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Recording with remark & P. reviewing
the work done by the Special Forest Settlement
Officers during the year ending with the 31st Mar. 1897.

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Mr. 1.6.97 *W. J. 17.*
to the Board of Rev. L.R. No. 5-6-97

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Communicating to all Collectors, Conservators of Forests and Special Forest Settlement officers Government Order recording, with remark, Board's Proceedings submitting Board's review of the work done by the Special Forest Settlement officers during the quarter ending 31st December 1896; and reviewing the work done by the same officers during the quarter ending with the 31st March 1897.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following Government Order, Mis. No. 1890, Revenue, dated 7th April 1897:—

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 100, dated 11th March 1897.

Order—Mis. No. 1890, Revenue, dated 7th April 1897.

Recorded with the remark that the Government agrees with the Board in considering the rate of progress to be most inadequate. The continued pendency of longstanding blocks is particularly unsatisfactory.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Asst. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Read—also quarterly returns of Special Forest Settlement officers showing the work done by them during the quarter ending 31st March 1897.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 196, dated 17th May 1897.

The Board resolves to submit to Government its review of the work done by the Special Forest Settlement officers during the quarter ending with 31st March 1897. The orders of Government on the Board's review for the preceding quarter will, at the same time, be communicated to all Collectors, Conservators and the Special Forest Settlement officers, with the request that all officers concerned will use their best endeavours to push on the work of settlement.

2. The Board regrets to note that satisfactory progress was not made during the quarter under review, the advance being particularly slow in the districts under the charge of Messrs. Mullins and R. H. L. Lushington. The former officer was very

active in inspecting boundaries, and his record for the quarter is in excess of that shown by any other officer, a result which must be considered as very creditable when the nature of the country travelled over is remembered. But great difficulty was experienced in obtaining qualified hands for the office and the actual outturn was naturally small. It is hoped that Mr. Mullins will be able to clear off a number of blocks during the current quarter. Mr. Lushington's work is reported to have been delayed chiefly for want of maps. The Collector of Ganjam reported that no rapid progress could be expected in the matter of maps with only one surveyor in the district and urged the appointment of an additional temporary surveyor. The Board has directed the Conservator to arrange for the additional hand required. Mr. Lushington has recently been engaged on the settlement of some large blocks in the Kurnool district.

3. The usual statements are appended. It will be observed from appendix A that fifteen blocks were disposed of by Mr. Smith and nine by M.R.Ry. Singaravelu Pillai Avergal; Mr. Smith also enquired into and disposed of a large number of claims. M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu enquired into 91, and disposed of 179, claims during the quarter under review, as against 226 and 216 claims, respectively, in the preceding quarter. Several of the cases dealt with were of great importance. The further report called for from this officer regarding the sufficiency of work having since been received, the Board has in its Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 383, dated 30th April 1897, recommended the transfer to his name of the blocks now pending in South Arcot. The difference between the number of claims taken up and the number disposed of is due to the method of settlement now adopted. It has been customary of late for the Forest Settlement officer to enquire into claims in the absence of the District Forest officer, to whom the whole record is then sent in order that he may note his opinion; the claim is not disposed of until the District Forest officer returns the papers to the Forest Settlement officer, who then proceeds to record his decision. The objections to this procedure are obvious, and the Board has recently issued a circular to all Forest Settlement officers and District Forest officers calling attention to the matter. The rules prescribed by the Board in 1893 make it incumbent on the District Forest officer to be present, whenever practicable, at the Forest Settlement officer's enquiries, but the Board fears that this injunction has too often been disregarded.

4. There were 325 blocks pending at the beginning of the quarter and 36 more were notified during the quarter making a total of 361 blocks. Of these 34 were disposed of, and 6 were abandoned, leaving a balance of 321 blocks at the close of the period under review. The number of blocks for the pendency of which the Forest Settlement officers are directly responsible is shown in the margin, and it will be observed that, as in the preceding quarter, a large number of blocks awaited inspection by Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Singaravelu Pillai. The Board will, if necessary, propose the transfer of some more of Mr. Smith's blocks to Mr. Lushington. M.R.Ry. Ganapayya has completed the inspection

Names of officers.	Awaiting disposal of claims. (c)	Submission of final reports. (d)	Inspection by Forest Settlement officers. (e)	Submission of A registers to District Forest officer. (f)	Total.
Mr. Lushington ..	1	1	4	1	7
Smith ..	4	..	36	..	40
M.R.Ry. Ganapayya ..	6	1	..	..	6
" Singaravelu Pillai ..	9	1	22	..	32
Mr. Mullins ..	4	5	43	..	52
Total ..	23	8	105	1	137

of all the blocks standing in his name except those in Salem. The inspection of the Trichinopoly blocks was postponed by M.R.Ry. Singaravelu Pillai pending the completion of work in South Arcot and Coimbatore. This officer has now been relieved by Mr. Gompertz, and, as already observed, some of the blocks standing in his name have been selected for disposal by M.R.Ry. Ganapayya.

