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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd April 1862.

No. 321. Read the following letter from Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Kakencottah, 4th March 1862, No. 339:—

Sir,

1. I have the honor to request you will be good enough to bring to the notice of Government the following circumstances connected with the boundary line which separates the Teak Forests of Mysore from Wainád, at a point described in the map as the Shegabetta tree near Rampoor.

2. In 1859 certain disputes with regard to the proper boundary having arisen, it was resolved that Dr. Cleghorn should be appointed Arbitrator, and at his suggestion the old boundary line laid down in the Trigonometrical Survey Map was abandoned, and a new line proceeding along the water shed, between the Rampoor ford and the Shegabetta tree, was adopted.

3. It appears that in the year 1825 a boundary line was laid down by Captain Ward of the Trigonometrical Survey, and that the order for the laying down of this particular line emanated from the Supreme Government.

4. As this new boundary line of the water shed deprives us of nearly 2,000 acres of the finest Teak, and further, as it appears that the fact of the Supreme Government having ordered the laying down of the boundaries as they appear in the map, having been overlooked, I would recommend that application be made to the Supreme Government for copies of the orders and correspondence issued by them in about the year 1824 on this subject.

5. It appears that the old boundary line has been preserved according to that laid down in the Trigonometrical Survey Map, with the exception of the eight miles between the Shegabetta tree and the Rampoor ford.

No. 322. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1862, No. 880.

1. In the foregoing letter Major Morgan proposes for reasons given that a reference should be made to the Supreme Government for certain papers relating to the boundary line between Mysore and Wainád.

2. From the correspondence which has already taken place on this subject it appears that in 1855, in consequence of disputes which had arisen, two of their subordinates were deputed by the Commissioner of Mysore and the Collector of Malabar to mark out a boundary. This though eventually agreed upon by both of those authorities became again the subject of further disagreement. In consequence of this another reference* was made to Sir Mark Cubbon who suggested† that the whole question should be referred for the final decision of Dr. Cleghorn, and the Government accordingly resolved‡ to act upon this recommendation.

* From Madras dated 3rd May 1858, No. 587.

† 20th August 1858, No. 24.

‡ 25th September 1858, No. 1304.

3. Dr. Cleghorn's detailed report§ went fully into the merits of the case. He found that the stones fixed by Mr. Tod and Captain Stephens in 1805 were still in their places. He also observed that the maps of the Surveys made in 1809 by Colonel Mackenzie, and in 1825 by Captains Ward and Connor differed considerably as to the line of demarcation, and he was of opinion that in each case the Surveyors took up only two positions, merely sketching in the intermediate space which was and is occupied by dense forest, and remarked upon the rugged and awkward boundary which would be the result of following the line drawn by either of the official surveys. He concluded that it was impossible "to determine clearly a boundary which in all probability has varied with each generation," but looking to the fact, that ridges in that part of the country seemed to form the natural boundaries, he proposed, as the most convenient line, to follow the

§ Received in G. O. 30th March 1860, No. 425.

water shed, or in other words to keep to the cart track from Rampoor ford, albeit this would throw several square miles not included in Colonel Mackenzie's Survey into Mysore. The Government then asked* the Commissioner of Mysore whether he would consent to adopt the line proposed by Dr. Cleghorn, and on receiving his assent,† they confirmed‡ the suggestions of the Conservator of Forests as described above; and the boundary line was laid§ down accordingly.

4. The Secretary of State to whom these Proceedings were reported approved‖ of the settlement in question.

5. Under these circumstances His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot consent to the question being re-opened even though the line as at present fixed may have deprived this Government of 2,000 acres of fine Teak Forest.

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

* 30th March 1859, No. 424.

† 4th April 1859, No. 5.

‡ 30th April 1859, No. 577.

§ *Vide* G. O. 15th March 1860, No. 437.

‖ 17th June 1861, No. 43.

No. 880. [illegible]

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th April 1862
Received 7th January 1863
From the Office Comptroller Trade
(Recorded 6 March 1863 No 39)

To [illegible] the foregoing letter
dated 30th August 1862
from the Secretary to the Commissioners
of Salt Revenue and Customs
Forwarding [illegible]
Copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners
of Salt Revenue and Customs
dated 4th April 1862
No 873.

From the correspondence which has already taken place on this subject it appears that in 1855, in consequence of disputes which had arisen between the Commissioners of Salt Revenue and the Collector of Chingleput as to the boundary line between the Chingleput and Arcot districts, Captain Ouchterlony, the Collector of Arcot, was directed to proceed to the spot and to report upon the matter. He accordingly visited the disputed ground in the month of December 1855, and in his report dated 31st January 1856 he recommended that the boundary line between the two districts should be altered as follows:

The proposition is abstruse & what is more it does not be within the province of the Government of Fort St George to make such disposition

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of those authorities became again the subject of further disagreement. In consequence of this another reference was made to Sir David Cathcart who suggested that the whole question should be referred for the final decision of Dr. Cleghorn, and the Government accordingly resolved to act upon this recommendation.

Dr. Cleghorn's detailed report was duly sent in to the Board of Trade. He found that the views stated by the Lord and Captain Stevens in 1855 were still in their places. He also observed that the mass of the current made in 1809 by Col. Mackenzie, and in 1825 by Lieutenant Hartley

* Admiralty letter of 8 March 1858 No. 508.

o 26 August 1858. No. 24.

* 25 Sept. 1858. No. 1304.

* recorded in S.O. 30 March 1859. No. 423.

corner appeared considerably to the East of Lemon Castle, and the use of a current Mark in such a position, nearly at right angles to the ordinary direction of the current, would be misleading, and dangerous. He therefore suggested that the current Mark should be removed to the East of Lemon Castle, and placed in such a position as to indicate the direction of the current in the Channel between the Island of Lemon and the Mainland. He concluded his report as follows:

"That it was impossible to determine the exact direction of the current in the Channel by observations taken from the shore, and that the only way to ascertain it was by means of a boat anchored in the Channel, and that the observations should be taken at different periods of the tide, and at different depths of water."

from the natural boundaries, he proposed, as the most convenient line, to follow the water shed, or in other words to keep to the east track from Ramsoon fort, albeit this would throw several square miles not included in Colonel Mackenzie's survey into the proposed Government line. He asked the Commissioners if they were willing to adopt the line proposed by Lt. Col. Mackenzie, and to exchange the * acres, they considered the suggestions of the Conservator of Forests as described above: and the boundary line from [illegible] according

* 7. March 59 No. 424

* 4 April 59 - No. 5.

* 28 April 59 No. 377

* vide G.O. 15 March 60 No. 389

7. June 61 - No. 42.

The Secretary of State having laid before Government the proceedings which were reported * upon by the settlement in question.

Under these circumstances Mr. E. the E. in C. cannot concur to the proposal having proceeded even though the line so at present fixed may have the effect of throwing some of the acres of fine teak forest.

* Copies to the Conservator of Forests 6/7/61

H. Bell Esq. &c. &c.

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Proc: of Govt. for April

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Proc: of the Madras Govt.
dated 23d April 1862.

Reading orders on an
application of the Conservator
of Forests for copies of the
orders and correspondence
passed by the Superior Govts on
the subject of the boundary
line between Ally droog and
Wynaad.

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