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No. 476.

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.

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19. If Coorg were thus annexed to South Canara, the present Coorg boundary question, which is now again pressed on me, would disappear.

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Collector.

In continuation of my letter of the 9th instant, No. 252, I have the honour to submit copy of another remittance received from the Superintendent of Georg, and to invite the early attention of the Board to paragraphs 12 to 19 of my communication to Mr. J. Starbuck, a copy of which was laid before them with my letter, dated 10th February 1874, No. 253.

From Captain R. M. CLARK, Acting 1st Assistant Superintendent, Coorg Survey, to
H. G. THOMSON, Esq., Superintendent of Coorg, dated Mercara, 21st January 1875,
No. 67-118.

In acknowledging the receipt of your memorandum, No. 619, dated the 10th instant, enclosing copy of letter, No. 2412, dated 15th December 1873, from the Collector of South Orissa, I have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that though the small boundary dispute between Odgh and South Orissa has been settled and the boundary between the Merches Taluq and South Orissa correctly demarcated and surveyed, yet at Mr. Thomas' request in his letter, No. 1479, 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 countries, it being essential to the orders of the Supreme Government for completing the Tangachudra survey of Odgh.

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 difficulties 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 transfer of South Canara could be authorized to depend on the settlement of the boundary between South Canara and Coorg, and vice versa.

(Trans Copy and Extract.)

To the Agent, Bangalore, for Government Revenue Department,
the Collector of South Canara.

From the Superintendent of Mysore Survey,
the Superintendent of Coorg, Bangalore.

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