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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th September 1864.

No. 49. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1864, No. 5,333.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to Lieut.-Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey, dated Senkaridrug, 5th August 1864, No. 30 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter No. 11, dated 29th February 1864, 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 quite finished,
3. Mr. Martin's estate, Yercaud. See marginal notes 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 originally 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 twenty-seven 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 boundaries 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 above-mentioned, 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 cases 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.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Collector.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

The Board congratulate the Collector on the satisfactory conclusion of this troublesome task, and thank Colonel Priestley for the valuable assistance from his Department which enabled the Collector to attain this end.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1864, No. 1,605.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Secretary.

To Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.
" to R. E. Master, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.
" to Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. B Priestley, Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 19th August 1864.
Rec'd. 25th [illegible]

No. 5,333.

Transmitting Proceedings
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Passing remarks on letter from Collector of Salem to Superintendent of Revenue Survey, reporting completion of settlement of boundaries of Estates on Shervaroys.

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