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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th June 1863.*

No. 96. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th May 1863 :—
Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 28th April 1863, No. 491/44.

SIR,

Board's Proceedings, 27th February 1863,
No. 1,207.
Do. do. 30th March 1863, No. 1,872.
Officiating Director's letter to Board, 14th
April 1863, No. 433.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey enclosing one from his Deputy in Salem, Mr. W. Beaumont. That gentleman is of course in no way responsible for the incorrect demarcation on the Shevaroy Hills.

From Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Chepauk, 27th April 1863, No. 341/18.

SIR,

1. In justice to my Deputy at Salem and to the Survey Department I feel bound to forward the copy of a letter from Mr. Beaumont, under whom the Survey of the Shevaroy Hills is carried on, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,206.

2. That the demarcation has been most carelessly performed and that although Captain Leggatt was sent back to revise the work, it is still erroneous and incomplete, the reports made to you from time to time have kept you informed.

3. I have the honor to request that Mr. Beaumont's letter may accompany any explanation you may make to the Board of Revenue.

From W. BEAUMONT, Esq., Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, dated Ootacamund, 18th March 1863, No. 162/85.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 1,206, and your Memorandum No. 226/30, I have the honor to state when on the Shevaroy Hills, I accompanied the Collector of Salem and the Superintendent of Police to search for a piece of land belonging to Government on which could be erected a Police Station and a Tahsildar's Cutcherry.

2. With the aid of the Revenue Survey Maps, I pointed out to the former gentleman, a piece of ground that had been demarcated as Government land and surveyed accordingly.

3. The Collector fixed upon this, but on the District Engineer commencing work, General Ottley's Superintendent stopped him, stating that the ground belonged to General Ottley and for which he was then paying tax to Government.

4. The Collector did not wish to press the matter, and I have since included in General Ottley's property the piece of land in question.

5. The other portion of ground to which the Collector of Salem refers in his letter to the Board of Revenue was also demarcated as Government property, and it was only by chance I found out that it belonged to Mr. Smith, Sub-Collector of this District.

6. I have directed Mr. Tomlinson to re-demarcate this property and survey it.

7. I beg to state I am not to blame for these irregularities. The properties have been surveyed according to the demarcation and upon that Department must rest the responsibility.

8. You are aware that in consequence of the careless manner in which the demarcation was conducted on the Shevaroy Hills, the survey has been a cause of much anxiety and worry to me.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Major,
Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings quoted by the Officiating Director.
2. The Survey Department is fully exonerated from blame in this matter. The fault lies with the Demarcating Officers.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 97.

ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1863, No. 977.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Q. 28 February 1834 No. 429

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

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May 1803.

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Board's remarks a letter

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