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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st October 1878, No. 1,693.

Read the following papers:—

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Order quoted.

2. The Board repeat their recommendation.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STUBBOCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

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Acting Secretary.

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THE Collector* on one side and the Head of the Survey Department (Board's Proceedings, No. 1,191, dated 4th May) on the other, apply for the aid of a Special Revenue Officer to assist the Survey Establishment in determining [titles and boundaries throughout the process of the progressive survey of Wynaad, which it is proposed to recommence next month; and any one even slightly acquainted with the task before the survey knows that such provision is simply indispensable, and that it were highly impolitic to permit departmental officers, who are entirely unacquainted with the peculiarities of Malabar rights and claims, to enter on those

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I again earnestly advise that Government hold their hands both on financial and political grounds. The thing is a mere waste of public money and more incentive to widespread contention and ill-will.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

22nd August 1878.

No. 223. MINUTE BY THE HONOURABLE SIR W. ROBINSON, K.C.S.I.

THE decision has already been come to that the survey of Wynad is to be discontinued for the present. It has been resumed without orders and with a proposed complication, viz., Coorg allowances to the officer, which may lead to a disposition to "keep it up—" the needless expense and complication notwithstanding—on which also my Minute, dated 22nd August. I hold that it should be discontinued at once, and the party transferred to more important and remunerative duties.

I do not approve of the double allowance to the officers for the Coorg survey, viz., Rs. 200 to the Superintendent, and Rs. 200 to the Wynad—in all Rs. 400 for more occasional supervision.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

3rd October 1878.

No. 224. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1878, No. 1,608.

Miscellaneous.

IN view of the extreme and apparently increasing costliness of the Wynad Survey and the delay thereby entailed on the completion of more pressing work elsewhere, the Government are disposed to order its being at least postponed for a time from the close of the present working season.

It seems doubtful whether there is any public object to be attained at all comparable with the cost of the operations, and the Board of Revenue will report on this point after calling on the Collector to submit his views. In the event of their being adverse to postponement, he should state fully the grounds for his opinion.

2. In the mean time the Collector will make the best arrangements in his power for rendering assistance to the officer in charge of the Wynad Survey.

3. The Government will not empower the Deputy Conservator to deal with unsettled boundaries, but will be prepared to grant him the powers necessary to enable him to compel the clearance and maintenance of those already settled, should further experience show this course to be advisable. The Collector and Conservator of Forests will consider, and report on, this point.

4. The demarcation and survey of the tracts of forest which it is proposed to reserve throughout Wynad will be undertaken either by the Revenue Survey Department or by a Forest Officer as selected and empowered for the work.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

No. 1,253.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th May 1878.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Acting Collector of Malabar.
" " Conservator of Forests.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

No. 1,191.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th May 1878.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. McC. SCOTT, R.E., Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 20th April 1878, No. 1,351-21 :—

IN accordance with the arrangements approved of by Government in their Order of the 1st August 1877, No. 2,421, the survey of the Wynaad will be resumed next September.

2. I have the honor to suggest the advisability of deputing a Revenue Officer, and preferably one attached to, and acquainted with, the country, for the purpose of assisting the officer in charge of the Survey Party in determining and settling the administrative and property boundaries. This is more particularly necessary in the case of the tracts over which natives claim to exercise Jenm rights, for it is on the limitation of these rights that the introduction of an effective system of Forest Conservancy depends.

3. The questions of tenure involved are intricate, and the services of an officer acquainted with local customs and usages will be required to ensure satisfactory settlement.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Malabar who will report at an early date whether Mr. Underwood can undertake the work in addition to his ordinary duties, and if not, what other arrangement can be made.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

Copy to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. A. Grubert.

No. 5,031.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th November 1877.

Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kannoth, 1st November 1877, No. 238-B :—

REFERENCE to G.O., Revenue Department, No. 3,050, of the 1st ultimo, and Board's Proceedings, No. 4,833, dated 24th October 1877, I have the honor to observe that the Board have already before them a letter (No. 232, dated 12th ultimo) from me recommending that Mr. Post, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wynaad, be invested with powers under the Boundaries Act.

