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No. 283. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st January 1864, No. 110/3 :—

SIR,

1. In continuation of my letter of the 14th instant, No. 68, I have the honor to report that having received the information which I then awaited, I am now in a position to make a definite proposal regarding the future demarcation of the Government lands in the Wynad.

Proceedings of Government, 28th November 1862, No. 2,501.

2. When sanction was granted for the entertainment of a temporary Demarcation Establishment, for the purpose of defining the Government properties still remaining to be marked out in the Wynad, the latter were supposed to comprise 133 paddy lands, 81 forests and 153 hills of unknown area, but it was known that in addition, certain temple lands would probably be resumed, and require demarcation, and that in that case employment would be found for the demarcation party for a further period.

3. In his letter to the Board of the 30th April 1862, the Collector of Malabar proposed that as no Settlement Officer was available for the charge of the temporary demarcation party, it should be placed under the Wynad Deputy Collector, by which plan due supervision of the work would be ensured, and the arrangements of the Revenue Department in their sales of waste land would be facilitated. The Deputy Collector was about to prosecute inquiries regarding other lands, and Mr. Ballard was of opinion that it would greatly assist the profitable disposal of Government land, the opening of the country, and the conduct of the Revenue administration, if the Government waste was demarcated as discovered.

Proceedings 7th May 1863, No. 2,738.

The Board, in forwarding the Collector's letter to me, saw no objection to the demarcation and survey of Government waste as discovered, observing, that the two operations were really parts of one and the same, and that the cost of both would be recovered from the purchasers of the waste.

4. In accordance with the Collector's proposal, approved by the Board, I placed the demarcation party under the orders of the Deputy Collector, with instructions to demarcate any newly discovered Government lands as well as those included in the former list.

5. Up to the end of last year only 12 forests, 21 hills and 3 paddy flats aggregating 20 square miles, out of those enumerated in the former list, had been defined and marked out; but Mr. Stuart, through whom the returns are forwarded to me, accounts for the slow progress by stating, that since July last the party has been chiefly employed in marking out waste lands for sale on the application of intending purchasers, and he submits the annexed Statement of the extra work thus performed, amounting to 82 square miles in addition to the 20 square miles alluded to above, making the entire area accomplished 102 square miles. The obstructions to the work common in Wynad, such as sickness, bad weather and scarcity of labor, &c. &c., were of course experienced, and in addition, much time was lost in travelling, the Gumastahs being obliged to move continually from one end of the talook to the other, as applications for grants of land were received.

Marked out in exterior boundary.			Lands already demarcated, marked out in detail.			Waste lands marked out in blocks for sale.		Native Coffee gardens on Government lands demarcated.		Total of Columns 2, 4, 6 and 8.	
Description.	No.	Area.	No. of lands.	No. of blocks.	Area of blocks.	No. of blocks.	Area.	No.	Area.	No.	Area.
1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Forests...	6	13,900	...	...	...	2	250	...	...	8	14,253
Hills	125	32,822	4	8	2,965	50	1,815	90	542·50	273	38,145
Paddy lands ...	4	163	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	163
	135	46,885	4	8	2,965	52	2,168	90	542·50	289	52,561

6. But little progress having been made in the work for which the party was specially entertained, and, the demarcation of the other Government wastes promising to last an indefinite time, I requested Mr. Ballard to inform me of the probable extent of Government land remaining to be demarcated in addition to the forests, hills, and paddy flats already included in the Deputy Director's list, to enable me to make such arrangements as might seem advisable. In reply he forwarded to me copy of a letter from the Deputy Collector, stating that he was unable to give the information sought for, but as there remained large tracts said to belong to Government, and as the requirements of applicants for lands under the new Rules would have to be met, he expected that the services of the party would be required for some time to come.

7. It appears to me to be desirable that the demarcation of the remaining Government lands in the Wynad, including those entered in the Deputy Director's original list, which have still to be marked out, should be made over altogether to the Collector, and that the Settlement Department should be relieved of the nominal control over the work which it now exercises. No revision of the assessment of the lands in question by this Department is contemplated, nor indeed is it intended that we should interfere with the assessment in any part of Malabar. With the demarcation our work ceases. In paragraph VIII of the Rules for the sale of waste land in Wynad it is provided that on the receipt of applications for land the Collector shall cause it to be surveyed and marked out, and in their Order of the 25th February 1863, No. 407, the Government sanctioned the entertainment by the Collector of a special Establishment for the purpose, it being apparently intended that the demarcation and survey should be performed by the same parties. Should the Government approve my present proposal, the services of as many of the present demarcation servants as the Collector may require will be available for him, but sanction will still be necessary for the disbursement from the Settlement funds of the pay of the Establishment up to the date on which the work may be finally transferred to the Collector.

No. 284. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1864, No. 146.

Referred to the Collector of Malabar for report, through the Board of Revenue, on the proposal contained in paragraph 7.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ Collector of Malabar.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

28 November 62 — Nº 347-348
25 February 63 — 305 to 310

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Pro: of Govt 7th Nº 190 of Jany:

From
The Offg Director of
Revenue & Settlements
To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Dated 21st January 1864
Rec'd 22nd

Board Pro: 12 July 64 Cº 1833
Nº 110
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Recommending in continuation
of letter dated 11th ensuant & Nº 65
that the Wynaad Remarcation be
made over to the Collector and Asst
Settlement & Cesharment declined
of the Nominal control which now exer-
cises —

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From Offg Dir of R. Settlements
& 26 Feby 64 Cº Nº 518.

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Referred to the Collector
of Malabar for Report through
the Board of Revenue on the
proposal contained in para 2.

Fort St George
27th Jany 1864.

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