5. The number of blocks pending with officers other than Forest Settlement

Name of District.	Awaiting receipt of sketch-map from the District Forest-officer. (e).	Awaiting receipt of information from Tahsildars. (f).	Awaiting receipt of answers to claims and other information from the District Forest-officer. (h & z).	Awaiting publication of proclamation under section 6 and republication of notification under section 4 in the District Gazettees. (l & p).
Ganjām ..	8	..	1	2
Vizagapatam ..	..	..	..	11
Gōdāvari ..	2	..	..	..
Kistna ..	..	..	2	8
Kurnool ..	..	3	2	5
Bellary ..	..	..	..	1
Anantapur ..	1	..	1	..
Caddapah ..	..	1	2	..
North Arcot ..	..	2	3	..
Chingleput ..	..	1	4	6
South Arcot ..	..	..	..	9
Trichinopoly ..	31	1	..	..
Madura ..	2	..	2	..
Coimbatore ..	1	1	..	..
Malabar ..	3	..	2	..
South Canara ..	2	3	..	5
Total ..	50	12	17	47

officers is large under items (e), (f), (h & z) and (l & p) of appendix C, as shown on the margin districtwar. The delay due to want of sketch-maps in the Ganjām district has already been noticed in paragraph 2 *supra*. The other district in which the largest number of blocks (viz. 31) are pending for the same cause, is Trichinopoly. The Collector reports that the taluk maps sent by the Forest Settlement officer to the District Forest officer for the posting of certain details are missing, but that copies of the maps have since been forwarded to the Forest Settlement officer.

6. It is observed that a large number (47) of blocks await publication of proclamation notices under section 6 and republication of the notification under section 4 in the District Gazettees. The Collectors concerned are requested to see that they are published in due course without delay. Collectors are further requested to prevent unnecessary delay on the part of the District Forest officers and Tahsildars in furnishing replies to the Forest Settlement officers' references.

(True Copy and Extract.)

W. H. Mullins
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 „ all Special Forest Settlement officers.
 „ all Collectors, except Madras.
 „ all Conservators of Forests.

APPENDIX A.

Names of officers.	Number of days spent in travelling from camp to camp.		Distance travelled in miles.				Inspection and perambulation of boundaries, length in miles.	
	Quarter ending with 31st December 1896.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	From camp to camp.		From camp to reserves.		Quarter ending with 31st December 1896.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.
			Quarter ending with 31st December 1896.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st December 1896.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington ..	..	26	1,244	1,558	109	89	86½	83
Mr. E. A. Smith ..	26	37	1,046	1,754	81	105	72	105
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya ..	44	35	771	1,060	92	85	205	58
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai ..	30	27	1,139	1,501	103	130	64	56
Mr. H. S. Mullins ..	11	14	196	237	137	283	21	126
Total ..	111	139	4,396	6,160	522	692	448½	428

Names of officers.	Number of claims enquired into.		Number of claims disposed of.		Blocks reported on			
	Quarter ending with 31st December 1896.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st December 1896.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st December 1896.		Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	
					Number.	Area in square miles.	Number.	Area in square miles.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington ..	..	..	8	16	2	16.36	3	27.15
Mr. E. A. Smith ..	90	149	113	147	13	90.95	15	53.96
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya ..	226	91	216	179	3	13.15	(a) 10	19.94
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai ..	81	37	122	64	9	15.41	9	12.57
Mr. H. S. Mullins ..	..	1	..	(b) 58	..	..	3	0.29
Total ..	397	278	459	464	27	135.87	40	113.91

(a) Includes six blocks of about 16.82 square miles cancelled during the quarter in the Salem district.

(b) According to the monthly diaries. The total number disposed of is, on the other hand, only two according to the weekly diaries.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the progress of work done by the Special Forest Settlement officers during the quarter ending with the 31st March 1897.

