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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th August 1873.

No. 118. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1873, No. 1,400 :—

Read the following letter from F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mallapadi, 25th June 1873, No. 185 :—

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Board of Revenue, that I have just received a report from the Special Tahsildar deputed to mark out the boundary line between this district and the Mysore territory, informing me that, in consequence of Rungasamy Pillay, the Special Amildar deputed to co-operate with him, having written to his superior saying that the boundary work has been nearly finished and that what remains can be carried out by the Amildars concerned, that officer has been directed to rejoin his appointment and work is at a stand-still.

2. This has taken me entirely by surprise as I have received no communication either from the authorities in Mysore or the Acting Sub-Collector. I have written on the subject to the Commissioner of Nundidroog.

3. The real truth is this : Ninety-eight miles of the boundary have been completed ; fifty-five or thereabouts remain. Of this extent ten miles are on the plateau and could be finished within a week ; five miles are the subject of disputes which have to be settled ; and forty miles are in jungle, very scantily inhabited, rough, and unhealthy. I heard when last at Oossoor that Rungasamy Pillay was afraid of the jungle work, and the Special Tahsildar seemed to me to share his feelings. I can, therefore, only set down his report that operations were nearly over to his wish to escape rough work and a chance of fever.

4. Knowing the Oossoor Taluq as well as I do, I can assure the Board that if the demarcation work is left to the taluq officers on either side the result will be most unsatisfactory. The country to be gone over now is rough and wild in extreme, long-standing forest disputes exist with regard to parts of it, and the taluq officials will avoid going into it, and will have, when taken to task, the unanswerable excuse of other more pressing business. The end of it will be that the village officers will do the work, and do it badly, and that we shall have a fresh crop of disputes to settle at some future time.

5. As Sub-Collector I have done everything that I could to press on the work, and I have issued instructions to the Acting Sub-Collector to do the same. I consider that the Special Tahsildar has not loitered in any way, and that he has done the work as rapidly as was consistent with good results.

6. The Board, when commenting upon the scheme at the time that it was placed before Government, estimated the distance to be demarcated at about 100 miles, but it has now proved to be considerably greater, for ninety-eight measured miles have been disposed of, and I believe myself that what remains will not be far short of eighty miles more.

7. I beg respectfully to reiterate the opinion, which I have all along held and which is based upon a long personal knowledge of the country, its difficulties, and the disputes involved, that the Mysore demarcation cannot be completed under a year from its commencement, and that the work should not be done by any but special officers.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 19th April 1873, No. 603, with the recommendation that the Mysore Government be moved to restore the arrangement to read made and let the demarcation of the boundary be completed by the two Tahsildars.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1873, No. 857.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED accordingly that the Chief Commissioner of Mysore be addressed in the sense desired by the Board of Revenue.

(True extract.)

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

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
15th August 1873.

No. 858.

No. 120

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE.

Miscellaneous.

Proc. of Govt., 15th August 1873, No. 857.

SIR,—I am directed to forward the accompanying Proceedings of this Government, containing a letter from Mr. Price, now acting as Collector of the Salem District, in which he brings to notice that the Amildar, specially deputed to fix the boundary between that district and Mysore, has returned to his permanent post, leaving the boundary-work unfinished.

2. Mr. Price, who is well acquainted with that part of the district, reports that 98 measured miles have already been demarcated, but that he believes that little short of 80 more still remain unsettled.

3. His Excellency the Governor has no means of testing the correctness of this estimate; but I am desired to say that he thinks it highly desirable that the definition and demarcation of the boundary-line should be thoroughly completed, and that the officer formerly deputed, or another special officer, should be sent to meet the Tahsildar of Oossoor, who is still held in readiness for this special duty.

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

Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Govt. of India, Home Dept. (Public Works), Circular No. 120, dated August 15th, 1873.

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No: 120.

FORWARDING Proceedings of Government, Madras, forwarding letter from the Acting Collector of Salem, enclosing to notice that the Amildar deputed to fix the boundary between Salem and Mysore had referred to his permanent post, and requesting that he might be allowed to send him or another special officer to meet the Amildar of Oossoor.

Letter 15th August 1873, No. 858.

Dated August 15th.

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To the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

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To
Chief Commissioner
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Boundary between Salem
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