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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Board's Review of the work done by the Special Forest  
Settlement officers during the third quarter of 1898

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The Board has issued instructions to Collectors for expediting replies to references made by the Settlement officers to the Collect Tahsildars.

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Submitting to you Bd's review of the work done by the Spl: Forest Settlement officers during the quarter ending 30 Sep. 1898.

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Submitting to Government Board's review of the work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending 30th September 1898.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—Quarterly returns of the Special Forest Settlement-officers showing the progress of work done by them during the quarter ending 30th September 1898.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 540, dated 30th November 1898.

The Board resolves to submit to Government its review of the Special Forest Settlement-officers' work for the quarter ending 30th September 1898.

2. Mr. W. F. Bateman, the Assistant Superintendent, Madras Survey, who was appointed to succeed Mr. Lushington, Special Forest Settlement-officer in charge of Ganjám, Vizagapatam and Górávari districts, assumed charge of his division on 26th September, having previously undergone a short period of training with Mr. Gompertz in Trichinopoly in order that he might gain an insight into the details of forest settlement work. The notification transferring to Mr. Bateman the settlement of the blocks in his charge did not appear in the *Fort St. George Gazette* until the 4th October and he was consequently unable to show any progress during the quarter under review. Mr. Smith was granted privilege leave for three months from the 13th July 1898, in Government Order, Mis. No. 2862, Revenue, dated 8th July 1898, and M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avargal, *sub. pro tem.* Deputy Collector, was appointed as his *locum tenens*. The latter officer was consequently in charge of Nellore, Kistna, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur districts practically throughout the quarter.

3. Including two blocks which have been abandoned under the orders of Government during the quarter under review, the total number of blocks reported on by the Special Forest Settlement-officers was 38 covering an area of 245.15 square miles as against 48 blocks aggregating 103.97 square miles in the previous quarter. M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avargal disposed of the largest number of blocks, the extent involved being 63.62 square miles. M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu ranks next in point of number of blocks settled, but the area dealt with by him was comparatively trifling, a remark which also applies to the work of Mr. Gompertz who disposed of the same number of blocks as Mr. Mullins. The area settled by the latter was much larger than that dealt with by any other officer. M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai enquired into and disposed of the largest number of claims, M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu coming next. The amount of inspection and perambulation work done by Forest Settlement-officers generally compares favourably with that done in the previous quarter.

There were 290 \* blocks pending at the beginning of the period under review to which 61 blocks were newly added,

\* *Vide* foot-note (a) in Appendix B. making a total of 351 blocks. The notifications under section 4 in respect of 2 blocks were cancelled and 36 blocks were

finally reported on during the quarter, leaving a balance of  $(351-38)=313$  blocks. Of these, the Forest Settlement-officers were responsible for the pendency of 99 blocks; the causes of pendency are shown below:—

| Name of Forest Settlement-officers.       | Final report submitted subsequent to the quarter (a). | Awaiting disposal of claims by Forest Settlement-officers (c). | Awaiting submission of final report by Forest Settlement-officers (i). | Awaiting submission of A. Registers to District Forest-officers for answers (j). | Awaiting inspection by Forest Settlement-officers (u). | Awaiting revision by Forest Settlement-officers (u). | Total. |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Mr. W. F. Bateman ..                      | ..                                                    | 6                                                              | 16                                                                     | ..                                                                               | 6                                                      | ..                                                   | 28     |
| M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avargal. | 3                                                     | 3                                                              | ..                                                                     | ..                                                                               | 22                                                     | ..                                                   | 28     |
| " K. Ganapayya Garu.                      | ..                                                    | 7                                                              | 5                                                                      | 1                                                                                | 4                                                      | ..                                                   | 17     |
| Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz ..                  | ..                                                    | 9                                                              | 4                                                                      | ..                                                                               | ..                                                     | ..                                                   | 13     |
| " H. S. Mullins ..                        | ..                                                    | 4                                                              | 2                                                                      | ..                                                                               | 7                                                      | ..                                                   | 13     |
| Total ..                                  | 3                                                     | 29                                                             | 27                                                                     | 1                                                                                | 39                                                     | ..                                                   | 99     |
| Total for the previous quarter.           | 3                                                     | 34                                                             | 15                                                                     | 3                                                                                | 47                                                     | 1                                                    | 103    |

Mr. Bateman will be particularly requested to expedite the submission of the sixteen final notifications (i) shown as pending with him.

