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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th March 1868.*

No. 26. Read the following Endorsement of the Political Department :—

Requesting him to appoint an Officer to meet }
Lieutenant Fullerton, of the Forest Depart- } (Here enter 19th February 1868, No. 52.)
ment, and the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, for }
the purpose of laying down the boundary line }
of the Mysore and Wynaad forests.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1868, No. 570.

Forests, No. 2.

Communicated to the Board of
Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Political Department, No. 52.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman,

No. 52.

To

THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TERRITORIES OF
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJAH OF MYSORE.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit for your information the enclosed correspondence relative to a portion of the boundary line of the Mysore and Wynaad Forests.

2. It would appear from the correspondence that the tract of jungle from the boundary mark known as the "Shegabetta tree" to the Cubbon river still requires to be determined. As it is desirable that the respective limits of the territories should be ascertained, I am to request that you will be so good as to appoint an Officer to meet Lieutenant Fullerton, of the Forest Department, and the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, at an early date, for the purpose of laying down the boundary line.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
19th February 1868.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

James R. Ellis.
Chief Secretary.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 8th February 1868, No. 16.

I have the honor to submit the enclosures noted for the early orders of Government. In

No. 1. From Major Hunter to Lieutenant Fullerton (sic), 1859, Dr. Cleghorn, in communication with
dated 23rd May 1865, No. 12. the Mysore authorities, settled the boundary
No. 2. From Lieutenant Fullerton to Major Hunter, dated between Wynaad and Mysore east of the
23rd March 1866, No. 180. "Shegabetta Tree". North-west from this
No. 3. From Lieutenant Fullerton to Major Hunter, dated point, which is marked on the Trigonometrical
23rd March 1866, No. 181. Survey Map, to the Cubbon river, I am not
No. 4. From Major Hunter to Lieutenant Fullerton, dated aware that the boundary has been definitely
29th March 1866, No. 304. settled.
No. 5. From 1st Assistant Conservator of Mysore, to If the Trigonometrical Survey Map is any
Lieutenant Fullerton, dated 8th April 1865, No. 741-9. guide, the boundary claimed by our Forest
No. 6. From 1st Assistant Conservator of Mysore to Department is clearly the correct one; and the
Lieutenant Fullerton, dated 21st July 1866, No. 187-91. line seems the most natural one.
No. 7. From Lieutenant Fullerton to the Officiating Con-
servator, Mysore, dated 22nd June 1867, No. 38.
No. 8. From Lieutenant Fullerton to the Officiating Con-
servator, Madras, 1st February 1868, No. 130.
No. 9. From the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the
Collector of Malabar, dated 6th February 1868.
No. 10. A sketch map exhibiting the disputed tract.

2. The tract, as indicated in the enclosure No. 10, is said to contain some valuable teak; and the definite settlement of the boundary line in any case is most desirable.

3. Lieutenant Fullerton has been demarcating the Forests in that part of the country, and has much local experience and knowledge. It is desirable the settlement should be made before he leaves the Wynaad.

4. I would suggest, therefore, that the Mysore Authorities be requested to arrange with the least possible delay a meeting on the spot with Lieutenant Fullerton and the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, and that the boundary be settled by them.

From Major W. A. GIB, Deputy Conservator of Forests, to Major A. HUNTER, Conservator of Forests, Mysore; dated Ootacamund, 23rd May 1865, No. 12.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 448, of the 27th ultimo, also the tin case containing the map.

2. I placed the boundary stones according to the trace left by Dr. Cleghorn in March or April 1863, but I cannot quite recollect where the first one was erected. I know there is a pillar at Ranpore, where I slept two or three nights on the occasion, but I cannot remember whether it is an old or a new one.

3. There is another stone on the road to Sultan's Battery; but I do not remember the place marked in your map "Hooscottah." From thence the line strikes across country to the Shegabetta hill, upon the slope of which I placed the last stone.

4. Up to this point, a line had been marked out, by felling the trees, by Dr. Cleghorn and Major Clerk, Superintendent Ashtagram Division, but I have never seen any line traced beyond this.

5. The whole party got fever I believe, and probably were compelled to go before they had completed their work. There may be a trace beyond this, but I never saw or heard of it, and it is from this point to the Maveenhullah nullah that I am in doubts about the boundary. The distance cannot be more than two or three miles at the most.

6. The boundary as laid down in the piece of map you have sent me appears correct, unless it is that it appears to come too much into Wynaad; but, as the pillars are placed, that does not matter, and, as it has never been surveyed, it is impossible it should be quite correctly laid down in the map.

7. Your Overseer, the late Darogah, was with the party when cutting the boundary, and with me when placing the stones, and ought, therefore, to be able to give useful information on the subject.

8. I have marked out, by a dotted line, where I think your line is not quite correct on your own map, in preference to taking a separate copy, as it shows at one glance where we differ; but I have taken a copy of your map, and will make further inquiries from my own Cooroobers when I am in the jungles next month.

