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15th November 1878

From

J. W. Handley Esqre

Government Pleader

Madras

To C. G. Master Esqre

Offg Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

Revenue Dept
15th June 1870
No 917
30th Sept 1870
No 1591

With reference to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin I have the honor to report that at the request of the Collector I went to Calicut on the 1st Inst. to confer with him on the subject of the Attapadi Valley suit.

2. We went carefully through all the documents which could be found amongst the Collector's record having any bearing on the matter and drew up a draft plaint which will be submitted to Government by the Collector

we agree that the most convenient form of Suit would be one asking for a general declaration of title as to the whole valley as against all the Claimants, it being impossible to say exactly what portions they respectively claim, and for a decree for recovery of the land taken up by Colonel Scott.

3. There can be no doubt that the records do contain many entries in which two at least of the claimants, viz the Sraliyad or 2nd Rajah of Calicut and the Wallavanad Rajah are mentioned as Jenmies of parts of the disputed tract. Such entries however don't by themselves go for much in Malabar where the trick of procuring statements to be made in public accounts in support of claims to proprietary right is not an uncommon one. On a consideration of all the information which the Collector has been able to procure on the subject I still think a Suit is advisable. If any of the claimants have any real rights it will be a great point gained to have the Cloud of Obscurity which now hangs over them, and which is eminently favorable to encroachment removed by the decision of the Courts, after which Government will be able to take the necessary steps in the public interest to preserve the forests from wholesale destruction and for the protection of the inhabitants

4. I was necessarily absent from Madras six days exclusive of Sunday and my fees according to the sanctioned scale would therefore amount to Rs 105 0

Pay expenses amounted to Rs 100.

Shall the hon'ble the
Pay me besides the sanctioned

J W Handley

Government pleader

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd December 1878, No. 1,940.

Read the following paper :—

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15th June 1878, No. 917, and 30th September 1878, No. 1,591, R.D.

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3. There can be no doubt that the records do contain many entries in which two at least of the claimants, viz., the Eralpad, or second Rajah of Calicut, and the Wallavanad Rajah are mentioned as jenmies of parts of the disputed tract. Such entries however do not by themselves go for much in Malabar where the trick of procuring statements to be made in public accounts in support of claims to proprietary right is not an uncommon one. On a consideration of all the information which the Collector has been able to pro[illegible] on the subject I still think a suit is advisable. If any of the claimants in[illegible]eal rights it will be a great point gained to have the cloud of obscurity which now hangs over them, and which is eminently favorable to encroachment, removed by the decision of the Courts, after which Government will be able to take the necessary steps in the public interest to preserve the forests from wholesale destruction and for the protection of the inhabitants.

4. I was necessarily absent from Madras six days exclusive of Sunday, and my fees according to the sanctioned scale would therefore amount to Rs. 1,050. My expenses amounted to Rs. 100.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1878, No. 1,940.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction a fee of Rs. 1,050 to the Government Pleader in addition to his travelling expenses.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Government Pleader.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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REVENUE.

To

THE GOVERNMENT PLEADER,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 3rd.

Printed 6th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 3rd December 1878, No. 1,040.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 9-10.

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