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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th June 1869.

No. 623. Read the following letter from the Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 2nd June 1869, No. 42.

Dated 22nd May 1869, No. 1,443.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government noted, on certain Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, regarding the long-disputed boundary between Tinnevelly and Travancore, north of the Arambooly Pass.

2. There seems to have been some little misunderstanding in the correspondence. Mr. Puckle addressed the Resident on the 7th April 1868, No. 1,001, and, in the last paragraph of that letter, spoke of sending plan and report to the Board of Revenue. In continuation of his letter just said, however he wrote to the Resident on the 15th May 1868, No. 1,282, forwarding a plan of the proposed boundary settlement; and as copy of this letter does not seem to have been forwarded to Government, though the plan was, I now beg to submit copy thereof.

3. As all the information necessary for the satisfactory disposal of the question seems now to be before Government and the Board, I venture to urge that final orders be speedily issued.

4. I may observe that the question of right to certain fields south of the Arambooly Pass, is altogether unconnected with the question of boundary, north of the Pass. The latter therefore may be settled independently.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Resident of Travancore, dated Tinnevelly, 15th May 1868, No. 1,282.

IN continuation of my letter of the 7th ultimo, I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of the line selected as the boundary between the two districts, north of the Arambooly Pass. South of that there is no disputed boundary, though the Travancore Government claim certain fields which have been cultivated by Tinnevelly ryots, and included in British Territory for the last thirty years, if not longer. A settlement of this claim can be effected by a mere examination of accounts; but the settlement of the boundary shown in the Map was only to be effected by walking down the line and determining the site of each separate station; and this was accordingly done, as explained in my former letter. I agreed to assume the base of the hills as the boundary. The lands along the base paying to the British and Travancore Governments, are coloured red and black respectively in the accompanying Map; the line actually selected mostly cuts off inconvenient angles, and gives and takes about equal areas on each side. The sum total thus affected is only some thirty acres.

2. The line laid down is eleven-and-a-half miles in length, and runs at the foot of low barren hills, covered with scrub jungle from the Nalakal, a peculiar rock, and Travancore boundary mark on the eastern spur of the Tiruvannamali Hill to the Travancore boundary stone by the side of the road, three miles south of Panagudi.

3. The relative position of these two points is indicated by a dotted line in the Map. The several blocks measured by Mr. MacGregor to the west of the boundary line are distinctly marked, and a letter attached to show the village to which they were said to belong.

4. The red line along the crest of the hills is that proposed by Mr. MacGregor, but it is valueless for all practical purposes, as it could hardly be surveyed.

5. The whole tract of country that has occupied the attention of the Government, Board of Revenue, and successive Residents and Collectors at intervals, during the last twenty-two years, is rented out by the Travancore Government to a contractor for 1,000 Rupees per annum. Hardly any portion of it is cultivated, and the renter makes his profit by a small Coffee garden, and what he can get out of the jungle.

6. I understand that the Travancore Government are quite willing to rent this tract to the British Government instead of to a contractor, when the boundary question is settled; and as it is of consequence that the whole eastern slope of the hills, south of Shencottah, should be under the Forest Department, perhaps you will suggest this arrangement when reporting the matter to Government.

7. The Revenue Survey is now going on, and as we are only waiting for a final decision to close the boundary of the Nanguneri Talook, I request that you will be good enough to solicit the orders of Government at as early a date as possible.

No. 624. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1869, No. 1,839.

Miscellaneous.

TRANSFERRED to the Board of Revenue for any observations they have to make on the settlement of the boundary between the Travancore State and the Tinnevelly District, as proposed by the Resident and Collector.

2. Paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter to the late Resident, dated 15th May 1868, will be referred to the Acting Conservator of Forests for his remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Resident of Travancore.
,, the Board of Revenue, with Map.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
,, the Acting Conservator of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE.

To

THE RESIDENT OF TRAVANCORE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 29th.

Read.

G. O., 29th June 1869, No. 1,839.

Transmitted Collr's letter dated 15th May 1868 No. 2819-306.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue for disposal.

Extract from Travancore Revenue Proceedings—Transmitting the Resident's and Collector's Report on the Boundary between the Travancore State and the Tinnevelly District.

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