9. In that little space I have marked out as doubtful, there is a place called "the Goomchee" (the Goomchee is actually a nullah, but they always call this place the Goomchee), and it is there that I have never been able to find out the boundary between Wynaad and Mysore.

10. When we go into that part of the forest together, I have no doubt we shall be able to settle the question, but I feel certain at present the boundary is not laid down there. The Goomchee is on my direct road from Chidaletu to Baigur; consequently, I have been there very often, but I never knew exactly where I crossed the boundary line.

From Lieutenant W. FULLERTON, Deputy Conservator of Wynaad Forests, to Major A. HUNTER, Conservator of Mysore and Coorg; dated Manantoddy, 23rd March 1866, No. 180.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Cooroobers in the pay of the Mysore Forest Department have felled 20 teak trees within the boundary of Wynaad, on the plea that the spot where they had felled is Mysore territory. The hill in question is close by the road from Chedleth Forest to Goondry, and about half a mile on this side of the Mamoomulla Tod, which here forms the boundary between Mysore and Malabar. The Goomastah, Shesagariah, of Nisen, who was superintending these Cooroobers' work, threatened to ill treat the Wynaad forest peonson their attempting to stop the felling. Some of the trees that have now been felled I myself marked last month to be felled by the Wynaad Forest Department. Under these circumstances, I request you will be good enough to issue instructions for the felling at the place in question to be stopped, at all events until it has been clearly made out that this hill belongs to the Mysore Territory.

2. I have, in the meanwhile, ordered my peons to see that the logs are not removed from the place where they now lie.

From Lieutenant W. FULLERTON, Deputy Conservator of Wynaad Forests, to Major A. HUNTER, Conservator of Mysore and Coorg; dated Manantoddy, 23rd March 1866, No. 181.

I have the honor to inform you that out of some fifteen or twenty logs lying on this side of the Goomchee nullah near the Coorchart Forest, and which logs were felled in the Coorchart Forest, five have been carted into Baigur by the carters employed by the Mysore Forest Department. The Mysore Forest Goomastah claims them, as he says the Goomchee nullah is not the boundary; but, were such the case, he could not have claimed the logs, as they were cut in the Coorchart Forest and removed to the spot where they now are *en route* to Baigur, and would have been taken there long ago had the Department not been deprived of that place as a Depot. I request you will be good enough to issue instructions that these logs may be handed over to me at Baigur on my pointing them out.

From Major A. HUNTER, Conservator of Forests, Mysore and Coorg, to Lieutenant W. FULLERTON, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wynaad; dated Yelwall, 29th March 1866, No. 304.

In reply to your letters, Nos. 180 and 181, dated 23rd instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have forwarded them to the Assistant Conservator in charge of the Ashtagram Forest Range, for inquiry and report. I will forward you the result of the same.

2. It appears to me that you are not acquainted with the boundary line laid down by Dr. Cleghorn, which gave Mysore a large portion of the Wynaad Forests, the Goomchee nullah not being the boundary, and it is very desirable that Lieutenant vanSomeren and yourself should have no doubt regarding it; otherwise, misunderstandings on both sides must arise. I would, therefore, propose that you meet Lieutenant vanSomeren on any date convenient to you, and proceed with him, and with Overseer Abdool Cawder and others that accompanied the former party, and settle the matter.

3. I object to your peons stopping the removal of logs of timber felled in the Mysore territory, and I feel confident that the Overseer, Abdool Cawder, knows the boundary so well that he would not allow our fellers to fell in your Forests. The Cooroobers themselves also know the boundary, and it is clearly laid down in Dr. Cleghorn's report to Government. A small portion alone between the large mangoe tree and the nullah in a direct line only requires to be traced out between the Baigur and Coorchart Forests.

4. The whole of the felled timber in the Baigur Forest belongs to Mysore, and was purchased from your Department; and if Baigur was also allowed as a depot for Wynaad, in addition to the depots already allowed, cases of the kind quoted by you would daily occur.

From Lieutenant G. J. VANSOMEREN, First Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ashtagram Division, to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wynaad; dated Bachanahulla, 8th April 1866, No. 741-9.

I have the honor to inform you that the Conservator of Forests of Mysore and Coorg has sent me your letters, Nos. 180 and 181, of the 23rd March 1866, for inquiry and report. I have issued orders to my subordinates to stop felling in the disputed portion of jungle till the boundary is settled, and also directed them not to remove any wood which may have been felled. Will you do me the favor of giving your servants the same orders. I shall shortly be in the Heggadavencottah jungles, and will write to you to try and arrange a meeting. We might then settle where the boundary should be, and apply for permission to have it permanently fixed. I am of opinion than the jungle is ours.

From Lieutenant G. J. VANSOMEREN, First Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ashtagram Division, to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wynaad; dated Hoonsoor, 21st July 1866, No. 187-91.

