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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th March 1874.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 6th February 1874, No. 230 :—

Read also the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 9th February 1874, No. 252 :—

With reference to the enclosed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Coorg, dated 26th January 1874, No. 638, I have the honour to solicit the early orders of the Board on my letter of the 13th December last, No. 2,111.

Enclosure No. 1.

From H. G. THOMSON, Esq., Superintendent of Coorg, to H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of South Canara, dated 26th January 1874, No. 638.

In reply to your letter, dated 13th December 1873, No. 2,112, intimating that immediate action in connection with the boundary dispute between Coorg and South Canara is not necessary and that the Board of Revenue has been written to, I have the honour to solicit that you will kindly ask for early orders on the subject as the demarcation of the boundaries has not been abandoned, it has only been stopped in consequence of your representations, and, unless soon resumed, the operations of the Survey Department will be impeded and a serious question regarding expenditure on establishment without a corresponding out-turn of work may arise.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Collector.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 10th February 1874, No. 256.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 21st November 1873, No. 1,286, communicated with the Board's endorsement, dated 19th December, I have the honour to enclose, for the information of the Board of Revenue, copy of a letter I have this day addressed to Mr. J. Sturrock regarding the boundary dispute between South Canara and Mysore and Coorg.

Enclosure No. 1.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Mangalore, 10th February 1874, No. 255.

In the Proceedings of Government, dated 27th October 1873, No. 1,198, I was called upon to address you with reference to the Mysore and South Canara boundary. The main part of the question has, however, been since disposed of in the subsequent Proceedings of Government, dated 21st November 1873, No. 1,286.

2. In support of the reasons assigned in that order of Government, No. 1,286, I may mention in passing, that to have settled the boundary by means of village accounts would have led to the surrender to Mysore of large areas belonging by treaty to the British, for I have had under notice recently a case in which two of the then Tahsildars from Mysore and Canara settled the boundary between them in direct opposition to the terms of the treaty, and by the accident of the location of an inland Customs station on the then Hyderabad Ghats, and the village accounts have since run according to the *Tahsildars' decision*. Other instances also might be enumerated, but they would only serve to show how much we should be led astray by relying on such very unsatisfactory settlements in lieu of the well-defined terms and rational basis of the treaty.

3. The necessity for a return to the terms of the treaty is the more apparent also in presence of the definite prospect of Mysore being handed over to native rule.

4. The treaty not only deals with the general boundary, but also with exceptional cases for special purposes, so that there is no room for doubt, and it only remains to define and apply these terms.

14. In connection with the Mysore boundary question in the Chungi boundary matter, Chungi being under the charge of the Commissioner of Mysore and the demarcation of said boundary having been originally sanctioned by the Mysore Government, and I take this opportunity to mention that there was no time for us to examine the execution done by the Survey of India, and whether this will not be with the sanction and approval of the Government on the Chungi boundary question. I believe that because Mysore being under the charge of the Commissioner at the commencement of the British rule in India, and a small station was demarcated which administered the territory under the direct control of the Government of India. When Chungi was acquired, it should properly have been under the direct control of British Government, but as the station was previously under the charge of the Mysore Government, as the Mysore Government probably did not have money to pay the cost of the survey, the same Government, that this state of things remains, with the Survey of India, Mysore is made over to the Rajah on his returning to the said Kingdom, and as to the matter of the Mysore Government having had Government of India, the direct communication from Calcutta of a small British agent, equal to that of any other, was in the middle of the Mysore Presidency would be too

10. If Georg were thus annexed to South Canada, the present Georg boundary question, which is being again pressed on me, would disappear.

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Collector

INTRODUCTION

From Captain R. M. CLEGG, Acting 1st Assistant Superintendent, Coorg Survey, to
H. C. THOMSON, Esq., Superintendent of Coorg, dated Mysore, 21st January 1873,
No. 27, 110.

In acknowledging the receipt of your memorandum, No. 613, dated the 10th instant, enclosing copy of letter, No. 2112, dated 1st December 1874, from the Collector of South Canara, I have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that though the small boundary dispute between Coorg and South Canara has been settled and the boundary between the Mercata Taluk and South Canara correctly demarcated and surveyed, per Mr. Thomas request in his letter, No. 1472, dated 2nd September 1874, to your address all further demarcation of the boundary has been stopped, and in consequence my work has been somewhat delayed and will be still further delayed by this work remaining incomplete. I therefore beg that you will impress upon the Collector the *urgent necessity* of *at once* completing the demarcation of the remaining portion of the boundary common to both territories, it being essential to the orders of the Supreme Government for completion of the Topographical survey of Coorg.

No. 653.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded to the Collector of South Canara in continuation of this office letter, dated 26th January 1874, No. 653.

Ccns.
5th February 1874.

(Signed) H. G. THOMSON,
Superintendent of Coorg.

(Trans Copy.)
(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Collector.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In his letter of the 18th December 1873, No. 2,111, the Collector of South Canara reported that one boundary dispute between South Canara and Coorg had been settled, and that in the few cases where there were other similar disputes the Superintendent of Coorg had removed the boundary stones, which were objected to, and stopped further operation "pending the action of the appointed Commission," meaning the Commission for settling the boundary between Sany Canna and Mysore which has, however, been postponed. He thought that no immediate steps needed to be taken for settling the boundary between Coorg and South Canara, and the House agreed with him.

3. On the 26th January, the Superintendent of Coorg pressed for an early decision on the ground that the settlement of the boundary had not been abandoned, but only stopped, pending settlement of the disputes.

4. In a letter to Mr. Sturrock, dated the 10th February, Mr. Thomas argued that Coorg was annexed by treaty with the Madras Presidency, that the transfer could be made complete as soon as it is made, the boundary settlement will disappear.

5. The Board think that whether the transfer is made or not, the boundary should be settled, and that the survey of Coorg should not be hindered by deferring the settlement. It would be well if the same Commission could settle the boundary between South Canara and both Mysore and Coorg. The Board think the Collector of South Canara should be authorized to negotiate the settlement, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Coorg, and under the supervision of the Collector of South Canara.

(Trans Copy and Extract.)

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
the Collector of South Canara.

From the Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
the Superintendent of Revenue Department.

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