Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2703

DATED 27th June.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording the Board's Review of tree work, done by the special forest Settlement officers during the first quarter of

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

6/7/98

From, The Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Board of Revenue

To, No. 224

Dated 10 June 1898

Received 20 "

Registered 20 "

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Subj to Govt Board's remind of the work done by the Special Forest Settlement officers during the quarter ending 31 March 1898.

Order issue no. 2703 d/27th June 98.

Recorded with an expression of Concurrence in the Board's remarks in para 5 of the Proc.

Sd/ 27/6/98

To the Bd of Rev (L.R) - Dy. No. 3066-98

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
1.	1077	Rev	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1898.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed June th.

Proceedings, Forest No. 224, 10th June 1898.

JUNE.

Submitting to Government, Board's review of the work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending 31st March 1898.

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 31st March 1898.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 224, dated 10th June 1898.

The Board resolves to submit to Government its review of the Special Forest Settlement-officers' work for the quarter ending 31st March 1898.

2. The number of blocks finally reported on during the period under review was the same (36) as in the preceding quarter, while the area involved was less by 47·36 square miles. The outturn of work under this head was not satisfactory in the districts under Messrs. Mullins and Gompertz. The former officer explains that work came almost to a standstill owing to want of clerical establishment; a similar complaint is referred to in paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, No. 196, dated 17th May 1897, and the difficulty of obtaining qualified clerks will, no doubt, always be felt to some extent; the Board notes, however, that Government has recently sanctioned the exemption from the examination rules for one clerk whom Mr. Mullins desired to entertain—*vide* Government Order, No. 216-R., Educational, dated 11th May 1898. Mr. Gompertz attributes his short outturn to the fact that the appeal time had not expired in the case of several blocks in the Trichinopoly district the settlement of which has already been completed. Mr. Gompertz was also engaged for about 3 weeks in inspecting and fixing the boundaries of enclosures in the Yedarally block in the Coimbatore district. The amount of perambulation and inspection work performed by Mr. Lushington was smaller than in the preceding quarter, but reports for five long-standing blocks in Ganjám and one in Gódávari, covering an area of about 115·75 square miles in all, were submitted by him. A larger number of claims was inquired into and disposed of generally by all the Forest Settlement-officers, notably by Messrs. Smith and Gompertz.

3. There were 334 blocks pending at the beginning of the quarter under review. 18 blocks were newly notified, 2 were restored to the file for re-adjudication of claims and 2 were added by the division of a block into three bits, making a total of 356 blocks. Of these, 36 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 320 remaining to be settled at the close of the quarter. For the pendency of 142 blocks, the Forest Settlement-officers were directly responsible, and the causes of the pendency are shown below:—

Names of Forest Settlement-officers.	Final report submitted subsequent to the quarter, item (*a*).	Awaiting disposal of claims by the Forest Settlement-officer, item (*e*).	Awaiting submission of final reports, item (*i*).	Awaiting submission of A. registers to District Forest-officers, item (*j*).	Awaiting inspection by Forest Settlement-officers, item (*n*).	Total.
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington	..	13	3	..	6	22
„ E. A. Smith	..	3	..	..	24	27
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu	1	14	1	3	36	55
Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz	..	4	..	..	15	19
„ H. S. Mullins	..	3	7	..	9	19
Total ..	1	37	11	3	90	142

Note.—The No. 47 entered under item (*c*) against Mr. Gompertz in the statement in paragraph 3 of the review for the last quarter is a mistake. The correct number is only 12 and the balance of 35 should have been shown under item (*n*) against that officer.

The net results compare favourably with those of the preceding quarter, particularly under item (*n*) "Awaiting inspection by the Forest Settlement-officers."

4. The delay in regard to the remaining 178 blocks is accounted for as follows:—

			Number of blocks at the close of the quarter.	Number at the close of the preceding quarter.
Item (*b*), Appendix C.	—	Awaiting survey of boundaries ...	6	10
„ (*c*)	„	Awaiting receipt of sketch-maps from District Forest-officers	23	15
„ (*h*)	„	Awaiting answers to claims from the District Forest-officers	32	7
„ (*r*)	„	Awaiting re-notification of block ...	8	11
„ (*z*)	„	Awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest-officer	21	9
„ (*f*)	„	Awaiting receipt of information called for from Tahsildars	18	22
„ (*m*)	„	With Collectors, awaiting grant of compensation or exchange of lands ...	11	5
Items (*l*) & (*p*)	„	Awaiting publication of proclamation notices under section 6, &c.	20	32
Item (*d*)	„	Awaiting disposal of appeals	3	9
Items (*g*) & (*k*)	„	Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for presenting appeals or claims ...	20	34
Other items (*o*), (*q*), (*s*) & (*x*) of Appendix C		... ...	16	15
		Total ...	178	169

The Collectors concerned are requested to see that no delay is allowed to occur in their offices in the disposal of blocks shown as pending under items (*m*), (*l*) and (*p*). The Board notices that two blocks in the Gódávari district have been shown as pending publication of proclamation notices since the quarter ending 30th September 1897. The Collector of the district is requested to ascertain and report the cause of the delay. The increase under items (*c*), (*h*) and (*z*) is not creditable and the District Forest-officers concerned should supply the required information with the least possible delay and expedite the preparation of the sketch-maps. As regards item (*h*), the attention of the District Forest-officers should be drawn to the instructions contained in the penultimate sentence of paragraph 5 of the review for the preceding quarter. The increase under items (*h*) and (*z*) is particularly large in the districts of Trichinopoly and South Canara, respectively.