I have the honor to forward for your information a copy of the Proceedings of Government, No. 423, of the 30th March 1859, regarding the settlement of the old dispute between the Madras and Mysore Governments as to the boundaries of the respective countries near Shegabetta.

2. From these Proceedings and the map and diagram you will perceive that the question has been definitely settled, and that the piece of ground claimed by your subordinate a short while ago belongs to the Mysore Province.

3. I could not come down to the jungles till after the rain had set in, but hope to be able to meet you when the jungles are again open.

4. Please return the Proceedings, diagram, and map.

From Lieutenant W. FULLERTON, Deputy Conservator of Wynaad Forests, to the Officiating Conservator of Mysore and Coorg; dated Manantoddy, 22nd June 1867, No. 38.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the settlement of the boundary between Mysore and Wynaad near Goondry is still in abeyance. I enclose, for your information, a sketch showing the position where the disputed portion lies. When writing to me as Assistant Conservator of Ashtagram Division you stated that you would issue orders that the teak trees felled on the disputed spot should not be removed until the question of the boundary had been settled. Your Overseer at Nisen has, however, removed all these trees to the depot at Baigur, contrary to your orders.

From Lieutenant W. FULLERTON, Deputy Conservator of Wynaad Forests, to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, Madras; dated Manantoddy, 1st February 1868, No. 130.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the correspondence connected with a claim to a portion of the Wynaad Forests by the Mysore Forest Department, together with a sketch showing the position of the land claimed by them.

2. My attention was first called to the matter by the Cooroobers of the Mysore Forest Department felling some teak within the Wynaad boundary which I had myself marked to be felled by our Department.

3. Relying on letter, No. 741-9, from the 1st Assistant Conservator of Ashtagram Division, in which he said he had given orders that the timber felled should not be removed, I did not consider it necessary to watch it; but, as you will see from my letter, No. 38, of the 22nd June 1867, this timber has been removed by the Mysore Department to their Depot at Baigur.

4. This question still remains unsettled. The last that I heard in the matter was in a private letter from Mr. Dobbs, the 1st Assistant Conservator of the Ashtagram Division, in which he said that the Deputy Superintendent of the Division was to visit the spot on the 15th November last; but he did not do so, nor did I receive any official communication that he so intended.

5. From Major Gib's letter (No. 12, 23rd May 1865) it will be seen that Dr. Cleghorn did not settle the boundary any further west than the Shegabetta tree.

6. Both Major Hunter and Lieutenant vanSomeren appear to consider (erroneously) that the dispute as to the boundary concerns that part to the east of the Shegabetta tree which was definitely settled by Dr. Cleghorn and Major Clerk, when a large portion of forest was given up to Mysore as stated by Major Hunter.

7. It is of importance that this matter should be settled once for all, as the disputed tract is very full of fine teak. Should the question be decided, as I have no doubt it will, in favor of the Madras Government, the Mysore Forest Department will have to pay the value of the thirty trees felled and removed by them.

From Major R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Collector of Malabar; dated Ootacamund, 6th February 1868.

I have the honor to forward a letter from Lieutenant Fullerton, Deputy Conservator of Wynaad

Forests, together with a sketch map and documents as per margin, by which it will be seen that the boundary line between a part of the Mysore Forests and Wynaad is not correctly understood.

No. 1.	From Major Hunter to Lieutenant Fullerton, (sic) dated 23rd May 1865, No. 12.
No. 2.	" Lieutenant Fullerton to Major Hunter, " 23rd March 1866, No. 180.
No. 3.	" Do. do. do. " 181.
No. 4.	" Major Hunter to Lieutenant Fullerton, " 29th " " 304.
No. 5.	" the 1st Assistant Conservator of Mysore, to Lieutenant Fullerton, dated 8th April 1866, No. 741-9.
No. 6.	" Do. do. do. dated 21st July 1866, No. 187-91.
No. 7.	" Lieutenant Fullerton to the Officiating Conservator, Mysore, dated 22nd June 1867, No. 38.
No. 8.	" Do. do. to the Offg. Conservator, Madras, dated 1st February 1868, No. 130.

2. Lieutenant Fullerton has now nearly finished the demarcation of the Wynaad Forests, and as it is very important that the boundary line of this portion should be settled, and stones put up at once, I request that you will take steps to have it settled before Lieutenant Fullerton leaves for Tinnevely, to which District he has been transferred. I would suggest that you address Government on the subject, with a view to the Mysore authorities being communicated with.

3. In 1859, Dr. Cleghorn settled the boundary line to the east of the Shegabetta tree (vide Proceedings of Government, No. 423, of 30th March 1859). The portion now claimed by the Mysore Forest Department is to the west of this tree, and between the tree and the Cubbon river, and, by the Trigonometrical Map, clearly belongs to Wynaad.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

True Copies/
J. H. Burns
Chief Secretary

To The Revenue Department.

W. H. Burns

No: 30 July 1867 MS 23.

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