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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

18th January 1879, No. 126.

Read the following paper:—

No. 319. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1878, No. 3,178.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittur, 31st October 1878, No. 341:—

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2. On receipt of Mr. Sheffield's letter above quoted, the Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, No. 5, was requested to depute a Hindu Surveyor to survey the tract to be made over to the Mahant. A Surveyor accordingly arrived, and the block was surveyed, the Surveyor's field-book being sent to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, for the purpose of the area being calculated. Meanwhile Mr. Sheffield reported that he found that his measurement was likely to exceed the survey measurement as he had just discovered that he had been using a wrong chain in the measurement, viz., one of 100 feet instead of a 66 feet chain, which latter, I learn on enquiry, was supplied by the Overseer of the Public Works Department at Tripatti, and Mr. Sheffield stated that, under the impression that it was of the usual length, he never thought of measuring it. This mistake of course makes the radius of the circle round the temple one-third more than it should be. The Superintendent of the Revenue Survey was requested by me on the 15th August last to expedite the calculation of the area according to the measurement shown in the Surveyor's field book, as it was extremely desirable that this long-pending matter should be disposed of as soon as possible. In reply, the Superintendent of the Madras Survey informed me in his letter of the 7th ultimo that the approximate area of the land to be given over to the Tripatti Temple is 10.33 square miles, and that the mapping would be shortly completed when the true area would be communicated to me. The difference however that officer believed would not be more than $\frac{1}{2}$ or 0.05 of a square mile.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

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ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1879, No. 126.

Forests, No. 7.

UNDER the circumstances the line traced will be adopted. The Forest Department will attend to the maintenance of proper boundary marks.

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(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. W. H. French.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.
" " Conservator of Forests.

Ed. A. G. Gilbert.

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Tripathi Temple — in North Arcot District —
Submitting to Government letter from Collee-
for reporting the circumstances under which
10 square miles of land instead of 4 square
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and considering that the tract should be re-
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20th 12-12-78

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14th to the Board of Revenue dated 14th Jan
21st to the Conservator of Forests

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Under date the 18th January 1879.

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Wm. P. P. P.

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*Boundary line of Trinity Temple in North
Aval. — Adopting the — and directing the Forest
Department to attend to the maintenance of such
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7 July 1880