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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th November 1866.

No. 642. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1866, No. 7,001.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Palghaut, 7th September 1866, No. 263:—

Letter from Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey, to Secretary Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1866, No. 3,847.
Board's Proceedings, dated 7th March 1866, No. 1,574.
Letter from Collector of Malabar, to Secretary Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1866, No. 135.
Board's Proceedings, dated 14th May 1866, No. 3,352.

1. Adverting to the correspondence noted, I have the honor to submit a Statement of the work performed by the Survey Party in Wynaad in the past season, 1865-66.

Name of Surveyor.	Date of arrival.	Date of departure.	Number of estates surveyed.	*Extent of cultivation surveyed as per Planters' returns.	Extent of forest land.	Remarks.
				Acres.	Acres.	
1. T. Perreire.	19th October 1865.	4th July 1866.	19	1,064	2,438	
2. A. Arklie...	Do.	23rd April ,,	7	301	...	
3. J. E. D'Silva	23rd November 1865.	23rd May ,,	15	819	...	3. Was employed with Mr. Starr until the 23rd December 1865; so did not commence his legitimate work until the beginning of January 1866.
4. J. James...	1st October 1865.	18th April ,,	13	820	...	4. Was sent up as a Draughtsman, but was appointed as a Surveyor on the 1st December 1865.

2. Extensions of cultivation on 109 estates should have been surveyed in 1865-66, involving an aggregate acreage of (according to the Planters' returns) 5,303 acres. Of this, the extensions on fifty-five estates only, involving an acreage of 3,004 acres, were surveyed, besides 2,438½ acres of forest land.

3. The amount of work done is very inadequate. But the drawbacks to progress have been great and numerous. Fever set in early, and both Surveyors and Peons suffered much. The difficulty of obtaining Peons at all was great.

Moreover, I am bound to say, that the superintendence which the Deputy Collector was in a position to give, was not found sufficient to keep the Surveyors up to their work under the difficulties they have to contend with in Wynaad; and the Deputy Collector reports that the Surveyors were a good deal delayed by having, to a great extent, to demarcate the coffee cultivation extensions for themselves; as for this work no separate demarcators are employed, and the planters had not been obliged to demarcate the extensions themselves.

* The areas in this column are entered on the Planters' returns, the areas by survey not being yet known. The field books were forwarded to the Survey Office, in order that the plans might be plotted and areas ascertained.

If these annual extensions were surveyed as they should be the season after plantation, little or no previous demarcation would be required if the boundary marks of the last previous cultivation have been properly kept up.

I must, however, retract the opinion expressed in my letter of 26th April last, that no separate demarcators are required, if the Surveyors are to carry out their Survey work under the superintendence of their own department, as they must then be looked on as Surveyors simply, and not, as I intended they should be, Surveyors making, as they went along, what little demarcation they found necessary beyond that effected by the planters or other demarcators.

4. And, before proceeding farther, I beg an authoritative opinion as to whether the planters are, or are not bound to demarcate and keep up the boundary marks of extensions.

My views were expressed in a letter to the Deputy Collector nearly two years ago, and I beg to append extract therefrom :—

2. "It is evident that if the survey of each year's planting is carefully marked "on the ground, and the marks maintained, much of the difficulty that Colonel "Priestley speaks of would disappear.

"Henceforth each year's planting, as surveyed, must be distinctly marked "with stones or substantial posts firmly fixed in the ground, or by marked rocks "or trees, unless a permanent way or stream indicates the boundary, and it will "be the duty of the Revenue authorities to see that these marks are maintained. "The importance of them should be impressed on the planters, who should be "requested to give their co-operation to what will so greatly facilitate the Surveyors' "and Revenue Officers' duties, and leave them more leisure for meeting the wants "of applicants for waste lands. The surveyed plantings of each year must be "considered 'fields' under Act XXVIII. of 1860; and even after all of several "different years' plantings contiguous to one another have come under assessment, "the boundary marks of each must be kept up, as these divisions will hereafter "materially assist transfers of portions of estates; the settlement of claims to "relinquishment of assessment on abandoned cultivation; and revenue operations "generally.

"Where the boundaries are not kept up, prompt action must be taken under Section 6, Act XXVIII. of 1860."

