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No. 118. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th July 1875, No. 2,092:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1875, No. 213:—

I HAVE the honor to furnish the report called for by Government in G.O., No. 884, of 7th June 1875, communicated with Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1,809, of 30th June 1875 in reference to my "proposed settlement" of the disputed boundary between Mysore and Coimbatore between the villages as below:—

Coimbatore.	Mysore.
Tarampulli.	Agara.
Coontoor.	

2. Agara claimed up to, if not beyond, the tank bund of Tarampulli; the waste channel had doubtless formerly been the boundary, but no stones could be seen at the time.

3. The proposal was that "existing cultivation,"* that of Agara (there being no crops then on the ground on the Coimbatore side of the waste channel), "should be respected."

* Some of the alleged Coimbatore boundary-stones were in the middle of sugar-cane under Agara tank.

4. The Jaghiredar took advantage of the term "existing cultivation" and perverted it to the meaning of disputed land on the Coimbatore side of the waste channel, ignoring the dividing line of proposed demarcation.

5. This contrary action was reported and brought to Major Hill's notice in 1874, who replied generally that the dispute should not be re-opened.

6. As regards Agara *versus* Coontoor, it was a case in the interests of cultivation when land that was useful to one party and almost useless to the other should be released for valuable cultivation, a poor soil that cannot, from its level, be irrigated by our tank, and yet may be irrigated by the Mysore tank, will be gladly cultivated if water is afforded from whatever source, and the question must be looked at in a more liberal point of view than the mere possession of a few acres of land.

7. It matters little to the ryot whose tenant he is so long as he can get water; the salt-land as belonging to Coimbatore and deprived of water was not worth cultivation; as supplied by Agara tank water, it is a valuable possession.

8. I have already explained in the correspondence† that, beyond drawing up a memorandum on the subject for the information of the Deputy Commissioner, I have not corresponded with the Mysore Government at all, or led them in any way to understand that I had done more than make a proposal in the matter. The delay in submitting the proposal to the Board of Revenue arose from my absence from illness in July and August 1873 and from the want of an intelligible sketch of the locality, and which, drawn after my departure, when furnished by the Local Public Works Department Subordinate, did not well illustrate the case. It was well understood by Major Hill that we

† Vide paragraphs 1 and 2 of letter in Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 2,434, of 28th November 1873.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th August 1875.*

had no authority to do more than make a suggestion on the subject; and, if any other department makes a mistake, I submit that no just responsibility can thereby be attached to the simple proposers of a settlement.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 30th June 1875, No. 1,809.

2. It is evident that a regular settlement under proper authority is more than ever necessary, as Mr. Wedderburn's settlement of the Agara-Tarampulli dispute has not been observed, but made the pretext for encroachment. As regards the Coontoor-Agara dispute, the Board observe that a considerable portion of the land made over by Mr. Wedderburn was held on British puttass and that there has been a direct loss of revenue. There is nothing to prevent the Agara ryots taking British puttass for the uncultivated portion, paying the Jaghiredar for the water supplied from his tank.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 119.

ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1875, No. 1,215.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government await the Board's

1875, NO. 1,215.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th July 1875.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1875, No. 213:—

“I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in reference to the report called for by Government in G.O., No. 1000 of the 25th March 1875, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.”

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. H. H.
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

.. to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

No 1215

The Government await the Board's

reply to para 2 of G.O. 20 July 1875, No 1093.

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PROCEEDINGS, 27TH JULY 1875, No. 2,092.

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No. 2,092.

Boundary-dispute—between Coimbatore District and Mysore Territory.—Letter from Collector furnishing report called for regarding his proposed settlement of—submitted to Government with certain remarks.

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