Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

11th May 1858

Book No. 7 & 8

Order No. 586 to 5th May 1858

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*Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 11th May 1858.*

No. 7. Read the following letter from Major H.L. THUILLIER, Deputy Surveyor General of India; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William; dated Calcutta, the 26th March 1858, No. 683.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Under Secretary Chapman's letter, No 592, dated the 3rd Instant, with its enclosure, from the Madras Government, desiring me to state whether any Officer is available from this Department, for ascertaining and fixing the old stations of the Trigonometrical Survey in South Arcot and Trichinopoly, with a view to their being used as a foundation for the Revenue detail Survey about to be carried on in that Presidency.

2. In reply I beg to state that a reference has been made to the Surveyor General of India on the subject under whose orders alone the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India is carried on. But I may I hope, be permitted to state it as my humble opinion, that it will be found quite impracticable to depute any Officer from the Trigonometrical Survey Department to Madras for such a purpose. This is now the height of the season, every individual is deeply engaged in his own work, the several Officers are scattered far and wide between Peshawur, Assam, and Ganjam, and the machinery cannot be disturbed the more especially since several Officers have already been withdrawn for Military duty, and I know that the Surveyor General has the greatest difficulty in carrying on the present season's operations with the means at his disposal.

3. Furthermore I would venture to remark that the Survey Authorities at Madras appear to have misapprehended the object of the recommendation made in the report I had the honor to submit (as per margin) relative to a due and proper connection with the Triangulation of the country. It is simply the duty of the Topographical (or Revenue) Surveyor to lay down and define the features of the country as they are found to exist at the time of survey, and to be careful to fix and determine such marks and stations of any other survey as are ascertainable. If no such stations or marks either principal or secondary are to be found, then of course they cannot be laid down on the new survey, and it only remains for the Topographical Surveyor to observe and fix such permanent objects as he meets with which may hereafter be identified.

*Letter, No. 13, dated 6th May 1857, to your address.*

4. What the Madras Authorities in point of fact ask for is a new Trigonometrical Survey of the districts in question. This I believe to be by no means necessary, and it is altogether unadvisable to stay the proceedings of the Revenue Survey for any considerations of this nature. I have already endeavoured to explain the proper course to pursue where no Triangulation is available.

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No. 532.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to letter, No. 192, dated the 15th February last.

By order,

HOME DEPARTMENT,
*The 1st April* 1858.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
*Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

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No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 586; dated 5th May 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings dated 19th November 1857, No. 4044, and to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

No. 683.

FROM

MAJOR H. L. THUILLIER,
*Deputy Surveyor General of India,*

To

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(Signed) H. L. THUILLIER, *Major,*
*Dpty. Survr. Genl. of India, in charge, Survr. Genl.'s Office.*

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Revenue 1858 Dept.
Dy to Cons. 11th May

No. 588

From the Under Sect.
to the Govt. of India.

Dated 1st April 1858
Rec'd 19th

Intimating that reference has been made to the Surveyor General of India, as to whether any officer is available from his Deptt. for ascertaining and fixing the old stations of the Trigonometrical Survey in South Arcot and Trichinopoly, and, for reasons given, stating it as his opinion, that, it will be found quite impracticable, to depute any officer from the Trigonometrical Survey Deptt. to Madras for such a purpose. No. 586. 5th May 1858

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No. 586

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings dated 19th November 1857 Nos 44 & 45, and to the Director of Revenue & Settlt.

Fort St. George
5th May 1858

3 Copies to the Bd. of Revenue Despatch 6th
1 " " Director of Revenue & Settlt.

No. 748

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