5. My instructions have not been attended to in this respect; little or nothing has been done in the way of marking extensions of cultivation; and in March last, Mr. Richardson wrote to say that the planters positively refused to pay or supply labor, &c., for demarcation of the cultivated portions of their estates. I observed, in reply, that in that case it was for him to have the demarcation effected, and recover the cost from the persons liable, under Act XXVIII. of 1860. The season was well nigh over, however; and the Deputy Collector, who has just returned from leave has personally expressed to me doubts as to whether the planters are liable to be called on to demarcate extensions of cultivation at their own expense.

I beg the Board's instructions on this point.

6. However this may be determined, I think that, as the present system of conducting the Survey work has certainly failed, Major Hessey's suggestion should be adopted and tried for the approaching working season; viz., that Surveyors should be despatched to Wynaad for the healthy season only, to survey under the superintendence of their own department. The Board, in fact, have approved this course in their Proceedings dated the 9th ultimo.

The Surveyors' duties will be (1) to survey extensions of cultivation hitherto unsurveyed; (2) to survey forest or other Government waste land for sale; and (3) to correct, if necessary, inaccuracies in previous surveys.

7. I cannot say exactly what extensions will remain to be surveyed, if possible in the season now approaching, as I do not know the fresh plantations of this monsoon; but there will be the balance that remains on the figures given in paragraph 2 of this letter, and, perhaps, as much more of extensions of cultivation made in 1865 and 1866.

There are but few applications for Government land; and I do not anticipate there will be much work in connection with proposed sales this season.

8. Mr. Richardson recommends that a party of demarcators should be entertained as noted, and considers that with these he will be able to keep the Surveyors deputed from the hills for the working months, as contemplated by Major Hessey, fully employed.

		Pay.	Batta.	Total.
1	Demarcation Inspector ..	35	15	50
4	,, Gumastahs...	15	12	108
6	,, Peons ...	7	2	54
	Per mensem ...			212

These men would demarcate both extensions of cultivations and waste lands for sale.

If the planters are bound to supply labor, &c., to erect the boundary marks, as I conceive they are, a provision of Rupees 500 as a standing advance will still be necessary to avoid delays, expenses incurred being recovered from those whose neglect had necessitated their being incurred.

But if Government is to bear the expense of boundary marks on extensions, a sum of Rupees 1,000 should be sanctioned for the purpose for this season. Experience alone will shew as we proceed what expense is really likely to be incurred on this account.

9. If what has just been proposed is approved, and early orders are passed, demarcators will be employed at once, and work provided for Major Hessey's Surveyors by the latter part of October next.

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1. Submitted for the orders of Government on paragraph 4.

2. The Government are aware that the survey of the extension of cultivation in the Malabar estates is considered necessary for the correct adjustment of the Government demand, uncultivated portions of estates being not liable to taxation under the peculiar system of that district, and it may be said that as a necessary preliminary to Survey, demarcation is necessary for the prevention or adjustment of disputes, &c.—(*Vide* Section 2, Act XXVIII. of 1860.)

3. But it is evident that the disputes contemplated by the Act were not of the nature of disputes as to the accuracy of the Government demand on such extensions, but disputes between adjoining landholders as to their respective boundaries, and it seems doubtful whether a later extension of planting, in a coffee estate for

instance, could properly be designated a separate *field* in the sense in which that word is used in the Act.

4. If the Act cannot be applied, the expense of demarcation must be borne by Government if the present system of survey is to be maintained.

No. 643. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1866, No. 3,236.

Land Revenue

Section II., Act XXVIII. of 1860, empowers the Collector when he considers it necessary for, *inter alia*, "conducting and perpetuating a survey "or settlement of land revenue, to fix the boundaries of fields, holdings, estates or "villages, and to require the owner or occupant of the field, holding or estate • • • "to clear the boundary line • • • and also to set up, form, and maintain boundary "marks, of such materials and in such number and manner as may be determined" by him under the orders of the Board of Revenue. Under this enactment, Mr. Ballard can compel the owners of estates to set up and maintain marks round their estates and the component fields, if any, of such estates; but the Government do not see that he can parcel out an estate into fields, if these do not exist, or can regard each year's extension of cultivation within the limits of the estate as a "field." In these cases Government must bear the expense of demarcation.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1,574.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th March 1866.

