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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th December 1868.

No. 189. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political Department :—

Considering it unnecessary to depute Mr. Kelsall to settle the boundary dispute between the Mysore country and the Bellary District, and approving of the Collector's proposal with reference to this subject. } (Here enter 2nd December 1868, No. 267.)

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1868, No. 3,103.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Political Department, No. 267.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 14th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 11th December 1868, No. 3,102.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 169-180.

Boundary between Mysore and Bellary Districts—Order considering it unnecessary to depute Mr. Kelsall to settle the dispute, communicated to Revenue Board.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, 2nd December 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 1. From the Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Bellary, 17th November 1868, No. 75.

With reference to the previous correspondence* on the subject of the boundary disputes between this district and Mysore, and the orders† of Government thereon, I put myself in communication with Captain Grant, the Superintendent of the Revenue Survey in Mysore, who informed me that he would not be able to depute an Officer for the purpose to meet Mr. Kelsall till the middle of January. Under the impression that it was intended that the differences existing as to the exact boundary line should be disposed of along the whole length of the frontier, I pointed out to Captain Grant that this arrangement would involve the necessity of the Officers engaged being out in tents for the best part of the hot weather, and requested him, if possible, to arrange for an earlier meeting. From his reply,‡ enclosed, the Government will observe that he at no time contemplated the settlement of any disputes except those connected with the Powghur Taluq, the disposal of which he calculates will not occupy more than ten days or so. Under these circumstances, I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether the Government still wish Mr. Kelsall to take up the work which is thus reduced to such small dimensions. It seems to me hardly worth while to send him away from his division just at the time of the annual settlement to dispose of so trifling a matter. Mr. Sharp, the Acting Sub-Collector, could arrange for the settlement of the adjoining Taluq during the month of January, and settle these few disputes at the same time.

* Collector's letters, dated 5th June, 8th July, and 6th August 1868, Nos. 41, 44, and 52, respectively.

† Dated 1st and 31st August 1868, Nos. 171 and 195, respectively.

‡ No. 351, of 11th November 1868.

2. I should not have presumed to address Government again on the subject, had not the circumstances of the case materially altered since their last Order.

From the Secretary to the Mysore Commission, to the Superintendent of the Revenue Survey in Mysore ; dated Bangalore, 25th August 1868, No. 3110-62.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 234, of the 19th instant, I am directed by the Commissioner to observe that it does not appear that any advantage would be gained by settling boundary disputes in Taluqs not under settlement ; but that, as it is highly desirable to effect such an arrangement as may be mutually satisfactory, free communication should be had recourse to with the Bellary authorities, who, Mr. Bowring is convinced, will gladly co-operate in settling any outstanding disputes.

From Captain J. P. GRANT, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, Mysore, to the Collector of Bellary ; dated Dharwar, 11th November 1868, No. 351.

With reference to your letter, No. 1327, dated 31st October 1868 forwarding copy of letter, No. 338, dated 26th October 1868, from Mr. Kelsall, Head Assistant Collector, I have the honor to make the following remarks.

2. I at no time contemplated that any attempt would be made to settle boundaries of the Taluqs of the Chittledroog District, where survey operations have not hitherto been set on foot ; on which subject I beg to enclose copy of letter received from the Commissioner of Mysore.

3. The settlement of boundary disputes is much facilitated by the preparation of maps showing the extent under dispute, and I think that the difficulties attending the settlement of disputes on the frontier, where survey operations are not in progress, would be more serious than Mr. Kelsall supposes, and moreover two or three years might elapse before the survey would be completed, and in the meantime the line of settlement might be again disputed.

4. I think it far preferable that, as each Taluq is surveyed, a special settlement should be effected by Officers appointed by either Government.

5. The settlement of the Powghur disputes will not, I imagine, occupy more than eight or ten days, and I have directed Mr. Barker, Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Mysore, to lose no time, after his arrival in Powghur on 1st December next, in having the necessary maps prepared, and intimating their completion to Mr. Kelsall.

6. I would also mention that I am unable, without the very greatest inconvenience, to detach an Officer for special duty of this sort for any period extending over more than ten days.

No. 2. From the Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Darojee, 20th November 1868, No. 76.

In continuation of my letter, No. 75, dated 17th instant, I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of Government, copy of a letter* this day received from Mr. Kelsall, giving cover to an extract from a letter to his address from the Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey of Mysore, who was deputed, to meet him for the settlement of the boundary disputes between Mysore and this District.

* No. 355, of 16th November 1868.