2. When I wrote that letter I was in expectation of hearing of Mr. Richardson's arrival in South-East Wynaad to settle the Nambalacode and Ouchterlony Valley boundary question. I have of course now nothing to do with that matter, but I had fully determined to apply for Mr. Richardson's services immediately they could be spared for settling boundaries in North and South Wynaad in advance of the Revenue Survey operations.

3. The fact becomes more and more apparent daily that when in pursuance of the Secretary of State's Despatch (G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,070, dated 22nd May 1861) it was determined not to advance the claims of Government to any waste lands situated outside the boundaries of the four eastern amshoms, a very great mistake was committed. Thousands of acres of fine forest land have actually been seeking an owner on the slopes of the Bolasoro Mountain. Moplahs from the low country have not been slow to take advantage of the fact, and now scarcely an acre remains of the forest, though much of what has been cropped has relapsed into scrub jungle. Between the top of the Periah pass and the Bolasoro Mountain again much fine forest still exists, but if some one is not set specially to the task of fixing what is and what is not Government land in that neighbourhood the whole of it will very soon disappear as Moplah holdings are greatly on the increase. Again, at Pooloo I was lately surprised to learn that a large tract of grass land there which the neighbouring planters would very gladly take up for grazing purposes was actually ownerless unless Government chose to set up a claim to it. It is unnecessary now to speak of the great mountain block lying to the north of the Camel's Hump and Vellere Malla and south of Chambra Peak, because that large tract of fine forest land has been already disposed of to neighbouring planters by men who clearly had no title whatever to sell any portion of it except perhaps an acre or two lying immediately around their houses. Mupynad Amshom still however contains considerable portions of land which belong to Government in default of any claimant and the same may be said of almost every other amshom in the taluq.

4. Again, in the Ellornad Amshom, which will probably be the next taken up for survey, there are many small holders who claim waste land adjacent to their holdings as their jenm property. This amshom was one of those in which the Government determined to assert their proprietary title to waste lands, but it is certain that if the hard and fast rule that what is unoccupied belongs to Government is enforced a great deal of dissatisfaction will be caused. There will be many very delicate questions of prescriptive ownership raised during the demarcation of this amshom, and I do not see how they are to be settled by the Deputy Superintendent of the Survey. Indeed if a special man cannot be allotted for the task, by far the best plan will be for the Survey Department not to attempt to demarcate anything except wet cultivation and land permanently occupied. But as this would be against the rule lately advocated by me and accepted* by the Board of surveying properties in block, I strongly recommend that some one should be set at once to work to have boundaries settled and cleared in advance of the survey party.

* Board's Proceedings, Nos. 3,364 and 4,405, dated 19th July and 26th September 1877.

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Forwarded with Mr. Lee's No. 1, 1911.

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Survey of Wynaad — in Malabar District — Requesting Collector to report whether Deputy Collector, Mr. Underwood, can undertake to assist the officer in charge of the Survey Party in connection with the —, and if not, what other arrangement can be made.

5. Mr. Richardson has special qualification for the task, and I beg the Board will support me in my application to have him deputed generally for settling boundaries in Wynaad. Where forest interests were concerned, Mr. Post would represent his own department, the decision resting of course with Mr. Garrison. At the same time I would not propose that Mr. Post should not be invested with the powers which I have already suggested he should have, because it will be (as the Board will perhaps understand from my previous letter) of great service to him in his own proper work to have authority to make holders of land in the vicinity of his forest blocks keep their boundary lines cleared of undergrowth which springs up so rapidly in Wynaad.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

Ex'd. W. J. Lewis.

Proceedings, 19th November 1877, No. 5,031.

Boundaries of Properties,
MADRAS.