Read the following letter from Major W. H. HESSEY, Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Pulecarnee, 26th February 1866, No. 384-7:—

1. In Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,419, dated 27th April 1863, paragraph 2, the Collectors of Districts were called on for their opinion as to the correctness of the Survey Maps in their respective Districts. The Collector of Malabar, in letter printed with Proceedings of Board, No. 3,594, stated that several of the planters in Wynad had complained of the inaccuracy of the Maps of their estates.

11th June 1864.

2. On the 11th March 1864, the Collector addressed Colonel Priestley, and enclosed copies of statements of discrepancies between the survey areas and the returns furnished by planters, also two original letters from planters.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel Priestley, on 20th March 1864, started for Wynad with a small party, for the purpose of examining the surveys complained of.

1 Sub-Assistant.
1 Head Surveyor.
2 Detail Surveyors.
1 Computer.
1 Draughtsman.
1 Writer.
35 Peons and Measurers.

4. The season was unfortunately a very sickly one, one Surveyor died, and Colonel Priestley himself barely escaped with life: twenty estates were, however, corrected, as shown in the annexed list.

5. A second letter from Mr. Ballard, dated 14th April 1864, unfortunately did not reach Colonel Priestley in time to enable him to make inquiries on the spot into the discrepancies complained of.

No. 1,239.

6. Colonel Priestley, when reporting the satisfactory adjustment of disputes on the Shervaroy Hills, proposed (see his letter, dated 13th August 1864, No. 599-14,) that about October [illegible] a small party should be detached under a competent person to accompany the Collector, or, if he were prevented by duty, the Deputy Collector, on a tour round the estates in Wynad pronounced by the proprietors to be incorrectly surveyed. The Board approved of the proposal which also met with the approbation of the Collector.

Printed with Proceedings Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1864, No. 611.

Proceedings Board of Revenue, dated 8th November 1864, No. 7,316.

7. Mr. Starr, Office Assistant, was accordingly detached. He completed the examination of forty-four estates. One man succumbed to the climate, and several others suffered seriously.

See Annual Report for 1864, paragraphs 65 and 66.

8. On 20th November 1865, Mr. Starr was again detached to complete the work. He has succeeded in examining seventeen of the remaining estates.

9. I enclose a detailed Statement of the whole of the estates.

10. I have to request permission to offer a few remarks on the very unsatisfactory nature of the surveys that are being carried on under the orders of the Collector.

		Rs.	A.	P.
4	Surveyors	384	0	0
1	Detail do...	48	0	0
1	Gumastah...	18	0	0
3	Draughtsmen	19	8	0
2	Writers and computers	114	0	0
40	Peons...	53	0	0
	Sadirward...	280	0	0
		10	0	0
	Total...	997	8	0

* Printed in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th September 1864, No. 6,171, paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

11. In February 1863, an establishment was placed at the disposal of the Collector for the survey of increase in the cultivation of coffee.

12. In letter,* No. 599-14, of 13th August 1864, above quoted, Colonel Priestley pointed out the difficulty that the system of examining the extent of coffee cultivation each year occasioned, and also stated that the work performed by the Surveyors attached to the Collector was not satisfactory.

13. When detaching Mr. Starr in November last, I directed him to make inquiries on certain points. I append the queries put by me, and his replies. It will be seen that no demarcation is performed before the Surveyors begin their work; that they are not in the habit of working from any points fixed by previous surveys; that the amount of work they turn out is inadequate.

14. Previous to despatching Mr. Starr to Wynad, I directed him not to touch any estate that the Deputy Collector did not report as permanently demarcated. I informed the Deputy Collector of this, and also communicated with the Collector.

15. I enclose Mr. Starr's report: it will be seen that he would have been compelled to remain idle altogether had he acted up to my instructions. He, therefore, with the assistance of the proprietors, put up some marks.

16. I respectfully submit that it is absolutely necessary that the boundaries of estates should be permanently settled and marked before Surveyors be sent there. The working season is short, the Revenue authorities, as represented by the Deputy Collector, appear to have rendered no assistance whatsoever.

17. I have also to represent that the Maps, which were sent to Mr. Richardson in order that he might obtain the signature of the proprietors, have not been returned to this office in order that authenticated copies might be supplied. I have to request that he may be directed to obtain them and transmit them directly.

18. Mr. Richardson is still sending in, from time to time, surveys of pieces of land to be plotted and drawn in my office. I am complying with his requests, but I wish to represent that each plan so sent in represents a certain sum of money almost absolutely wasted.

