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9th November 1878, No. 1,806.

Read the following paper:—

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With reference to the Proceedings, No. 2,234, of the 10th ultimo, I have the honor to observe that if the Government agree with the Board in accepting Mr. Underwood's boundaries of the Varalapadi Reserve, I would suggest that the block be permanently demarcated and surveyed by the Revenue Survey Department. Mr. Pope's survey will be of no use as soon as the lines that have been cleared have again been overgrown. I consider that, even if the Forest Department keeps the lines clear, there will be liability to error unless stones are put down.

2. I am of opinion that the Poolampara and Varalapadi surveys should be connected.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pulney Hills, 3rd September 1878, No. 879.

REFERRING to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,234, of the 10th of August 1878, I have the honor to inform you that I think that the Collector of Malabar should be asked to settle the boundaries of the Varalapadi Reserve, and that it should then be surveyed by the Survey Department.

2. Mr. Underwood in his letter, No. 61, recorded in the above Proceedings, states that the boundary demarcated is not that of the title-deeds, and by the enclosed copy of a letter just received from Mr. Underwood it appears that whilst he thought that the survey was being carried out by the Survey Department, it was done by a man of whom nothing is known that the Ranger chose to employ and has been carried out in such a way as to be utterly useless, if indeed there has been any survey beyond accepting what was proposed before by a Mr. Fitzgerald.

3. Mr. Underwood has suspended the Ranger, and I have called upon him to refund the money he has been wasting.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. G. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge of Palghat Forests, to Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, through the Collector of Malabar, dated Palghat, 22nd August 1878, No. 612.

With reference to Objection Statement No. 115, of June 1878, I have the honor to submit the following explanation and to request orders:—

1. Shortly before I came to Palghat Mr. Johnston told the Ranger to look for a Surveyor for the Chenai Nair Forests. Without waiting for further or written orders he got the forest surveyed by a Mr. Pope, as to whose qualifications I can get no information. Mr. Rodrigues when written to replied that he was now in the service of the Calicut Sub-Judge. In fact, it is impossible to get a straightforward answer from him. The Ranger sent a receipt for money for working charges and paid for the survey out of it. This was last year and there was a provision in the budget and so it escaped notice. I do not know how I first got the idea, but I was under the impression it was the Survey Department that was doing the work. So when Mr. Rodrigues asked if Varalapadi was to be surveyed, I replied "certainly," as I thought the Survey Office would leave Coimbatore shortly and there would be trouble in getting it done hereafter; I then intended to apply for a transfer of funds. On 18th May I called on Mr. Rodrigues to state what progress had been made in the survey. He said "none." I then told him I should report Mr. Pope to Colonel Cloete for idling. Instead of putting me right, Mr. Rodrigues let Mr. Pope go to Walliar and survey the Varalapadi Reserve. On 2nd and 25th June Mr. Rodrigues applied for Rupees 100 and Rupees 150 for working charges; out of these he paid Mr. Pope Rupees 200. It was not till I saw his receipt that I knew that the survey was done by a private person. Now a survey of Varalapadi had been prepared by Mr. Fitzgerald under Mr. Sewall's orders, I think. This was known to the Ranger, and he would know that two such surveys could not be wanted.

2. Now I would like to go into the value or the opposite of the surveys. First, as regards Chenai Nair which was done without orders. All that has been produced is a scrappy map or a dirty piece of paper. I never supposed that it was more than a rough memorandum worked out pending the preparation of a proper map and an accurate calculation of the area. On this paper is written "12 square miles." If the survey book had been produced it could have been sent to the Head Assistant Collector that no orders had been passed for the survey. Government has practically secured no value for its money. The above remarks apply to Varalapadi except that the plan is on cleaner paper. Say even that both surveys had been ordered by the Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Rodrigues has wilfully wasted the money spent, taking no precautions to secure the Government interests.

3. The cost of surveying Chenai Nair has been Rupees 120 for 12 square miles and Varalapadi, 1,500 acres, Rupees 200. This is monstrous. The survey of the latter was done whilst I was at Walliar, and there was the old path cut by Mr. Fitzgerald, and I think four days was the utmost Mr. Pope was out.

4. I have the honor to recommend that the Ranger be called on to refund the money he has wasted, and that he be dismissed from the Government employ. If you do not approve of that I suggest that he be reduced and put under a trained Forest officer when he will be more under control and better looked after than here when the Head Assistant Collector has to go away so much. I shall suspend him from this date pending final orders and put the forest clerk in charge. The Ranger will be called for what explanation he wishes to give which will be submitted in three days.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Lieut.-Colonel,
Conservator of Forests.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. In their Proceedings, dated 10th August 1878, No. 3,234, the Board recommended the acceptance of the boundaries of the Varalapadi Reserve proposed by Mr. Underwood. It now appears that the survey map referred to by Mr. Underwood was totally unreliable, and under these circumstances the Board recommend the adoption of the Conservator's proposal that the boundaries be settled by the Collector (or under his direction) and that the reserve be then surveyed by the Revenue Survey Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Forests, No. 11.

The Board's recommendation is
approved and accepted.

(True Extract.)

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

to the Board of Revenue.
to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
to the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. E. French.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

" " Conservator of Forests.

" " Superintendent of Revenue Survey, with copy of Board's

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