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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st January 1876.

No. 262. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th January 1876, No. 81, Forest No. 2:—

Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kodikanal, 6th December 1875, No. 3,653-165.

In G.O., No. 1,575, of the 4th November 1875, communicating Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding survey of fuel reserves and State forests, I am called on for such observation as I wish to submit. I am also desired to have work in the fuel reserves commenced directly.

2. I have the honor to state that I anticipate no difficulty in surveying the boundaries of all fuel reserves and State forests with the agency already at my disposal.

3. All that is required is that the limits of the forests or reserves should be decided by the Forest Department, and that a line 4 feet wide should be cleared round the block to be surveyed.

4. The survey officials will be responsible for the erection of such marks as may be necessary to render the line of survey easily distinguishable on the ground.

5. The cost of traversing a mile of boundary is about Rupees 8. The cost of erecting demarcation marks for the above will be about Rupees 4. Total Rupees 12 for a running mile. In country already surveyed no charge for topographical details will be necessary. In unsurveyed tracts, the topographical survey of the interior of the forest blocks will cost about Rupees 20 per square mile if executed on the 2-inch scale, and might be charged against the topographical survey of the district. The survey of the boundary will be the only special charge to be debited against the Forest Department.

6. The boundary of the forest blocks or of the fuel reserves will, I should imagine, be run as straight as possible, and no offsets will be required except where the reserves adjoin cultivated and valuable ground.

7. I have no information as to the extent of the forest and fuel reserves. I am, therefore, I regret to state, unable to frame any estimate with regard to the cost of their survey.

8. The survey of the forest in the North-West Provinces is on the scale of 4 inches to one mile.

9. I have the honor to suggest that the scale of 2 inches, or even in some cases the scale of 1-inch to the mile, is sufficiently large for the survey of reserves, however great, and that the scale of 4 inches should be used for special surveys only.

10. The teak plantations in Nellamboor were mapped on the scale of 8 inches to 1 mile. A combined map of the whole of the plantations was afterwards prepared on the 1-inch scale.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 4th November 1875, No. 1,575.

2. The Board are of opinion that the scale of 2 inches to the mile should be generally adopted for the maps of forest and fuel reserves.

3. It is observed that Government have directed that work should be commenced at an early date on the teak reserves in Salem and Cuddapah. The Superintendent, Revenue Survey, should intimate to the Conservator of Forests when he will be ready to begin the work, in order that the forest officers may have the boundary lines cleared to a width of 4 feet throughout.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 263. CHEPAUK PALACE, 31st January 1876. No. 130.

Forests, No. 16.

THE Board's Proceedings are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
" Conservator of Forests.

Lieut. W. J. Lowe.

for the Year ending 25th March 1774

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Trustees

Read 13th January 1774

Ordered

That the Secretary do forthwith transmit to the Governor of Georgia a Copy of the Letter from Lieut. Governor Wright, of the 6th of October last, and of the Memorial of the Inhabitants of Augusta, therein referred to, for the Purpose of procuring the Sense of the Assembly of that Province, upon the Subject of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Augusta, and that he do likewise transmit to the Governor a Copy of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Augusta, and