19. The total expenditure on the Wynad Survey is sanctioned, about 10,890 Rupees per annum. The regular working season extends from October to middle of March. The above-mentioned sum will suffice to pay a small and efficient establishment *well* for four months.

20. I see no object in keeping under-paid men the whole year doing, or pretending to do work in which no reliance can be placed, and which has to be done over again perhaps the very next year.

21. Colonel Priestley in letter, dated 13th August 1864, has already pointed out this to the Board. I trust that I may be deemed not to have exceeded my duty in again soliciting their attention to it.

No. 599-14.

22. In Government Order, dated 17th February 1866, it would seem to be the intention of Government eventually to have the land on the hill stations mapped. If such be the case, the officer in charge of the work on the Neilgherries might with ease control the operations of a select party of Surveyors in Wynad during the four months in each year that field work is practicable.

23. The Deputy Collector is on the spot: a chief part of his duties is, I believe, to settle disputes about land. Demarcation need not be restricted to any particular season. Without detriment to his other duties, the Deputy Collector might, I should imagine, in eight months settle and demarcate sufficient land to occupy three or four Surveyors during the four months they should be employed in the Wynad.

24. If the Board wish I shall have pleasure in submitting, for their approval, a scale of establishment for the purpose.

25. The Government in Proceedings of 31st December 1861, No. 2,390, when passing orders on the proposal of the Chief Engineer for the survey of properties on the Hills, directed Mr. Newill, the Director of Revenue Settlement, to ascertain from Major Priestley whether the Survey establishment, to be kept upon in Wynad for annually ascertaining the area to be taxed, could not be made available for surveying properties on the Hills, and stated that it was not that a Survey establishment should be maintained all the year round in either locality.

Now Lieutenant Colonel.

26. The Superintendent of Survey in his letter, dated 17th February 1862, No. 184, to Mr. Newill, connected with Proceedings of Government, dated 19th May 1862, No. 1,097, stated that the establishment would be available for duty on the Hills from April to October each year.

27. If survey to any extent is to be carried on, on the Neilgherries, it would, as suggested above in paragraph 22, perhaps be advisable to detach men from the Neilgherries to Wynad, instead of from Wynad to the Neilgherries.

28. There is no period in the year in which field work cannot be done in some part of the Neilgherries. The best months in Wynad for field work have been ascertained to be November, December, January, and February. Field work may be done to a small extent for a month earlier and a month later, but at considerably increased cost, from the delays caused by sickness and rain.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Replying to Superintendent's Queries, Memorandum No. 1,261-280, dated 17th November 1865.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Reporting on work performed in Wynad during this season.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of Coffee estates in Wynad showing the dates, and by whom they have been corrected from 1864 to 1866.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Correspondence.

Forwarded to the Collector of Malabar for any remarks he may wish to offer, which would be submitted at an early date.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar,
with four enclosures, to be returned.

Copy to the Officiating Superintendent, Revenue Survey.

Exd. J. Wright.

1866. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 7th March 1866.

Despatched

Received 24/3/66

No. 1,574.

Forwarding to Collector of Malabar, for remarks, letter from Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, reporting, on examination of the survey of certain estates in Wynad; and submitting remarks on unsatisfactory nature of Surveys carried on under orders of Collector.

No. 3,352.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th May 1866.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 26th April 1866, No. 135:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings noted, covering a letter from the Superintendent of Survey, remarking on the progress of the surveys in Wynad.

Dated 7th March 1866, No. 1,574.

2. The progress of the Surveyors in Wynad has been, from first to last, singularly unsatisfactory. Mainly, I believe, this has arisen from the difficulties of the country and climate, and the extreme aversion of good Surveyors to work there; but also from the fact that the Surveyors supplied have generally been very inefficient.

The above are the causes of failure. I do not, of course, say that the Revenue authorities have, in every single instance, done every possible thing that they could have done; but I do say that Major Hessey's complaints as against the Revenue authorities, are quite unjustified by facts; and I cannot but suppose, that had he been better informed on what he was writing about, the remarks he has committed himself to, would not have been made.

3. In justice to the Deputy Collector, Mr. Richardson, who has had an infinity of trouble in connexion with the survey, I am bound to state this very plainly, but now, leaving the particular question of what department is to blame for admitted failure, I beg to offer some more general remarks on the work.

