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It is presumed that this copy of a letter to the Board may await the latter's views thereon.

With this
circulated No 589
letter which is
a map showing
the various boundaries
of the Abbeokuta
tract. See

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No. *Tinnevely Collector Office*
Camp Chennadurai 13th September
1880.

From *J. B. Remington Esq.*
Collector of Tinnevely

To *C. A. Gallon Esq.*
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge

the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings —
No 9878 dated 8th September 1880 commu-
nicating Government Order No 975 dated
18th August 1880 in which it is decided
to take the watershed as the boundary
between Tinnevely and Travancore north
of Mahendragiri

2 There is, I believe, some land held
on puttah in the Ranginieri Taluq which
lies on the Western side of the true watershed

boundary, and as to this I will report again when I have ascertained the exact extent & assessment as required by the Board's Endorsement & para 15 of the Government Order, but in the meantime I am anxious to take this opportunity of making a suggestion as to that part of the boundary which lies between Mahendragiri and the Arambuli Pass which was settled by the Dewan & Mr Puckle in 1871.

3 As will be seen by reference to Mr Puckle's report it was intended that this land should be leased to the British Government, & I have always been of opinion that to ensure the prosperity of that part of the Country it is essential for us to obtain complete control over the head waters of the Kanumanadi, which depends entirely on the hills then transferred to Travancore.

4 The subject is referred to in the Report of the Forest Committee recently submitted to Government & I am quite satisfied that any one at all acquainted with the Country would agree with the Committee. The Kanumanadi is not a very valuable river to the Government it is true, (though it brings in a revenue of Rupees 12,000 a year even now,) but it is just as essential to the prosperity of the people who cultivate under it as any other river, and under the system of management adopted by the Travancore Government, (as described by Mr Wayne in a recent report) it stands a very good chance of being utterly destroyed. This will be apparent from the reports of every officer who has written with local knowledge from Mr Macgregor in 1866 to Mr Wayne in 1880.

5. The value of the hillside to Travancore is almost infinitesimal, & that Government has no interest whatever in it.

Concerning the jungle or protecting the water supply, whereas to a considerable number of the inhabitants of Mangunni its careful conservation is a matter of the most vital importance.

6. There can be no doubt therefore that it should be acquired by the British Government in some way as originally arranged between the Dewan & Mr. Puckle, and I have always looked to the Alwarcurichi block as offering much more than a quid pro quo, and as a means therefore by which some arrangement could be come to in regard to this tract.

7. I hope it is even yet not too late, and that the Alwarcurichi block will

will not be finally ceded until at any rate some security can be obtained for the south of the Mangunni Taluq.⁵

8. It is not for me to question the decision of Government on this point though I could have wished to have had an opportunity of stating the case for Tinnevely before final orders were passed, but I may at least point out that the forests involved are worth lacs of Rupees for Coffee, and would have been given up for cultivation on darkhast 10 or 12 years ago, had it not been the generally received opinion at the time that no more jungle should be jelled for Coffee and that this particular tract should be worked as a Forest Reserve. It will not be long now before it is cleared, and I can hardly help regretting that I did not give it up for cultivation long

long ago so as to secure at any rate some revenue in the meantime, and more conspicuous evidence of the fact that it has always been undoubted British territory.

9 As to the Zamindars & others who claim land to the west of the watershed north of Tankasi it will be impossible for them to establish their claims, (which are disputed by Traumeoni), unless a Commissioner is appointed by the Government with reference to the 2^d clause of para 14. They to be informed if the Abbadhurichi Villagers will retain any rights & privileges in the tract now to be handed over from their village. I cannot see how it is possible, their right being in fact to fall back on that tract when their other resources are exhausted, & being therefore a remotely contingent privilege, (as far as they are concerned,) which

will now be extinguished for ever. $\frac{6}{2}$

10 As the question is somewhat urgent I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Revenue Secretary to Government to save time.

I have &c
Signed, J B Pennington
Collector
(True Copy).

J B Pennington
Collector

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Madras.

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