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No. 604. Read the following letter from the Acting Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 31st March 1868, No. 657 :—

Referring to the Government Order No. 799, of the 27th instant, I have the honor to forward a letter and rough sketch map from Lieutenant Fullerton, Deputy Conservator of the Wynaad Forests, by which it will be seen that the disputed boundary question has been satisfactorily settled.

From Lieutenant W. FULLERTON, Deputy Conservator of Wynaad Forests, to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated Manantoddy, 26th March 1868, No. 152.

1. I have the honor to inform you that on the 23rd instant I proceeded with the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, the Assistant Superintendent of the Ashtagram Division, and the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Mysore and Coorg, to settle the boundary between Wynaad and Mysore from the Shegabetta tree to the Cubbony river.

2. We all agreed that from the junction of the Mavenhulla and Cannagal streams to the Cubbony river, the boundary as laid down by the Trigonometrical map is correct, which reduced the point at issue to the boundary between the Shegabetta tree and that place.

3. The only evidence on which our side relied, was the boundary as laid down in the Trigonometrical map, and the statement of the forest Cooroobers that this part of the forest had always been considered as part of Wynaad.

4. The Assistant Superintendent, Ashtagram Division, produced two Canarese documents. The first of these, signed by Vencata Rao, late Amildar of the Heggadavencottah talook, professed to set forth the boundaries of the old Kakincottah Talook; and in doing so mentioned that the southern boundary of that talook was nine miles in a direct line from Bakalawady to the Cannagal river, but said nothing of the Wynaad boundary. The second sets forth that in 1855, one Muggy Gopauliah, who was in charge of the Hunsur forests, on behalf of the Madras Commissariat department, felled teakwood to the southward and westward of the Goomchee or Mavenhulla Tod, whereupon the Cooroobers engaged in felling were arrested by the Wynaad authorities, and taken first to Manantoddy and then to Tellicherry. These Cooroobers were subsequently released without any punishment apparently. The whole proceeding appears a curious one, as the Mysore authorities then made an investigation into the boundary at which no Wynaad official was present. In this investigation all that was elicited was, that all the land to the north of Bomadourkapenabettah belonged to Mysore, and all to the south of that hill to Wynaad. This hill is half a mile south of the Shegabetta tree.

5. The evidence being so unsatisfactory, we agreed to draw a line N. N. W. from the Shegabetta tree to a small nullah running into the Goomchee or Mavenhulla nullah, and another line N. W. from that point to the junction of the Cannagal and Mavenhulla streams. This we have accordingly done, blazing trees along both lines. It will be seen that Wynaad obtains a larger portion of the disputed territory than Mysore by this arrangement.

6. I am informed that the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ashtagram Division, has been directed, as soon as this question is settled, to cut a boundary path and lay down stones along it.

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No. 605. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1868, No. 1,129.

Forests, No. 21.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Commissioner for the Territories of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore and to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government accept the settlement of the boundary as shown in the map signed by Lieutenant Fullerton.

3. It is observed that the line runs W. N. W. from the Shegabetta tree to the Nullah, and not N. N. W. as stated in Lieutenant Fullerton's letter by, as is presumed, a mistake of the copyist, which should not have been allowed to pass uncorrected.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department.
,, the Political do.
,, the Collector of Malabar.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

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No. 1129.

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It is observed that the line runs W. N. W. from the Shegabetta tree to the Nullah, and not N. N. W. as stated in Lt. Fullerton's letter by, as is presumed, a mistake of the copyist. Lt. Col. Fullerton has been informed of this mistake.

14 To the Board of Revenue.

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5 To the Political do.

4 To the Collector of Malabar.

13 To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

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