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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
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Boundaries.

No. 7. *Read letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trevandrum, 22nd July* 1876, *No.* 53.

In their Order of the 24th March 1875, No. 189, Government approved certain proposals made by the Resident for facilitating the decision of some long-standing territorial disputes between Travancore and Cochin.

2. In accordance with those proposals both Governments have been preparing their cases; but, in order to present the questions in a state of ripeness for arbitration, it is considered necessary that surveys should be prepared indicating the rival claims.

3. The Diwan of Cochin proposed that the Surveyors of both States should meet and prepare a map jointly; wherein the lines claimed by the two States differed, both should be surveyed and marked, and the intervening space, if possible, mapped.

4. The Diwan of Travancore demurred to this method apprehending practical inconvenience if two surveyors, each under the orders of a different Government, jointly surveyed and proposed in preference that each Government should have its own claims surveyed, that the Surveyors should afterwards meet, and from their surveys prepare a common map on which could be marked off the boundary claimed by each.

5. The Diwan of Cochin pointed out the difficulty which appeared to him involved in this system, viz., that, as neither Surveyor would under it know at what point the opposing claims diverged, the topography of the disputed tracts would not in either map be shown unless great unnecessary expense and trouble were incurred by surveying a broad belt of land all along the boundary, and even this might in cases be found not to have extended far enough to admit of the map of one party embracing the boundary claimed by the other.

6. To meet, however, the diverging views he proposed that application should be made to the British Government for the services of a competent Surveyor to be paid by the Native States jointly.

7. The Diwan of Travancore having acquiesced in this proposal, I have the honor to request that Government will arrange, if possible, to place a Surveyor at my disposal from the 1st October next.

No. 1150.

Referred to the Revenue Department in view to inquiry being made of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey whether a competent Surveyor can be supplied and on what terms.

(True Extract.)

OOTACAMUND,
27*th July* 1876.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Referred to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey for report.

OOTACAMUND,
28*th July* 1876.

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

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No. 8. *Read also Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 6th September* 1876, *No.* 1232.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HESSEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st September 1876, No. 2627-112:—

In letter, No. 53, of the 22nd July 1876, the Resident in Travancore and Cochin requested that Government would arrange to place a Surveyor at his disposal from the 1st October next for the purpose of making surveys indicating the rival claims of the Governments of Travancore and Cochin in order to facilitate the decision of some long-standing territorial dispute.

2. In G.O., No. 1150, of the 27th July 1876, I am ordered to report whether a competent Surveyor can be supplied, and on what terms.

3. I have the honor to state that it appears from the Atlas of India that, from the trijunction of British Territory, Travancore, and Cochin, the boundary between the two last-named States runs on the Anamallai Hills for about forty-five miles, and that for about one-third of that distance a large river is the line of division. After leaving the hills, the boundary between the two States appears to be very irregular, and is estimated to be about 150 miles in length.

4. It will not be perfectly convenient to detach a Surveyor for the work on the 1st of October inasmuch as the survey of the boundary between British Territory and Travancore will have to begin about that time.* The survey of the Nilgiri Hills also claims the services of almost every available man.

* See G.O., No. 51, of 13th January 1876.

5. If the work could be deferred till the season 1877-78, the time would not, I think, be wholly thrown away.

6. The Deputy Superintendent of No. 1 Party (Lieutenant-Colonel Cloete) has suggested that, if the whole line between the two States has to be demarcated and surveyed, it would be highly advantageous that all the undisputed portions of the boundary should be first cleared and marked by the representatives of the States. The representatives would have an opportunity of ascertaining the tracts of country really in dispute and of which a detailed survey would be required. I have no doubt that, when they actually inspect the ground, the extent of boundary in dispute will be found to be less than they at present suppose. Minor differences might perhaps be adjusted by mutual concessions.

7. If a Surveyor is urgently required on the 1st of October next, he can be supplied. The cost of the pay of the Surveyor and of his peons is reckoned at about Rupees 250 per month working batta included; adding contingencies, such as cost of hutting, coolies, carriage of provisions, &c., about Rupees 300 a-month.

Communicated to the Political Department with reference to the docket in that Department on the Resident's letter, dated 22nd July 1876, No. 53.

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

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