4. In paragraph 12 Major Hessey speaks of Colonel Priestley's having pointed out "the "difficulty that the system of examining the extent of coffee cultivation each year occasioned," and of his having stated "that the work performed by the Surveyors attached to the Collector "was not satisfactory."

5. It may be well to notice that the principal surveys required are—

Firstly.—Of annual extension of cultivation on estates.

Secondly.—Of forest or other tracts of Government waste land applied for.

Thirdly.—Corrections of previous inaccurate surveys.

The extent of cultivation "examined each year" for purposes of survey in a surveyed estate, is only the extension of cultivation of the year, or unsurveyed extension of any previous year, since the estate survey.

This is simply necessitated by the revenue system, and as long as the present system obtains, complaint regarding the difficulty of surveying the annual extension is idle.

6. Previous demarcation of the annual cultivation extensions I do not consider necessary: the demarcation marks of the previously surveyed portions should be; and I can state from personal observation often are distinct enough, and the freshly planted area to be surveyed is clear to any one; and should be demarcated with stones for future identification by the Surveyor at his points as he goes along the boundary at the time of his survey clearly defined by the fresh plantation.

There are no separate demarcators for this work, nor are any required; I have intimated to the Deputy Collector, however, that the boundary marks should be kept up after being placed; as they may be of great use hereafter in settling questions of relinquishment of exhausted portions of plantations, &c.

7. Whenever it is possible, Government tracts, applied for by proposing purchasers, are demarcated previous to survey; and this is generally done. Major Hessey does not appear to allude to cases of this nature.

8. Mr. Starr was deputed principally to correct surveys complained of as being incorrect. Mr. Richardson it seems got notice of Mr. Starr's coming some ten days before his arrival.

Mr. Richardson seems to have rendered all the aid that was in his power.

9. So much with regard to demarcation.

As regards the Surveyors working from fixed points, I observe that in surveying annual cultivate extensions, the Surveyors do work from points fixed by previous surveys. In surveying isolated tracts of land for purposes of sale, they do not do so; nor do I conceive it part of their duty to connect such detached tracts with other surveyed land which may be many miles distant.

10. The amount of work turned out by the Surveyors has been very inadequate; partly from the difficulty of the country and climate; partly from the inefficiency of the Surveyors sent from the Survey office.

When I speak of inefficiency here, I do not wish in any way to reflect on their tuition in the Survey office. That may be perfect; the men would, I doubt not, survey very well a bit of a Madras suburb; a paddy flat; or a piece of open country. But they seem to loose both head and heart in the jungle.

11. In paragraph 17 Major Hessey seems to be in error. Mr. Richardson writes:—

"Major Hessey has surely made some error in saying in paragraph 17 that the maps that "had been sent to me, to obtain the signature of the proprietors, had not been returned to his "office. Of the forty-four maps corrected in 1864-65, and seventeen in 1865-66, and sent to me "for signature, most of them were returned as they came to hand; five were forwarded yesterday, "and there may, perhaps, be about a dozen more, which will be forwarded as soon as they come "to hand; the delay having been caused by the absence of the proprietors or their agents "from Wynad."

12. In paragraph 18 again Major Hessey says, that Mr. Richardson is sending in surveys of pieces of land to be plotted and drawn in the Survey office.

These are the surveys for assessment of the annual extensions of cultivation. If they are correctly surveyed and plotted, I am at a loss to conceive why Major Hessey considers the money employed in their preparation absolutely wasted. One of the main duties of the survey in Wynad, is to supply the Revenue authorities with these measurements.

13. I pointed out to the Deputy Collector, towards the end of last year (Calendar), the unsatisfactory progress of the survey work; and I discussed the question whether we could not dispense with the professional survey altogether for current assessment purposes. But, on the recommendations of the local officers, I determined to see what progress was made this season.

I purpose reporting on this matter farther in the course of a few weeks, and will defer further remarks on Major Hessey's proposals for the future, till I again address you.

14. The enclosures (Nos. 1 to 4) received with the Board's Proceedings, are returned.

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1. Communicated to the Officiating Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

2. The Board await the Collector's promised further report on the suggested change in the system under which the Surveyors are now employed.

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Officiating Superintendent, Revenue Survey,
with three enclosures.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

1866. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF P[illegible]VENUE,

Dated 14*th May* 1866.

R 3467/61.

No. 3,352.

Communicating to Officiating Superintendent Revenue Survey letter from Collector of Malabar on subject of progress of [illegible]s in Wynaad, and awaiting report from Collector on suggested change in system under which Surveyors are now employed.

