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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th May 1868.

No. 197. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political Department :—

Approving of the boundary line which has been determined between the Mysore and Wynaad forests by certain officers of the Madras and Mysore Governments. } (Here enter 24th April 1868, No. 103.)

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1868, No. 1,278.

Forests, No. 3.

Communicated to the Revenue Board and the Forest Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
„ the Officiating Conservator of Forests, } With Proceedings Political Department, No. 103.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 24th April 1868.

No. 29. Read the following letter from the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Bangalore, 2nd April 1868, No. 48-1.

With reference to your letter, No. 52, dated the 19th February 1868, forwarding correspondence relative to a portion of the boundary line of the Mysore and Wynaad Forests, I have the honor to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, copy of a report* from the Officiating Conservator of Forests in Mysore, and to inquire if the Madras Government approves of the boundary indicated, to which I have no objection.

* No. 1351-196 of 26th March 1868.

2. A sketch Map, showing the proposed new boundary line, is herewith forwarded.

From the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Mysore and Coorg, to the Secretary to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore, Bangalore ; dated Hoonsoor, 26th March 1868, No. 1351-196.

I have the honor to report, for the information of the Commissioner of Mysore, with reference to your letter, No. 6842-752, of the 5th instant, that I met Mr. Wellesley, the Assistant deputed by the Superintendent of Ashtagram, and Mr. Underwood and Mr. Fullerton, the Officers sent by the Madras Government to settle the boundary dispute between Mysore and Wynaad, on the 21st March. On the 23rd, we four went to the disputed tract, and decided on what appeared to us the fairest settlement of the question. Mr. Dobbs, the Assistant Conservator, was unwell, and unable to attend.

2. There was but little written evidence produced, and that was extremely inconclusive. All the evidence produced by the Madras side was oral. A paper, the copy of a document signed by Purniah Dewan, was produced by the Untersante-hobli, Mallali-firka-Shaikdar, which set forth the boundaries of the old Kakencottah-hobli. The only part which referred to the land in question was a statement, that from Bagalwadi (a point in the Begur forests) to the Carnagal-halla was nine miles. But a line drawn from Bagalwadi, and nine miles in length, would touch the Carnagal-halla on two points. This paper was not, therefore, of much use, independently of the fact that a portion of the Carnagal-halla has always formed a boundary between Mysore and Wynaad. Another paper was also produced by the Mysore Shaikdar, which will be noticed further on.

3. Prior to the Begur or Hoonsoor forests being placed by the Madras Government under the charge of their Forest Department, (a proceeding which led to the restitution of the Hoonsoor forests to the Mysore Government, by whom they had been ceded for a special purpose), the Madras Ordnance Department was supplied with wood from these jungles. The man employed on the spot, (through the agency of the Madras Commissariat Officer at Hoonsoor,) was Gopaulaiyar. This man felled the timber and sent it into Hoonsoor. By the oral evidence of Coorooburs employed by the Mysore and Madras Forest Departments, it was proved that Gopaulaiyar felled timber between the Mavina-halla (or Goomchee Nalla) on the east, and the Ponganitod and Carnagal-halla on the west, and sent the timber to Hoonsoor. This would go to prove that the disputed tract was in the Hoonsoor Forests, and therefore belonged to Mysore. But the second paper, (alluded to at the close of my paragraph 2,) showed that in 1855, Gopaulayar's Coorooburs were seized and sent through the Wynaad Court to Tellicherry. That the matter was then extremely doubtful is evident by no record being produced of the punishment, if any, awarded to the men. The upshot of the matter seems to have been that the Coorooburs were sent back to point out the boundaries of the two territories, and that they then stated, that all to the north of the Bomada-Kapani-betta was Mysore, all to the south was Wynaad. This, however, gave no east or west boundaries, and the question whether the Mavina-halla or the Carnagal-halla was the boundary was still an open one.

4. When Dr. Creghorn's party in 1859 settled the boundary from the Rampur-Kaddu to the Shega-betta tree, they placed the last stone at the Shega-betta tree itself, thus bringing the line 600 yards north of the Bomada-Kapani-betta. This stone being a fixed point, we were bound to keep to it.

5. In the absence of any thing like conclusive evidence on the point, we at length agreed to carry the boundary to a point west north-west of the Shega-betta tree, where a small stream falls into the Mavina-halla. Here we proposed placing a stone, and calling the small stream the Kull-halla. Up to this point the line follows that laid down in the Trigonometrical Map, from the Kull-halla, a line to be drawn direct to the junction of the Mavina-halla and Carnagal-halla, this line to be cleared to a width of seven yards of all trees, bamboos, and bushes, and stones to be placed along it. The payment of charges incurred to be settled as the Governments interested may direct.

6. I may here state that the courses of the Mavina-halla and Carnagal-halla do not seem to be quite correctly laid down on the Trigonometrical Map, but there can be no mistake as to the three definite points fixed upon by our parts, namely, the Shega-betta tree, the Kull-halla, and the junction of the Mavina-halla with the Carnagal-halla.

7. I would respectfully beg that if the proposed line is approved of by the several Governments, orders may be given as early as possible to allow of its being cleared. As the Madras Forest Officer is about to leave Wynaad, I would suggest the work being done by the Mysore Forest Department, and the charges being borne equally by the Madras and Mysore Governments.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1868, No. 103.

The Governor in Council approves of the boundary line which has been determined between the Mysore and Wynaad Forests by Lieutenant G. J. vanSomeren, the Officiating Conservator of Forests in Mysore, in conjunction with Mr. H. Wellesley, Assistant Superintendent of Mysore; Lieutenant H. Fullerton, Deputy Conservator of Forests in Wynaad, and Mr. W. E. Underwood, Deputy Collector of Wynaad, and indicated in paragraph 5 of the Officiating Conservator's letter to the address of the Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore, dated the 26th March 1868, No. 1351-196.

2. A moiety of the expense incurred for the demarcation of the boundary will be borne by the Madras Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar, in reference to his letter,
dated 8th February 1868, No. 16.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department, with Sketch Map. ✓

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