Name of Forest Settlement officers.	Districts.	Blocks at the beginning of the quarter.		Blocks added during the quarter.		Total.		Blocks disposed of during the quarter.		Blocks at the end of the quarter.	
		No.	Area in square miles.	No.	Area in square miles.	No.	Area in square miles.	No.	Area in square miles.	No.	Area in square miles.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington.	Ganjām	17	367.86	..	..	17	367.86	3	27.15	14	340.71
	Vizagapatam	..	..	11	..	11	2.00	..	..	11	2.00
	Gōdāvari	6	105.94	..	2	6	105.94	..	..	6	105.94
	Kurnool	..	..	3	116.55	3	116.55	..	..	3	116.55
	Total	23	473.80	14	118.55	37	592.35	3	27.15	34	565.20
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Kistna	37	108.17	9	32.46	46	140.63	11	49.21	35	91.42
	Nellore	11	29.62	5	22.21	16	51.83	2	1.33	14	50.50
	Bellary	12	27.00	1	..	13	27.00	..	..	13	27.00
	Kurnool	13	257.24	(c)-3	(b)-116.55	10	140.69	1	1.28	9	139.41
	Anantapur	13	71.94	..	..	13	71.94	1	2.14	12	69.80
	Total	86	493.97	15	54.67	98	432.09	15	53.96	83	378.13
M.R.Ry. Ganappaya.	Cuddapah	14	231.43	..	..	14	231.43	..	..	14	231.43
	North Arcot	8	44.02	6	35.45	14	79.47	1	..	13	76.35
	Salem	18	88.27	..	..	18	88.27	(c)6	3.12	12	71.45
	Chingleput	17	12.95	..	..	17	12.95	3	0.20	14	12.75
	Total	57	376.67	6	35.45	63	412.12	10	19.94	53	392.18
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai.	South Arcot	8	16.04	..	..	8	16.04	7	6.76	1	9.28
	Tanjore	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
	Trichinopoly	47	83.80	..	..	47	83.80	1	2.58	46	81.22
	Madura	9	34.60	..	..	9	34.60	1	3.23	8	31.37
	Tinnevely	8	11.57	..	..	8	11.57	..	..	8	11.57
	Coimbatore	14	264.74	2	(d) 51.50	16	316.24	..	..	16	316.24
	Total	87	410.91	2	51.50	89	462.41	9	12.57	80	449.84
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Malabar	25	(a) 375.50	..	..	25	375.50	3	0.29	22	375.21
	South Canara	47	407.53	2	3.38	49	410.91	..	..	49	410.91
	Total	72	783.03	2	3.38	74	786.41	3	0.29	71	786.12
	Grand Total	325	(a) 2,538.38	36	147.00	361	2,685.38	40	113.91	321	2,571.47

(a) Revised figure.
 (b) Not known.
 (c) Transferred to Mr. Lushington.

(d) Area for the Sennimalai addition not known.
 (e) Initial notification cancelled during the quarter.

APPENDIX C.
STATEMENT showing the period and causes of pendency of the several blocks pending with the Special Forest Settlement officers on 31st March 1897.

Name of the Forest Settlement officer.	District.	1894-85.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	Total.	Remarks.
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington.	Ganjām	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(a) Final report submitted subsequent to the quarter.
	Vizagapatam.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	(b) Awaiting survey of boundaries.
	Gōdāvari	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	(c) Awaiting receipt of sketch map from the District Forest officer.
	Kurnool	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	(d) Awaiting disposal of appeals.
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Kistna	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(e) Awaiting disposal of claims by the Forest Settlement officer.
	Nellore	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(f) Awaiting receipt of information called for from Tahsildars.
	Kurnool	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(g) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for appeal.
	Bellary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(h) Awaiting answers to claims from the District Forest officer.
M.R.Ry. Ganappaya.	Anantapur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(i) Awaiting submission of the report by the Forest Settlement officer.
	Cuddapah	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(j) Awaiting submission of A Registers to District Forest officer for answers.
	North Arcot	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(k) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for presenting claims.
	Salem	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(l) Awaiting publication of proclamation under section 6.
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai.	Chingleput	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(m) Awaiting grant of compensation or exchange of lands.
	South Arcot	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(n) Awaiting inspection by the Forest Settlement officer.
	Tanjore	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(o) Awaiting republication of notification under section 4.
	Trichinopoly	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(p) Awaiting cancellation of initial notification.
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Madura	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(q) Awaiting re-notification of the block owing to the inaccuracy of the original boundary description.
	Tinnevely	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(r) Awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest officer.
	Coimbatore	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(s) Awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest officer.
	Malabar	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(t) Awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest officer.
	South Canara	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	(u) Awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest officer.
	Total	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	321	Total ..

* The figures for this district are now revised with reference to the list submitted by the Forest Settlement officer after communication with the Collector.

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