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reviewing the work done by the Special Forest
Sect. officers for the quarter ending 30 Sept: 96.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), FOREST No. 576, 17TH DECEMBER 1896.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

READ—Quarterly returns of Special Forest Settlement-officers showing the work done by them during the quarter ending 30th September 1896.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 576, dated 17th December 1896.

The Board resolves to submit to Government its review of the work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending with 30th September 1896.

2. The progress made during the quarter was small as two of the five Forest Settlement-officers' charges were practically vacant during the quarter and work was also retarded by the appearance, in the middle of the quarter, of the notification redistributing the work among the several Forest Settlement-officers, which necessitated the transfer of settlement records between the officers concerned. M.R.Ry. Singaravali Pillai, who replaced M.R.Ry. C. Raju Sastri, took charge of his division on the 22nd August and the notification transferring the pending blocks to his name was not published till the close of the quarter. Mr. Mullins who was relieved in Ganjam by Mr. Lushington on 16th July joined his new appointment as Forest Settlement-officer, Malabar and South Canara, but proceeded on three months' privilege leave after spending a month in his new division. During this time he was engaged on the arrangement of his records.

3. The usual statements are appended. M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya enquired into a large number of claims during the quarter, but was only able to submit the final reports of two blocks, one in Salem and another in Bellary. Eleven blocks were disposed of by Mr. Smith and three by Mr. Lushington. The Board had already noticed the short work of the latter officer and the matter is under correspondence.

4. It will be seen from appendix C that there were 318 blocks pending at the close of the quarter against 198 in the quarter preceding. The increase is due to the transfer of the pending blocks in the districts of Chingleput, Malabar and South Canara to the Special Forest Settlement-officers and to the large number of blocks (52) notified under section 4 during the quarter. The information regarding the different stages of settlement of the blocks pending in the Chingleput district has not been furnished by the Forest Settlement-officer; but from what is available in the Board's

office, it is gathered that out of the seventeen blocks pending at the close of the quarter, two have since been finally notified; and of the rest, eleven have been practically settled, leaving only four blocks to be dealt with by the Forest Settlement-officer. As regards Malabar and South Canara no progress was made during the quarter as explained in paragraph 2 *supra*. In South Canara, there was no Forest Settlement officer in the Northern division where most of the blocks have been pending since April last and several blocks had in consequence to await inspection and perambulation. Omitting these three districts, there remained 230 blocks pending on the last day of the quarter under review of which the Forest Settlement-officers were responsible for only 74 as shown in the margin. The

	Awaiting			Total
	Disposal of claims or preparation of A. Register.	Submission of Special Forest Settlement-officer's report.	Inspection by Forest Settlement-officer.	
Items (e) and (f) in Appendix C.	Item (i).	Item (ii).	Item (iii).	
Mr. Lushington ..	1	..	3	4
" Smith ..	6	..	26	32
M.R.Ry. Ganapayya ..	6	3	17	26
" Singaravali Pillai ..	8	4	..	12
Total ..	21	7	46	74

delay in regard to the balance is mainly accounted for as follows:—

Item (c)—(Appendix C) 20. Awaiting receipt of sketch-maps from the District Forest-officers.

- " (d) " 15. Pending disposal of appeals.
 " (f) " 18. Awaiting information called for from Tahsildars.
 " (k) " 16. " expiry of time prescribed for presenting claims.
 " (l) " 34. " publication of proclamation under section 6.
 " (p) " 14. " republication of notification under section 4.
 " (z) " 12. " information from the District Forest-officer.

The items requiring explanation are (c) (f) and (z). Out of the twenty and twelve blocks pending under (c) and (z) respectively, nine and four are pending in Ganjam. The Collector has already been requested to direct his District Forest-officer to arrange for the early supply of maps. He will now be requested to report what action has been taken and also to see that the information called for by the Forest Settlement officer is furnished as early as possible. The number awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest-officer (item z) is large (four) in Kistna. The large number under (f) awaiting information from the Tahsildars occurs mainly in Kurnool and Anantapur. The Collector of the latter district has since asked the Forest Settlement-officer to specify the nature of the information required and his report is awaited. The Collector of Kurnool will be requested to see that the requisition of the Forest Settlement-officer is attended to without delay.

5. The Board regrets to find that no material progress has been made in the disposal of the old blocks. The number of such blocks pending is high in Ganjam, Gódvári, Kistna, Kurnool, Madura and Malabar. The Collectors and the Forest Settlement-officers concerned will again be requested to take special steps to clear off the older reserves. The Board trusts that the report for the current quarter will show a marked improvement in the rate of progress.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

- " Special Forest Settlement-officers.
 " Collector of Ganjam.
 " " of Gódvári.
 " " of Kistna.
 " " of Kurnool.
 " " of Madura.
 " " of Malabar.
 " " of Anantapur.

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 30th June 1896	Quarter ending with 30th September 1896.	From camp to camp.		From camp to reserves.		Quarter ending with 30th June 1896	Quarter ending with 30th September 1896.
			Quarter ending with 30th June 1896.	Quarter ending with 30th September 1896.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1896.	Quarter ending with 30th September 1896.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mr. H. S. Mullins (up to 16th July 1896) ..	14	4	143	61	268	..	93½	..
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington..	2	(a) 7	37	(b) 702	..	..	105½	3
Mr. E. A. Smith ..	19	26	886	1,442	102	133	..	66½
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya from 10th July 1896 ..	..	46	..	873	..	180	..	236½
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravalu Pillai from 22nd August 1896 ..	..	6	..	(b) 415	..	..	..	..
Mr. H. S. Mullins (up to 17th August 1896 when he went on privilege leave).	..	9	..	(b) 284	..	..	..	..
Total ..	35	98	1,066	3,777	370	313	199½	305

