Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

22nd May 1873.

No. 160. Read the following letter from T. PUCKLE, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Bangalore, 14th March 1873, No. 7,056-52:—

I AM directed to acknowledge your letter No. 105, dated 27th January last, transmitting copies of records bearing on the subject of the boundary-disputes between Canara and Mysore, and intimating that, unless this Administration claims the disputed tract in which N. D. Hebbarti, a Canara ryot, is now picking the Cardamom crop, the supervision heretofore exercised over the said tract will be withdrawn, and it will be treated in all respects as British territory.

2. The further inquiries that have lately been made in the matter of this disputed tract have led the Chief Commissioner to entertain doubts as to the Mysore Government being in a position to establish its claim to it; but as the withdrawal of the latter will carry with it a general unsettlement of the frontier line in that quarter, including the question of the repair of the ghaut roads, Colonel Meade is of opinion that the frontier from the triple junction of Coorg, Canara, and Mysore, near the Bislay ghaut, to some known point beyond the Bhoon ghaut should be defined and demarcated; and he begs to recommend, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the appointment of a Commission consisting of an officer from Canara and another from Mysore to carry the same out.

3. As the locality is notoriously unhealthy, except at a certain season of the year, the meeting of the Commissioners might be arranged so as to avoid any undue risk to their health.

No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1873, No. 518.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council resolves to accept the proposal made by the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, that a Commission be appointed to determine the disputed boundary referred to in the foregoing letter; but he is of opinion that the opportunity should be taken to determine the whole line between South Canara and Mysore.

2. The services of Mr. Sturrock, at present Acting Under-Secretary to Government, who has an intimate acquaintance with the South Canara District, can be made available for this duty in November next, and the Chief Commissioner of Mysore will be requested to depute an officer of standing to meet him, at a point to be hereafter decided upon, on the first of that month.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, J. Sturrock, Esq.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 7056
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Mysore Chief Commissioners' Office.

From

The Officiating Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated Bangalore 11th March 1873.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter No. 115 dated 27th January last, transmitting copies of records bearing on the subject of the boundary disputes between Canara and Mysore, and intimating that, unless this Administration claims the disputed tract in which N. D. Hebbarti, a Canara ryot, is now picking the Cardamom crop, the supervision heretofore exercised over the said tract will be withdrawn and it will be treated in all respects as British Territory.

2. The further enquiries that have lately been made in the matter of this disputed tract, have led the Chief Commissioner

to entertain doubts as to the Mysore Govern-
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claim to it, but as the withdrawal of the latter
will carry with it a general unsettlement of
the frontier line in that quarter - including the
question of the repair of the Ghat roads -
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known point beyond the Bhoon Ghat, should
be defined and demarcated, and he begs
to recommend for the consideration of His
Excellency the Governor in Council the appoint-
:ment of a commission consisting of an
officer from Canara and Mysore to carry the
same out. -

As the locality is notoriously unhealthy,
except at a certain season of the year, the
meeting of the commissioners might be
arranged so as to avoid any undue risk
to their health. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Parkle

27th January 1873 — No. 206-208

Revenue 1873 Dept. No. 782.

From The Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissr. Imperl.

To The Secretary to Govt. Revenue Dept. Fort St. George.

Dated 14th March.

Despatched " —

Received 17th.

Enclosures No. —

General No. 7056 / No. 52 } 1872-73.

Acknowledges receipt of letter No. 105 of 24th January last, and recommends the appointment of a Commission Consisting of an Officer from Canara and Mysore to settle the boundary dispute in question.

S.O. No. 578 — 22nd May 73.

C 9th May 73. R 15th May

C 9th April 73 R 21st

My dear Mr. Dalyell,

I shall be very glad to undertake the Canara Boundary work provided that ~~the~~ the change in the office work inconvenience Mr Frederston. – I think that fair weather may

be relied upon after the beginning of November and would suggest the 1st of that month as a convenient date for a beginning.

Yours very truly

J. Hancock

2d May

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No. 518. 22 May 73

The Rt Hon.ble the Gov.r in
Council resolves to accept
the proposal made by
the Chief Commissr of
Inquiry that a Commission
be appointed to determine
disputed
the boundary referred
to in the foregoing letter,
but he is of opinion
that the opportunity
should be taken to
determine the whole

Accounts of Mr Draper
from correspondence with the
Remarks of the members
of Govt. I wrote to Mr Hancock
with Mr Huddleston's permission,
asking if he would undertake
the duty on the understanding
that he would report to him
privately what should
his reply is put up.

to entertain doubts as to the Mysore Govern:

line between S. Canara
& Mysore.

~~It is believed that~~

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at present A.s Under
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1 " J. (W) Stanwick Esq. " —
2 " Accountant Genl — " —

NB. If required a letter
will be sent to Mysore Govt

to entertain doubts as to the Mysore Govern.

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Settlement of Co.
Legendre Disputes
between South Canara
and Mysore.

