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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd July 1872.

No. 197. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1872, No. 1,114 :—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 8th June 1872, No. 1,628 :—

WITH reference to correspondence noted in the margin, in regard to the boundary disputes between the Villagers of Boravancha and the surrounding villages of the Nozavid Zemindari, I have the honour to inform the Board, that His Highness the Nizam's Government having at first disclaimed any right to the village in question, I made an examination of the Permanent Sanad of Nozavid, and have discovered that the village is entered as one of the Mokassa villages of that Zemindari, and that as a consequence it is not a part of His Highness the Nizam's territory. I then wrote* through the Resident at Hyderabad, informing His Highness the Nizam's Government of this fact, and stating that I intended directing the authorities under Her Majesty's Government that they had jurisdiction to enquire into criminal offences occurring within the village.

G. O., No. 1,060 of 14th June 1871, R D.
G. O., ,, 258 of 8th Feb. 1872, R. D.

* No. 1,213, dated 15th April 1872.

2. I have received no reply, and as the village has never been really claimed by His Highness the Nizam's Government (but was merely assumed to belong to them, because under an error, the authorities here disclaimed it as British territory). I have carried out my intention, and directed the Police that they can exercise their lawful powers there as in the other parts of British territory, and the Magistracy that they have jurisdiction to decide cases occurring there.

3. The necessity for this step is the more necessary, because the Boravancha villagers have been carrying off forcibly the crops, etc., grown by the neighbouring villagers on the lands adjoining the boundary.

4. I beg to enclose, for the information of the Board, copy of Head-Assistant Magistrate's letter, telling the Sub-Magistrate he has no jurisdiction, and of a letter from Nizam's Minister saying he did not know where the village was.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From L. A. CAMPBELL, Esq., Acting Head-Assistant Collector, to the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bezwada, 1st December 1871, No. 463.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 264, dated 31st August 1871, (Political), I have the honour to bring to your notice, that a difference likely to be serious has arisen between the people of Boravancha and those of the neighbouring villages of Ramanagoodem, in the Nozavid Zemindari.

2. Recently the last mentioned villagers and those of another neighbouring village, "Vutticoorapad" complained to the Nozavid Sub-Magistrate that the Boravancha villagers were trespassing on their lands.

4. The Nozavid Sub-Magistrate entertained their complaints and issued to the accused summonses ; and when these were neglected, warrants. Not being able to get them by these means, he wrote to me to attach their property under Sections 183 and 184 of the Criminal Procedure Code and stated, as a justification for thus acting against inhabitants of Boravancha, that the Minister of His Highness the Nizam had said that this village was not found in his list, and that it therefore did not appear to belong to His Highness' territory.

4. I have not been furnished with the communication to which the Sub-Magistrate refers; but the village is on the map shown as foreign territory. I have myself not the slightest doubt that it is such, and no doubt on the matter is entertained in the neighbourhood. I have, therefore, directed him to re-call the warrants and stay Criminal Proceedings.

5. The Mokassadar of Ramanagoodem has now presented to me two petitions, (enclosed). In these he makes a series of complaints against the Villagers of Boravancha: *e. g.*, that they are intimidating his villagers and preventing them watering his (petitioner's) tobacco; that they are cutting his ragi; and that they have taken away ploughing cattle, etc., etc.

6. These complaints are probably exaggerated, and no doubt the Boravancha people have also their complaints. It seems, however, that the boundary between the villages is in dispute, and some settlement will have to be made with a competent and authorized representative of His Highness the Nizam.

7. I find several of these boundary disputes existing in different parts of this division. I recently visited and explored the site of one, between the village of Vinucuddapah, in the Zemindari of that name, and the Agraharam of Gopavaram, in the Hyderabad Territory; but as the Tahsildar of Maddera was unable to meet me, nothing could be arranged. Noted in the margin are some of the other places where disputes exist.

British.
1. Maripalli and others near it; 2. Damulur; 3. Narikempad; and Hamlet of Vinucuddapah.

8. At Ganatkur (2*) His Highness the Nizam's Peishcar has within the last ten days arrested ten men for cutting grass on a disputed Lanka. I have written to him to release them on bail, and am making arrangements to proceed to the spot early in January, when the river will be low, and I shall be able with the aid of the Survey Gumastah to fix the position of a boundary line which was laid down by Mr. Newill some years back.