Names of officers.	Number of claims enquired into.		Number of claims disposed of.		Blocks reported on			
	Quarter ending with 30th June 1896.	Quarter ending with 30th September 1896.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1896.	Quarter ending with 30th September 1896.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1896.		Quarter ending with 30th September 1896.	
					Number.	Area in square miles.	Number.	Area in square miles.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mr. H. S. Mullins (up to 16th July 1896) ..	8	..	50	38	2	4-37	..	..
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington..	..	..	3	8	2	20-15	..	16-50
Mr. E. A. Smith ..	137	53	118	125	9	67-86	(c) 12	65-40
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya from 10th July 1896 ..	..	348	2	121	3	13-61	1	4-37
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravalu Pillai from 22nd August 1896 ..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Mr. H. S. Mullins (up to 17th August 1896 when he went on privilege leave).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	145	406	174	292	16	105-99	16	86-27

(a) Exclusive of the week ending 11th August 1896 for which no diary was received.

(b) Represents the distance travelled in visiting the districts.

(c) Includes one block of 1-40 square miles disposed of by the Forest Settlement-officer, North Arcot, &c, Districts.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the progress of work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending with the 30th September 1896.

Name of Forest Settlement-officers.	District.	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.
Mr. H. S. Mullins (up to 16th July 1896). Mr. K. H. L. Lushington.	Ganjām	21	384.23	..	..	21	384.23	3	16.50	18	367.73
	Gōdāvari	..	..	(a) 6	105.94	6	105.94	..	..	6	105.94
	Total	21	384.23	6	105.94	27	490.17	3	16.50	24	473.67
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Kistna	31	124.42	10	16.50	41	140.92	4	17.25	37	123.67
	Nellore	13	40.82	3	2.50	16	43.32	3	2.50	13	40.82
	Bellary	..	..	(a) 4	11.70	11	24.70	..	..	11	24.70
	Kurnool	19	280.74	7	13.00	23	293.74	4	44.25	19	249.49
	Anantapur	..	..	(a) 14	73.34	14	73.34	(b) 1	1.40	13	71.94
M.R.Ry. K. Ganappaya.	Total	63	445.98	42	198.84	105	644.82	12	65.40	93	579.42
	Cuddapah	17	244.58	..	..	17	244.58	..	..	17	244.58
	North Arcot	7	43.52	1	50	8	44.02	..	..	8	44.02
	Salem	21	101.64	..	..	21	101.64	(c) 2	4.37	19	97.27
	Chingleput	..	..	(a) 17	12.95	17	12.95	..	..	17	12.95
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravulu Pillai.	Total	45	389.74	18	13.45	63	403.19	3	13.37	60	389.82
	South Arcot	14	28.32	..	..	14	28.32	..	..	14	28.32
	Tanjore	..	..	1	16	1	16	..	..	1	16
	Trichinopoly	1	2.58	19	18.00	20	20.58	..	..	20	20.58
	Madura	11	36.98	..	..	11	36.98	..	..	11	36.98
	Tinnevely	7	12.09	2	23	9	12.32	..	..	9	12.32
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Coimbatore	12	263.60	3	93	15	264.53	..	..	15	264.53
	Total	45	343.57	25	19.32	70	362.89	..	..	70	362.89
	Malabar	..	..	(a) 24	370.25	25	370.25	..	..	25	370.25
	South Canara	..	..	(a) 45	424.32	46	424.32	..	..	46	424.32
Grand Total	Total	..	..	72	797.90	72	797.90	..	..	72	797.90
	Grand Total	174	1,563.52	163	1,141.45	337	2,699.97	18	95.27	318	2,603.70

- (a) Transferred from the other Forest Settlement-officers.
 (b) Disposed of by the Forest Settlement-officer, North Arcot, &c., Districts.
 (c) 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 30th September 1896.

Name of Forest Settlement-officer.	District.	1884-85.	1885-86.	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. H. S. Mullins, up to 16th July 1896. Mr. K. H. L. Lushington.	Ganjām	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	(a) Final report submitted subsequent to the quarter.
	Gōdāvari	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	(b) Awaiting information asked for by the Collector.
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Kistna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	(c) Awaiting receipt of sketch map from the District Forest-officer.
	Nellore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	(d) Awaiting disposal of appeals.
M.R.Ry. K. Ganappaya.	Kurnool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	(e) Awaiting disposal of claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
	Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	(f) Awaiting receipt of information called for from Tahsildars.
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravulu Pillai.	Anantapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	(g) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for appeal.
	Cuddapah	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	(h) Awaiting answers to claims from the District Forest-officer.
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	North Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	(i) Awaiting submission of the report by the Forest Settlement-officer.
	Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	(j) Awaiting submission of a register to the District Forest-officer for his answers.
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravulu Pillai.	Chingleput	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	(k) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for presenting claims.
	South Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	(l) Awaiting publication of proclamation under section 6.
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Tanjore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	(m) Awaiting grant of exchange of lands.
	Madura	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	(n) Awaiting inspection by the Forest Settlement-officer.
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravulu Pillai.	Tinnevely	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	(o) Awaiting republication of notification under section 4.
	Coimbatore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	(p) Awaiting Settlement suspended and notification under section 4, cancelled.
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Malabar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	(q) Awaiting re-notification of the block owing to the inaccuracy of the original boundary description.
	South Canara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	(r) Awaiting publication of the notification transferring the blocks.
Total		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	318	(s) Awaiting receipt of final orders on the subject of reservation of the block.
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	301	(t) Awaiting demarcation of blocks.
Total		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	318	(u) Awaiting information from the District Forest-officer.
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	318	Blocks pending the Chingleput district

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