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In my Minute, dated 31st July 1877 (Proceedings of Government, 1st August 1877, No. 2,421), I earnestly pointed out the unreasonable waste of public money and time, which is being incurred in the survey of Wynad, an impropriety which is at this moment aggravated by such financial pressure as even threatens the prosecution of the whole Revenue Survey of the country. When that Minute was written, the operation was expected to occupy some two or three years more. Now we are told that six or seven seasons will be required with proportionately increased outlay—possibly of 5 lakhs of Rupees—and great delay of the proper and remunerative operation of the department in other parts of the country.

I again must earnestly submit that the resumption of the survey of Wynad should be still further suspended. The Secretary of State has already decided that we are not to stir up bygones in the Cochins still to be subjected to survey and, as properly pointed out in the Secretary's office note, the condition of the Cochins already surveyed differs widely from that of the Cochins still before the department, because in the latter the major part of the undisputed State property and the land is in the hands of a very few jenmies; but the reverse is the condition of the twelve Cochins nearer the coast and boundary and proprietary difficulties are greater, while the State interest become much more limited indeed absolutely *nil* as compared with the cost and conflict before us.

Mr. Logan's observations in his letter, dated 1st November 1877 (Board's Proceedings, 19th November 1877, No. 5,031) are more or less sensational. If land on the Balasore Hills is seeking an owner, he has merely to assert the rights of Government and adjust matters. He must not delegate his duties to a costly departmental inquiry, for the *Jenmi Theories* of a few hundreds of acres of occupied land there, cannot pay one-tenth the cost of the operation. It is surprise to find State property in Tiriote simply indicates his ignorance of Wynad. Nearly the whole Desham (Tiriote) is and always has been undisputed

State property, and twenty-five years ago even there were at least half a dozen estates opened there on State land, so that if the planters want the land indicated by Mr. Logan ~~in his remarks relative to the last~~, he has simply to grant it under the rules; nor is there sufficient reason to cast reflections on the titles acquired by Planting Companies, &c., some twenty-five years ago over the land alluded to in the closing part of paragraph 3 of his letter. One thing is certain, that no Survey Officers can traverse titles to tracts which—Mr. Logan's innuendoes notwithstanding—never were open to question. Mr. Logan is right in saying that the enforcement of the incendious principle of confiscation, such as he alludes to in paragraph 4, will cause great and just dissatisfaction; but he invites it, and Government should repress his desire in the interest of peace and the good-will of their subjects.

I again earnestly advise that Government hold their hands both on financial and political grounds. The thing is a mere waste of public money and were incentive to widespread contention and ill-will.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

22nd August 1878.

Comity of Lewes.

and Tank work has been also
made faster according as Capt
Applebee left Portsmouth and the
Credit of the Survey there got to
be considerable over an extent
of 662 Square miles.

The Actual Cultivation
at present every Great endeth there
made to Eastward - the Acreage
is as follows.

	Coffee	Paddy	Millet	Cotton	Wheat
North Wynaad	12006	9783	8145	21633	278567
South Wynaad	14969	7899	4285	24472	211067
Total	26975	16682	2149	46580	489634

The Acres to be set more
or less than Actual according
to Circumstances but to be
left at present Rate as
Basis for Estimate - Coffee
Paddy & Cotton Wheat &c.

Rotten Kernel of the Coco
is worth Seven Pence the Hun
dred of the Blue Pine - Coats
Must be Pell & Bamboo
- Tan Great Stock in -
- Commencement
with the work.

Work Tank for more or
a Couple Hundred Cents of
Powder out the Jungle
Lime to be Burnt

2 Coolies Murray Cutchery.

Rec. Dept.

No 1698

Proceedings of the London Corresponding
Society dated the 21 October 1798

Read the following
Copy of the Record of Proceedings
dated 10th and 29th May 1798 Pages
1253 and 1443.