5. The Board must again call the attention of Collectors to the imperative necessity of treating as urgent all references made by Forest Settlement-officers to themselves or to their Forest Assistants. It is essential that the work of forest settlement should be pushed on with the utmost possible expedition, and that the temporary establishment employed for the purpose of carrying it on should receive adequate assistance from the permanent land revenue and forest officials. The Board's attention has been drawn to at least one instance where delay on the part of a District Forest-officer in replying to references made by a Settlement-officer has made it a matter of extreme difficulty to provide continuous employment for the latter, without arranging for a transfer of work from some other Forest Settlement-officer.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

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

Ed. W. D'Mos.

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.	
			From camp to camp.		From camp to reserves.			
	Quarter ending 31st December 1897.	Quarter ending 31st March 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1897.	Quarter ending 31st March 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1897.	Quarter ending 31st March 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1897.	Quarter ending 31st March 1898.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington ..	21	23	581	762	212	82	130	51
,, E. A. Smith	23	32	722	1,705	67	100	86	120
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu	* ...	32	..	705	* ...	138	..	160
Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz ..	24	23	946	1,051	237	323	178	223
,, H. S. Mullins	22	17	516	467	301	271	124	135
Total ..	90	127	2,765	4,690	817	914	518	689

Names of officers.	Number of claims enquired into.		Number of claims disposed of.		Blocks reported on			
					Quarter ending with 31st December 1897.		Quarter ending with 31st March 1898	
	Quarter ending with 31st December 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1898.	Quarter ending with 31st December 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1898.	Number.	Area in square miles.	Number.	Area in square miles.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington ..	..	66	58	76	7	1·10	6	115·75
,, E. A. Smith	153	312	210	284	13	52·22	12	24·02
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu	...	218	116	208	2	0·43	9	39·00
Mr. F. V. P. Gomperts .	289	362	120	232	12	9·75	4	1·43
,, H. S. Mullins	56	52	63	71	2	170·00	5	5·94
Total ..	498	1,010	567	871	36	233·50	36	186·14

* The Forest Settlement-officer was on privilege leave for two months and ten days during the quarter.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the progress of work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending 31st March 1898.

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.	Ganjám ..	12	* 266·03	..	..	12	266·03	5	111·53	7	154·50
	Vizagapatam ..	12	8·00	..	..	12	8·00	..	..	12	8·00
	Gódávari ..	9	127·50	..	..	9	127·50	1	4·22	8	123·28
	Kistna	6	13·93	..	..	6	13·93	..	..	6	13·93
	Kurnool ..	4	149·45	..	..	4	149·45	..	..	4	149·45
	Total ..	43	* 564·91	..	..	43	564·91	6	115·75	37	449·16
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Kistna	39	109·24	7	12·45	46	121·69	6	16·61	40	105·08
	Nellore	12	16·87	..	..	12	16·87	3	2·66	9	14·21
	Bellary	15	30·96	..	..	15	30·96	2	3·38	13	27·58
	Kurnool	6	108·70	4	..	10	246·64	1	1·37	9	246·17
	Anantapur ..	7	84·23	..	137·84	7	34·23	..	..	7	34·23
	Total ..	79	300·00	11	150·29	90	450·29	12	24·02	78	426·27
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu.	Cuddapah ..	24	249·70	{ 4 † 2	24·08	} 30	273·78	2	11·11	28	262·67
	North Arcot ..	11	65·48	..	..	11	65·48	4	18·87	7	46·61
	Salem	6	60·64	2	12·97	8	73·61	2	8·27	6	65·34
	Chingleput ..	31	20·12	..	..	31	20·12	..	..	31	20·12
	South Arcot ..	7	13·21	..	..	7	13·21	1	0·75	6	12·46
	Total ..	79	409·15	8	37·05	87	446·20	9	89·00	78	407·20
Mr. F. V. P. Gomperts.	Trichinopoly ..	46	78·50	..	..	46	78·50	1	0·47	45	78·03
	Madura	8	31·37	..	..	8	31·37	1	0·15	7	31·22
	Tinnevelly ..	5	4·31	..	..	5	4·31	1	0·05	4	4·26
	Coimbatore ..	8	305·25	..	..	8	305·25	1	0·76	7	304·49
	Total ..	67	419·43	..	..	67	419·43	4	1·43	63	418 00
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Malabar ..	20	225·00	..	..	20	225·00	1	1·84	19	223·16
	South Canara ..	46	282·25	‡ 3	110·84	49	393·09	4	4·10	45	388·99
	Total ..	66	507·25	3	110·84	69	618·09	5	5·94	64	612·15
	Grand Total ..	334	* 2,200·74	{ 18 ‡ 2 † 2	194·48 103·70 ..	} 356	2,498·92	36	186·14	320	2,312·78

* Revised figure and exclusive of the area of the South Mohiri and Bainamari blocks since re-notified.