Despatch
Inform Govt
Forwd Copy

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Revenue Department

Memo for Orders on 1st Jan 1882

Sometime ago a dispute was reported between Mysore and South Canara regarding a tract of cardamom jungle in the neighbourhood of the Bloom or Chamradi ghaut. The Chief Commissioner of Mysore applied for some old records and when forwarding copies to him on the 27th January 1873, this Government informed the Chief Commissioner that a Canara ryot was now picking crops under supervision, and that the said supervision would be withdrawn unless the tract was claimed as Mysore territory before the end of the current revenue year.

To this the Chief Commissioner now replies that he has doubts as to his being able to establish his claim to the tract in question, but as the withdrawal of the claim would carry with it a general unsettlement of

It seems desirable that we must accept the Ch. Commrs

of the frontier line including the question of the repair of the Ghat roads, he proposes instead that there should be a Commission to settle the boundary line between the triple junction of Canara, Coorg and Mysore and some known point beyond the Bhoon Ghaut.

Roughly speaking the operation of the Commission would extend over a line of forty or fifty miles in length traversing uninhabited jungle and grass land at an elevation of from 2000 to 4000 ft. and there would be no particular reason for their stopping at the known point beyond the Bhoon Ghaut suggested by the Chief Commissioner as the boundary line is very nearly as unsettled throughout the whole length.

In G.O. of 16th March 1872 No. 462 the Government states that where disputes exist as to the boundary between British and foreign territory and also where the survey is in progress, steps should be taken for the settlement

[illegible] appointed, and appoint a Commission both [illegible] for Canara.

I would submit the proposal but it seems a pity that one a competent Commr named [illegible] should [illegible] at a particular point. [illegible] boundary [illegible] should be done in two seasons if the healthy working season is of short duration.

settlement of the precise line by Officers deputed from either State.

Where Survey operations are going on the disputes are chiefly between the inhabitants of adjacent villages and are settled in the same way as similar disputes between adjacent villages in British territory. Here the rival claimants will be the Governments of Madras and Mysore.

In his letter dated 28th Feby. 1872 No. 247 incorporated with G.O. dated 20th April 1872 No. 644 Mr. Webster the Actg. Collr. of South Canara remarks "It would be most advisable that the boundaries between this Distt. and Mysore should be fixed at an early date, not only in the vicinity of the

the Neriya Cardamom Jungle but along the whole line. A Car=
=damom Jungle formerly belonging to the Soondia Negade had to be given up by him, owing to the dif=
=ficulty of guarding it from the incursions of the Mysore people, and when at Siradi last month I heard that the jungle is now claim=
=ed as belonging to Mysore. Other disputes are cropping up and will continue to do so until the boundary is fixed. From Mr. Thomas' letter of the 20th Augt. 1872 incorporated with G.O. dated 3d October 1872 No 1375 it appears that Neriya Dewakamma on Hebbarti has claimed an abatement of Rs 100 in rent on account of the portion of Cardamom jungle now in dispute with Mysore to be paid by subsequently the matter is settled in her favor.

The Chief Commissioners plea for declining to withdraw a claim which he practically admits to be untenable is that it would carry with it a general resettlement of the frontier line — including the repair

The Mysore authorities rented the disputed tract to Mr. Rollard a coffee planter for a much larger sum than Rs 100. I forget the precise figure. H

repair of the Ghaut roads. In the case of a Commission the Madras representative would probably (unless otherwise instructed) go upon the spirit of the old Cor=
=respondence forwarded to the Chief Commissioner on the 27th January last and claim the crest of the Ghauts as the natural boundary line. This would involve an increase in the extent of Ghat roads to be repaired at the expense of Madras and it appears to be with this view that the Chief Commissioner has thought it advisable to ask for a settlement of the boundary line. The Ghat roads as the only

only means by which
the produce of that part
of Mysore can find its
way to the sea, are however
of very much more value
to the Mysore people
than to those of Canara,
and any additional expense
thrown on the Canara Local
Funds for their repair
could be very fairly
recouped by raising
the rates of toll at
the foot. It may not
be out of place to mention
here that when some
five years ago the
Mysore authorities desired
to re-open the old Bednore
or Hyderghur Ghaut they
were so ashamed of the
way in which they had
treated

treated Madras in the
matter of the Coorg Ghaut
that they did not venture
to ask this Govt to
share the expense with
them but opened it out
down to the plains at
their own expense several
miles to the Canara side
of the boundary line.
It does not appear to
be anywhere officially
on record that the
boundary line has been
passed and possibly in a
few years we may hear
the whole length claimed
to be in Mysore territory—
or has a proposal for a settlement
of the boundary with the
view of throwing upon Madras
the burden of repairing a
Ghaut with the construction of
which they had nothing to do.

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Memo for Gen Hunt
Relative to the Title
of a boundary dispute
between L. Canada
& Maine —

Cpy

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Capt Fitch 73. R21st