Nizams.
1. Ganugapad; * 2. Ganatkur; and 3. Gopaveram.

9. It will be seen that these unsettled disputes are keeping alive an ill-feeling which is in some places wearying of inactivity. I would therefore suggest that the Government of His Highness the Nizam be communicated with, and a joint Commission be appointed to have all the disputes along the frontier settled by Panchayat or otherwise.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. D. LEMAN,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Translation of a Note from His Highness the Nizam's Minister, to the Resident at Hyderabad.

YOUR note dated 27th Moharam, No. 882, giving cover to a letter from the Magistrate of the Kistna District, forwarding an Arzi presented by the renter of the Jaghire village of Paravancha, stating that some difficulties were thrown in his way by the villagers, reached us. We searched for this village in our records, but the name of the Taluqdar, of the Jaghiredar, of the Zillah, and of the taluq not being known, no trace of it could be found here. We do not find it still what is the real name of the village. In your letter the name of the village is written as Paravancha, while the same name was written as Paravanchi in the petition. Hence, it is not possible to give any orders in this matter. Should you ascertain from that officer the names of the Zillah and the taluq, and inform us of it, we shall pass the necessary orders.

The enclosures are returned.

Higiri, 3rd June 1871.

THIS letter will be submitted to Government with reference to G. O., dated 14th June 1871, No. 1,060, and 8th February 1872, No. 258.

The village of Baravancha due south of Nozavid, Kistna District, about three miles distant, has always been looked on as a part of the Nizam's territory, being marked as such on the Great Trigonometrical Survey Map. It appears however that the Nizam's authorities were unable to identify the village and on further research the Collector of the Kistna District reports that a Mokassa village of that name is found in the list of Mokassas belonging to the Nozavid Zemindari. Under the circumstances stated by Mr. Leman and with a view to the preservation of order the Magistrate has no doubt acted judiciously in directing the Local Magistracy and Police to treat the village as British territory. The facts of its being looked on in the neighbourhood as being Nizam's property and of its being noted in the map as Foreign territory however still remain and further communication with the Nizam's Government would seem desirable before assuming absolutely that the village is British.

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1872, No. 1,108.

Miscellaneous.

As the Hyderabad authorities lay no claim to the village in question, and it is found inserted as a "Mukhasa" village in the list of villages belonging to the Noozid Estate in the Istimrar Sanad of that Zemindari, the Government consider that the Acting Collector and Magistrate was fully justified in his action. The papers will be communicated to the Resident at Hyderabad.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
7th August 1872.

No. 47. No. 1,167.

To

THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.

Miscellaneous.

To Resident' Hyderabad, No. 1,061. 14th June 1871,
From do. do., 16th Aug. ,,
No. 1,409.
From do. do., 29th Jan. 1872,
No. 3,299.

* Dated 22nd July 1872, No. 1,108.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence marginally noted I am directed to forward the enclosed Proceedings* of Government relative to the village of Baravancha lying due south of Nozavid in the Kistna District.

2. You are aware that this village has hitherto been dealt with as if belonging to the Nizam; but you will see from the papers now forwarded that the Acting Collector of the district has directed the local Magistracy and Police to treat the village as British territory, and the Government have approved this proceeding under the circumstances stated by him.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Lxd. F R Bantleman.

Copy sent 12 Aug 1872

No 1167 7th Aug. 1872

To

The Resident at Hyderabad

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, I am directed to forward the enclosed Proceedings of Govt relative to the village of Baravancha lying due south of Horavancha in the Kistna district.

2. You are aware that this village has hitherto been claimed by the Nizam as belonging to the Nizam; but you will see from the papers now forwarded that the Acting Collr of the district, under the circumstances stated by him, has directed the

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To Revd Hydrographer

Relative to the Village of
Baravancha in
Kistna distt

No. 2260
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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 26TH JUNE 1872, No. 1,114.

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No. 1,114.

Village of Boravancha.—Letter from Collector of Kistna District, reporting on question as to whether village belongs to Nozavid Zemindari in District or to His Highness the Nizam's territories, and stating that Magistracy and Police have been directed to exercise powers in the village for the present, submitted to Government, and further communication with Nizam's Government in the matter, stated to be desirable.

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