No. 5,506.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th August 1866.

Read the following letter from Major W. H. HESSEY, Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 26th July 1866, No. 1,126-38:—

	Rs.
25th June, Mr. D'Silva	70
11th July, Mr. James	70
11th July, Mr. Perreira	70
20th July, Mr. Athlie	50

In addition to the pay per mensem in Wynaad one Rupee drawn as batta for each working day.

1. I have the honor to report that the men mentioned in the margin, who were during part of the year employed, under the orders of the Collector of Malabar, in the Wynaad Coffee Estate Survey, have reported themselves at my office on the dates specified against their names.

2. The Collector has, in his letter of 26th April 1866, No. 135, paragraph 10, printed with Proceedings of Board of Revenue, No. 3,552, of 14th May 1866, touched on the inefficiency of the Surveyors sent to him. It is impossible to engage good Surveyors for service in Wynaad at the rates allowed. The men who were sent were the best procurable at those rates for work in such a country, but are not as good as I can procure at the same rates for work in the low country, where there is no chance of fever.

3. I had the honor in a letter, dated 26th February 1866, printed with Proceedings of Board of Revenue of 7th March 1866, No. 1,571, whilst reporting the correction of the Surveys of certain estates in Wynaad, to make certain suggestions for the better carrying on of similar Surveys in future. The Board referred the letter to the Collector of Malabar for remarks. The Collector made certain remarks, which are to be found in his letter above alluded to, and stated that he proposed reporting further on the matter in the course of a few weeks. The Board awaited the Collector's promised further report.

26th April 1866, No. 135.

Proceedings, Board of Revenue, 14th May 1866, No. 3,552.

4. I have the honor to request instructions as to how I am to employ the Surveyors who have been thrown on my hands, and as to how they are to be paid.

5. As the season when field-work can most advantageously be carried on in Wynaad, commences in November and ends with February, I respectfully suggest, that, if any change is to be made in the system of work in Wynaad, it would be as well that the subject should have the early consideration of the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Memorandum from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, dated Calicut, 5th July 1866, No. 2,119.

The undersigned has the honor to request the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, will be good enough to make arrangements for the employment of the men alluded to in the accompanying copy of the letter* from Mr. Richardson, until the manner in which the Survey operations are to be continued in Wynaad, is settled.

* Dated 3rd July 1866, No. 311.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From H. RICHARDSON, Esq., Deputy Collector of Wynaad, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Manantoddy, 3rd July 1866, No. 311.

I have the honor to inform you, that, as Survey work in Wynaad could not be carried on any longer this season, on account of the setting in of the monsoon, the Surveyors, who were granted sick leave to Madras, were directed to report themselves to the Officiating Superintendent of Revenue Survey, and abide by his orders; but I am informed by one* of them, who has returned, that Major Hessey says he has nothing to do with them. Under these circumstances, I beg you will be good enough to write to that officer, and

* Mr. J. James.

ask him to employ them elsewhere, as was done last season, until the working season commences again, unless other arrangements are made for carrying on the Survey in Wynaad.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Collector.

ABSTRACT.—Nominal Roll of Wynaad Surveyors.

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1. The Board consider that the best plan for carrying on the partial Surveys in Wynaad will be by deputing men from the Nilgiri Survey party for the healthy season, and re-calling them to the hills when they can no longer work in Wynaad.

2. The men alluded to by Major Hessey had better be added to the strength of his Nilgiri party, and made to do duty there.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
with two enclosures returned.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 5,502.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

1866. Department.

Dated 9th August 1866.

R 3467/66

Informing Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey of best plan for carrying on partial Surveys in Wynaad; and directing that Surveyors lately employed in Wynaad Coffee Estate Survey be added to strength of Neilgherry party.

Provision of Rupees 500 as a standing advance will still be necessary to avoid delays; expenses incurred being recovered from those whose neglect had necessitated their being incurred.

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Commons fields, & any
of such estates - but does not
see that the Law can parcel
out the Estate into fields - if
there is not Exist -, or can oppose
Each Year Lessee of Cus-
tomary a field within the limits of the estate
therein as a field - In these
Cases it must Lean the Ex-
pence of demarcation

The working of the Sur-
vey is Conducted in the
Customary Court in Pinchbeck
for order

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27th Sworn 166.

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