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

No. 330. Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, dated Senkagiridrúg, 5th August 1861, No. 30 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter No. 11, dated 29th February 1861, I have the honor to inform you that the work I then proposed to undertake has been brought to a close, and the boundaries of all Estates on the Shervaroys have been finally settled and the Map of every property (except three I think) has been signed by the proprietor or his accredited agent as correct.

1 Mr. Miller's property at Nagalore, owner of which is in England
2 Mr. Cammiade's property near Korara, the survey of which is not qnite finished.
3 Mr. Martin's Estate, Yercaud, see marginal note to paragraph 7.

2. The settlement was commenced on the 20th of April and finished on the 6th of July. Considerable delay and interruption to business arose from sickness among the Natives on the hills, and also among the subordinates of the Survey Department, and from a difficulty in obtaining coolies to clear lines, &c. But for these and other similar causes of delay the work might have been finished within the time I originaly named, viz., two months.

Causes of delay.

3. Previous to the commencement of the final settlement the whole of the Maps then issued from your office had been circulated to proprietors, for signature, and the whole of them returned unsigned except twenty-seven.

Only 27 Maps signed.

4. As we had no means of knowing why these Maps had been returned unsigned, Mr. Beaumont and I agreed that our best course was to send out notices to proprietors along with the Maps, requesting them either to sign, or return the Maps with objections noted on the back of the Map in pencil.

Notices issued.

5. On receipt of these Maps with the objections noted on them, a Summons was issued calling on the proprietor to meet Mr. Beaumont and myself on a fixed day to examine the boundary.

Issue of Summons.

6. After examining the boundary of one or two Estates accompanied by the proprietors, and proving to them that the Maps were really correct, not only were these Maps signed but many others were also signed on its being found that we were in earnest and determined if necessary to walk round the boundary of every property.

7. In this way the cases in which there was no real cause of dispute were speedily disposed of and we then got to the real takrars. Of these there were eighteen, in which the boundaries had to be altered, and one* in which I decided under Act XXVIII of 1860, that the boundary was correct. In one case only of the eighteen abovementioned the Survey was wrong, from having followed the edge of a road instead of the demarcation stones which were only a few yards from it. In the remaining seventeen caes the demarcation was in fault.

* Mr. Martin's Estate, Yercaud.

In two or three cases also some of the details in the Maps were wrong, but these were easily rectified.

8. Besides these alterations twenty-seven Estates which had never been demarcated have now been demarcated and surveyed and the Maps signed by the proprietors, and the survey of six blocks of waste land lately applied for has also been completed. The total number of Estates on the Shervaroys is 184.

27 Estates newly demarcated and surveyed.

9. The increased area as shown by the new Survey (without which it could never have been shown) amounts to about 2,000 acres, and including waste taken up under the new rules, the total increase of Government Beriz for Fusly 1274 will amount to about Rupees 3,000

10. The large connected Map of all the Estates on the Shervaroys now under preparation will, when completed, be of the greatest use.

Captain Hessey has kindly undertaken to number all the Estates in consecutive numbers from south to north, and when these numbers have been entered in the Puttahs a fruitful source of error and confusion will have been entirely removed. The practice hitherto has been to call every Estate by the names of the owners, and as these were continually changing, the revenue accounts of the Shervaroys were rapidly becoming perfectly unintelligible.

11. In conclusion, I beg to thank you for having at my request placed the services of Mr. Beaumont at my disposal, and to assure you that that gentleman's able and energetic assistance has mainly contributed to the early, and I hope I may say satisfactory completion of the work we undertook.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, *Collector.*

To the Secretary to Government.

No. 331. ORDER THEREON, 22nd August 1864, No. 1,524.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From
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of Salem
To
The Treasury of
Government
For Lt. Gov.

No 30

No 1524.

Dated 5th August 1864

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Lt. Gov. Letter
22nd July 1864
addressed to the
Right Hon. Secretary of State for India
Reporting on the
final settlement
of the boundary disputes
&c. of the Collectorate on
the Peninsula Bills.

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