From J. KELSALL, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Bellary ; dated Anantapur, 16th November 1868, No. 355.

With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, I have the honor to request more definite instructions on the subject.

1 Letter from Collector, No. 1114, dated 21st September 1868, Enclosure 1.
1 Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Mysore Commissioner, No. 3838-78, dated 30th September 1868
1 Copy of a letter from Captain Grant, to the Collector of Bellary, No. 305, dated 13th October 1868.

2. I was always under the impression that *all* the existing boundary disputes between this District and Mysore were to be inquired into and disposed of by the officer deputed by the Mysore Government and myself. This would involve, as a glance at the map will show, our commencing at Hindoopoor and working round to Hurpunhully, a distance of 230 miles. This would probably occupy at least three months, for the disputes are numerous on the frontiers of Dhurmavarum, Raidrug, and Kudligi Taluqs. I never had a doubt but that it was intended that our work should be continuous, that having once commenced we should dispose of all the existing disputes.

3. But from the letter* received this day from Mr. Barker, the gentleman deputed to meet me, it is evident that the Mysore Revenue Survey entertain a very different opinion. Mr. Barker, after consulting with Captain Grant, explains that they propose to do the work in what I may be allowed to call a piece-meal fashion. Thus he will not be prepared to commence the Raidrug Moolcalmuru disputes for two years, the Dodairee Kalyandrug questions for one year, &c. By January, Mr. Barker considers a sufficient number of cases will be ready to occupy us for not more than ten days.

* Copy of which is enclosed.

4. The questions must, I respectfully submit, be settled once for all, and continuously. I cannot, at intervals of a few weeks, keep leaving my own division and proceeding to the south of the district, when the Survey have prepared maps of one or two villages adjoining this district.

5. As to Mr. Barker's statement that the boundary line has been laid down in the Hurryhur and Canacoopa Taluqs, I cannot allow this to pass unnoticed. The line may have been laid down to the satisfaction of the Mysore Survey ; but there have been and still are many disputes on the Kudligi frontier at Oojany, Nimbagiry, and Hossahully. I believe in only one instance was Mr. Lilly, the late Head Assistant Collector, consulted.

6. On receipt of the letter from Mr. Barker I again referred to the Government Orders, and I find (G.O., 31st August, No. 195) we are to settle the disputes between the Chittledroog District and the frontier villages of the Bellary District. On referring to the map I find some ten Mysore Taluqs adjoining this district ; but I cannot obtain any information as to whether all or any of them are comprised in the Chittledroog District. Government, when passing the orders, were probably unaware of the number of disputes all along the frontier.

7. I have the honor, therefore, to request more explicit instructions, and, at the same time, most respectfully urge that the work may not be done in a piece-meal fashion, but that, when once commenced, it may be continued to the end.

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I have received your letter of the 3rd instant, and at once consulted Captain Grant on the subject to which it alluded. Captain Grant tells me that he has answered the Collector of Bellary, who referred to him officially on the same subject.

2. The boundary between your Collectorate and the Mysore Taluqs of Hurryhur and Kunkoopa has been laid down, and now no disputes exist. In the case of Moolcalmuru it might be two years, and in the case of Dodairee Taluq one year, before Survey operations are completed ; and were we to attempt the settlement now, it would necessitate our going over the boundary of every village on either side whether a dispute existed or not, and I am in hopes that, in many cases, there may be no disputes at all ; indeed we are borne out in this opinion by what has taken place in all the surveyed Taluqs. I shall be down in my districts about the 1st December, and shall at once give my best attention to getting maps of disputed land ready, and will let you know in good time. I may confidently say that all will be ready by the 15th January, and the settlement will not, I think, occupy more than ten days.

3. There are now no disputes left unsettled excepting where the Moolcalmuru, Dodairee, and Powghur Taluqs adjoin your Collectorate. Kunkoopa and Hurryhur were settled long ago.

(Signed) J. B. BARKER,
Asst. Supt., Revenue Survey.

DHARWAR, *9th November* 1868.

(True Copy).

(Signed) J. KELSALL,
Head Assistant Collector.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1868, No. 267.

As it appears that only a small portion of the boundary between the Mysore country and the Bellary District can be determined at present, it will be unnecessary, in the opinion of Government, to depute Mr. Kelsall for this duty, and the Collector's proposal is approved.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wric[illegible]

Revenue Dept.
Pt. 3857.

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POLITICAL.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF BELLARY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 2nd.

Recd. 11th *Encl.*

G. O., 2nd December 1868, No. 267.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 1—3.

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