† By division of a block.

‡ Includes Naravi and Hulimishepare blocks of about 103·7 square miles restored to the file for re-adjudication of claims technically rejected.

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT showing the period and causes of pendency of the several blocks pending with the Special Forest Settlement-officers on the 31st March 1898.

Names of the Forest Settlement-officers.	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.	1897-98.	Total.
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington.	Ganjám ..	(e) 4	(g) 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	(e) 2	..	..	..	..	..	7
	Vizagapatam.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(o) 1	(s) 3	12
	Gódávari ..	..	..	..	..	..	(b) 1, (c) 2, (e) 1	(o) 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	(s) 3, (t) 3	8
	Kistna ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(n) 6	..	6
	Kurnool ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(e) 1	..	(c) 3	..	4
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(d) 1	..	(c) 2, (h) 2, (n) 4	..	9
	Kistna ..	..	..	..	..	..	(c) 1, (g) 1	..	(c) 1	(d) 2	..	(x) 1	(h) 2	(c) 1, (f) 1, (h) 3, (m) 5	(c) 3, (c) 1, (f) 6, (k) 3, (m) 1, (r) 7, (q) 1	40
	Kurnool ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(m) 2	..	..	(c) 1	..	(h) 1	(k) 1, (n) 1, (p) 3	9
	Bellary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(n) 3	(n) 8	(n) 2	13
	Anantapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu.	Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(c) 1, (h) 1, (n) 5	..	..	..	..	7
	North Arcot.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(c) 6, (i) 1, (s) 1	(c) 1, (f) 1	(n) 7	(n) 7, (t) 4		28
	Salem ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(m) 1, (z) 1	(f) 1, (h) 3	(n) 1		7
	Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(b) 1, (c) 1, (f) 1, (n) 1	..	(t) 2		6
	South Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a) 1, (f) 1	..	(c) 3, (h) 3, (j) 3, (n) 20		31
Mr. F. V. P. Gomperts.	Trichinopoly.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(m) 1	(s) 4, (m) 1	..		6
	Madura ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(o) 1, (f) 1, (r) 5	..	..	..	..	(c) 4, (f) 1, (g) 7, (h) 17, (n) 15, (z) 1	..		45
	Tinnevelly ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		7
	Coimbatore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(f) 1, (r) 1	..	(o) 2		4
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Malabar ..	(i) 1, (s) 1	(c) 1	..	(o) 10	(n) 4	(r) 1	..	..	..	(f), 1, (m) 1	(f) 1	(f) 2, (r) 1	..		7
	South Canara.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(c) 1	..	..	(k) 1	..		19
	Total ..	6	2	..	10	4	6	2	10	4	18	81	26	111	90	320

Remarks.	Total.
(a) Final report submitted subsequent to the quarter.	1
(b) Awaiting survey of boundaries.	6
(c) Awaiting receipt of sketch-map from the District Forest-officer.	28
(d) Awaiting disposal of appeals.	8
(e) Awaiting disposal of claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.	37
(f) Awaiting receipt of information called for from the Tahsildar.	18
(g) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for appeal.	15
(h) Awaiting answers to claims from the District Forest-officer.	32
(i) Awaiting submission of the report by the Forest Settlement-officer.	11
(j) Awaiting submission of A. Registers to District Forest-officers for answers.	3
(k) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for presenting claims.	5
(l) Awaiting publication of proclamation under section 6.	10
(m) Awaiting grant of compensation or exchange of lands.	11
(n) Awaiting inspection by the Forest Settlement-officer.	90
(o) Settlement suspended ..	13
(p) Awaiting republication of notification under section 4.	10
(q) Awaiting cancellation of initial notification.	1
(r) Awaiting re-notification of block owing to the inaccuracy of the original boundary description.	8
(s) Under correspondence with the Range officer.	1
(x) Under correspondence with the Survey Department.	1
(z) Awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest-officer.	21
Total ..	320

Given for copying ____
Copied ____
Examined ____
Returned ____ } 189 .

Board's G.O., No. DATED
189 ,

Subject No.

Enclosures to C. No.

Order of Government .. .. A A A A A A

Letter to Government.

Statement with ditto.

Papers not filed up, being meant for despatch in original.

N.B.—
A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
C = Copy abstract only.
D = Copy heading only.