Copy of the Proceedings
and Resolutions of the Committee
of the Corresponding Society
established on the Evening of Friday
the 27th April 1798 at the House
of Mr Hardy Piccadilly
Street

Seen
SR 12/10

Sir Colchester on one
side and the Board of the
Survey Department
Bds Corps No 1191 Dist Engrs
on the other side for the said
for Special Reserve
Officers to assist the Survey
Establishment in determining
title & boundaries through
the process of the progressive
Survey of Myanaung, which
is proposed to accomplish
next month and any
one Even Eight & against
both the back before the
Survey knows that Certain
provision is Simply
indispensable and that
Eleven Eight & unfortunate
Forest Department
Officers, who are Entire
Exempt & unable to the

Corps Bds Corps No 5031
Dy 19 Nov 1877 and
No 1443 Dy 29 May 1878

peculiarities of Malabar
rights relative to Lucker
on those delicate inquiries
and to raise that load
of conflicting claims &c
which are encumbered alle
in a progressive Country
of the kind, encreased by
dualities & Inheritances
Agency.

The Lojas had
Contemplated seeking the
Services of Mr. Richardson
and drew proposals to
detach the Salaelars
of the Zelongom Head
duty, which is to carry
down Coir & Cocoanuts
and bring back Rice
Large and difficult
Calling, Cannot be managed
by a Stranger, so that
his Place must be
supplied with encreased
Cost.

Should Cocoanut duty
Head the Board determine
Superior and to be
a Precaution of the
difficulties of the Malabar
in their Proceedings of 1787. it will become Subject
as responsible to Survey
and Settle the Defence & Cost
of said Revenue Agency
which proved Struggle
half a Century of Exertion
Attempts to settle the
Extent of Malabar
Canons to be
sufficiently ascertained
by the Collectors on
the Coast. Therefore
all Duties Assigned

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for Sir Thomas Thornton

Brazil Despatches
in his Letter 8 Dec 1827
Bds. Rep. 15 Nov 1827
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the population - their Language
& Religion State property per
Letter being inalienable
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culture which he have practiced
Brazil the whole Province
of Buenos Ayres
(Letter) is undisputed
State property, and 25 years
Date
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Gallegos on Lake
Brazil and the Banda Oriental
Lake of the Patos and
land ceded by
Brazil on the ensuing
Rio Grande, the two Capitals
& Grant it under Marshal
Brazil Lecor Viscount
reason & Court negotiations
on the Letter Company
Charity Compared to
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the Court allowed 60

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE SIR W. ROBINSON, K.C.S.I.

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I do not approve of the double allowance to the officers for the Coorg survey, viz., Rs. 200 to the Superintendent, and Rs. 200 to the Wynad— in all Rs. 400 for mere occasional supervision.

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Note

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These papers returned from circulation on the 5th of September. It was then ascertained that the party had gone to Wynaad some weeks prior to that date & were already at work.

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Bd. Procs: d: 13th Augst 69
in f.o. 10th Augst 70
No 1225.

In December 75 the
Wynaad Planters
Association urged
Govt. to push forward
"more vigorously
than heretofore
the survey & demarca-
-tion of the whole
taluq as a means
of permanently
adjusting"
"the difficulty
uncertainty & trouble"
which "attend the
purchase of land"
owing to the
impracticability
of "securing entirely
reliable evidence
as to the correct
boundaries of the
various holdings"
The Collector Mr Logan
then stated that
"the present uncer-
-tainty

See in f.o. 24th Jan 76
No 91

The usual story – Land
lords in Wynaad as in Scot
-land want to have their
estates mapped & their boun
-dary difficulties settled
at public expense, irre-
-spective of cost & incon-
-venience – & for this we
are again to plunge into
Wynaad survey

Very slightly if at all –
Native proprietors are
disposing of their land un-
der the usual titles very
freely – These persons are
owners of 20000 acres of
open land & for this we are
plunging into the survey
of 1000 sq. miles (2/3rd of
which remain to be sur
-veyed

o There is no reference
to it in f.o. 22 Sept 76
No: 1317.

See f.o. 10th Aug
/70 No 1225.

about titles prevents
the opening up of
the country to a
considerable extent"

This letter was not
answered as further
information was
awaited & when
that information
was received was
apparently overlooked

The survey is not in
detail as elsewhere –
as a rule simply
the boundaries of
estates are surveyed.
Government forests
are to be
"carefully marked
& mapped" but "the
position & extent of
large private forests
are only to be "approximately
shown".

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