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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th June 1873.

No. 205. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st May 1873, No. 841, Forest No. 25 :—

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2. By a reference to the map, it will be seen that the line of boundary between Mysore Territory and the Taluq of Collegal, so far as these forests are concerned, commences from the north, at a place called Agara, and takes the water-shed of the western range of hills, south to Punjoor (properly Pulinjoor). Punjoor is at the mouth of the pass into the valleys from the west. The boundaries as per Map were approved by Government, *Vide* G. O., No. 318 of 12th February 1863.

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5. Elephant pits are dug at a place called Emmé Gudda within the eastern water-shed of the hills, whence issues the stream which feeds the Honganoor tank and are said to be used by a Duffadar in Mysore Territory.

6. I have just traversed the whole length of this forest, from Ballicalanganbetta to Hassanoor, and consider it necessary that the subject of the Mysore claims to nearly the whole of this vast forest should be withdrawn, and the boundaries demarcated.

7. I addressed the Commissioner of Mysore by letter, on the 30th January last, with a view to the demarcation of boundary, but have not been as yet favoured with a reply.

8. The subject is one of great and pressing importance. The Mysore claim seems to have been of long standing, but not as yet brought forward by the late Forest Department.

9. There has been great destruction of valuable forest at and near the hill-top sholas, whence issue perennial streams. I was fortunately just in time to stop the destruction of a valuable shola at the southern end of the valley, but unless the territorial limits are demarcated, there will be a difficulty in preserving the forest from wasteful destruction. The large trees are burned and felled, a crop of ragi is raised, temporary huts built, the land is then abandoned for a new piece of virgin forest, while the abandoned space grows up a thick mass of weeds. Probably the same style of cultivation would be also adopted in the plains, if there

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Vide Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,989 of 25th March 1870.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of Coimbatore in a tour which the Board find from other communications as well as this was one of careful observation and useful inspection has discovered what appears by the map to be extensive encroachments by Mysore villagers on forests in British Territory.

3. The Board agree with him that the Chief Commissioner should be requested to depute an officer to meet one attached to this Government, so that all disputes may be settled and the boundary demarcated as soon as possible.

4. The Survey Map should be the authority recognized by both sides.

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No. 206.

ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1873, No. 663.

Forests, No. 11.

ORDERED accordingly that the Chief Commissioner of Mysore be requested to depute an officer for the demarcation of the boundary between the Coimbatore District and the Mysore Territory on the terms proposed, and that a suggestion be made that, pending the settlement of the boundary, all felling of timber in the disputed tract be prohibited.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

CONCERNS BOTH BRITISH INDIA AND INDIAN STATES.

Dated June 25th.

Recd.

Mad.

G. O., 25th June 1873, No. 663.

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Nos. 205-206.

Boundary between Coimbatore and Mysore Territory.—Proceedings Board of Revenue submitting Collector's letter bringing to notice certain encroachments on forests in British Territory, with orders thereon.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
25th June 1873.

No. 664.

No. 207.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE.

Forests, No. 12.

SIR,—I am directed to forward the accompanying Proceedings of this Government, approving a proposal made by the Collector of Coimbatore that the boundary between that district and the Mysore country should be authoritatively determined by two officers belonging to the respective Administrations, and to request that, if you concur in the propriety of this arrangement, you will be good enough to depute an officer to act as one of the proposed Commissioners.

2. His Excellency in Council also desires me to suggest that, pending the settlement of the boundary, all felling in the disputed tract be prohibited.

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

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Original

Govt. of {1873} Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE

Dated June 25th.

Rec'd.

Letter, 25th June 1873, No. 203

JUNE.

No. 207.

FORWARDING Proceedings approving a proposal made by Collector of Coimbatore for determining the boundary between that district and Mysore and requesting to depute an officer to act as one of the proposed Commissioners.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

H Grole
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 21ST MAY 1873, No. 841.

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Forest No. 25.

Forests in British Territory.—Letter from Collector of Coimbatore bringing to notice certain encroachments by Mysore villagers on — submitted for orders of Government, with suggestion that Mysore Commissioner should be requested to depute an officer to meet one attached to British Government for settlement of all disputes.

Revenue Department

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No. 663. 25 June 73

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Settlement of boundary dispute between Coorg & Mysore villages

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I have &c.

(Sd) H. Conolly

Chief Secy to Govt

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Settlement of Land