all future Title Deeds. In the present instance Mrs. Havelock made some addition to her property known as "Mowbray Cottage" by the purchase of an adjacent piece of land from her neighbour, and requested a survey and plan as well as a permanent Title Deed for the entire extent. I repeatedly wrote to the late District Engineer on the subject, but the Survey was not made nor plan furnished until lately.

3. Parties on the Hills often transfer *portions* of their lands to others; they can only mark the land transferred; but neither of them probably know the *extent* exactly so transferred. Both ask for a survey and plan of their own holding; the seller for the land retained by himself, and the purchaser for that purchased; the marks made on the land, however durable, are liable to be defaced or altered in course of time; and the possession of an authenticated plan in such cases is a safeguard for both parties; otherwise disputes are sure to ensue; again the interests of Government are also involved in the matter. Without a knowledge of the area and boundaries of land belonging to each of the seller and purchaser, the Government demand of quit-rent cannot be fixed or adjusted on either, nor could a permanent Title Deed be issued, if desired; hence the necessity for a public survey; and when such is made, the plan might be easily prepared; which serves both for proprietors and Government; both for present and future reference in cases of doubts and disputes. It also prevents owners of land from making any encroachments on adjoining Government waste land.

4. Mrs. Havelock has boundary marks to her land.

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2. It appears to the Board that, as the *Survey* is evidently indispensable in these cases, it is very desirable that the ascertained facts should be permanently recorded in a plan in each case for the benefit both of Government and the individual concerned.

3. The Board understand that the parties pay for these maps. It is requested that the map submitted by the Collector may be returned for delivery to Mrs. Havelock.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1861, No. 2,022.

The plan will be returned to the Collector through the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D. (with a Plan to be returned).

Copy to E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd, J Wright.

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Proceedings for October
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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 30th September 1861
Desp.d 9 Oct.r
Rec.d " 10th October
Plan

No 5269

Submitting with
reference to Government
order dated 10th August
1861 No 1809 a letter from
the Collector of Coimbatore
forwarding the plan of
Majr Hewlock's property
at Coteacamand.

Nos 262 & 263.

No 2022–22d October
Written order

c15 Octr 18

No 2022

The plan will be returned
to the Collector through the Board of
Revenue —

Fort St George
22d Octr 61

14 Copies
To the Board of Revenue
with 1 Plan.

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