The delay in regard to the remaining  $(313-99)=214$  blocks is accounted for in the following manner:—

| Item                                                                          | Number of blocks at the close of the quarter. | Number of blocks at the close of the previous quarter. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Item (b), Appendix C—Awaiting survey of boundaries ...                        | 6                                             | 6                                                      |
| " (c)—Awaiting receipt of sketch-map from District Forest-officers ...        | 7                                             | 19                                                     |
| " (h)—Awaiting answers to claims from District Forest-officers ...            | 15                                            | 13                                                     |
| " (r)—Awaiting re-notification of blocks ...                                  | 2                                             | 3                                                      |
| " (z)—Awaiting receipt of information from District Forest-officers ...       | 7                                             | 18                                                     |
| " (f)—Awaiting receipt of information from Tahsildars.                        | 34                                            | 27                                                     |
| " (m) with Collectors—Awaiting grant of compensation or exchange of lands ... | 21                                            | 15                                                     |
| " (t)—Under correspondence with Collector and Deputy Collector ...            | 3                                             | 6                                                      |
| " (l) and (p).—Awaiting publication of proclamation, &c. ...                  | 60                                            | 18                                                     |
| " (d)—Awaiting disposal of appeal ...                                         | 5                                             | 7                                                      |
| " (g) and (k).—Awaiting expiry of time for appeals ...                        | 37                                            | 38                                                     |
| " (s), (o), (x) and (q) of Appendix C ...                                     | 16                                            | 16                                                     |
| " (r)—Awaiting information from the Executive Engineer ...                    | 1                                             | ..                                                     |
| Total ...                                                                     | 214                                           | 186                                                    |

The number of blocks awaiting reply to references made to Tahsildars (34) again shows an increase on that in the previous quarter and the Collectors of the districts concerned will be particularly requested to see that no undue delay takes place on the part of their subordinates. The disposal of the large number of blocks pending under item (m) is another matter which calls for prompt and unremitting

attention. Final reports in respect of two long standing blocks in Ganjām are still delayed for want of sketch-maps notwithstanding the remarks made by the Board in the last quarterly review.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,  
the Special Forest Settlement-officers.  
all Collectors (District Forest-officers), except Madras and the Nilgiris.  
Copy to 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 30th June 1898.                        | Quarter ending 30th September 1898. | From camp to camp.             |                                     | From camp to reserve.          |                                     | Quarter ending 30th June 1898.                               | Quarter ending 30th September 1898. |
|                                                                       |                                                       |                                     | Quarter ending 30th June 1898. | Quarter ending 30th September 1898. | Quarter ending 30th June 1898. | Quarter ending 30th September 1898. |                                                              |                                     |
| 1                                                                     | 2                                                     | 3                                   | 4                              | 5                                   | 6                              | 7                                   | 8                                                            | 9                                   |
| Mr. W. F. Bateman ..                                                  | 9                                                     | Nil.                                | 709                            | Nil.                                | 28                             | Nil.                                | 30                                                           | Nil.                                |
| Mr. E. A. Smith (M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avargal, Acting) .. | 31                                                    | 21                                  | 1,278                          | 1,610                               | 116                            | 121                                 | 149                                                          | 109                                 |
| M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu ..                                          | 14                                                    | 26                                  | 359                            | 545                                 | 226                            | 195                                 | 138                                                          | 207                                 |
| Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz ..                                              | 21                                                    | 25                                  | 765                            | 1,439                               | 249                            | 130                                 | 107                                                          | 147                                 |
| „ H. S. Mullins ..                                                    | 20                                                    | 15                                  | 359                            | 255                                 | ..                             | 75                                  | ..                                                           | 77                                  |
| Total ..                                                              | 95                                                    | 87                                  | 3,500                          | 3,840                               | 619                            | 521                                 | 424                                                          | 540                                 |

| Names of officers.                                                    | Number of claims enquired into. |                                     | Number of claims disposed of.  |                                     | Blocks reported on             |                       |                                     |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                       | Quarter ending 30th June 1898.  | Quarter ending 30th September 1898. | Quarter ending 30th June 1898. | Quarter ending 30th September 1898. | Quarter ending 30th June 1898. |                       | Quarter ending 30th September 1898. |                       |
|                                                                       |                                 |                                     |                                |                                     | Number.                        | Area in square miles. | Number.                             | Area in square miles. |
|                                                                       | 10                              | 11                                  | 12                             | 13                                  | 14                             | 15                    | 16                                  | 17                    |
| Mr. W. F. Bateman ..                                                  | 33                              | ..                                  | 61                             | ..                                  | ..                             | ..                    | ..                                  | ..                    |
| Mr. E. A. Smith (M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avargal, Acting) .. | 276                             | 292                                 | 254                            | 473                                 | 11                             | 52-90                 | 15                                  | 63-62                 |
| M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu ..                                          | 358                             | 167                                 | 379                            | 156                                 | 18                             | 15-92                 | 9                                   | 8-55                  |
| Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz ..                                              | 189                             | 10                                  | 357                            | 161                                 | 12                             | 11-89                 | 7                                   | 16-38                 |
| „ H. S. Mullins ..                                                    | ..                              | 53                                  | 14                             | 93                                  | 7                              | 23-26                 | 7                                   | 156-60                |
| Total ..                                                              | 856                             | 522                                 | 1,065                          | 883                                 | 48                             | 103-97                | 38                                  | 245-15                |

\* Includes Sibyala extension south the reservation of which was ordered to be cancelled in Government Order, No. 434, dated 5th August 1898.  
† Includes Méttupálaiyam block the reservation of which was cancelled in Government Order, Mis. No. 2864, dated 8th July 1898.

## APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the progress of work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending 30th September 1898.

| Names of Special 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. |
|                                                                  |                 | 3                                       | 4                     | 5                                | 6                     | 7      | 8                     | 9                                      | 10                    | 11                                | 12                    |
| Mr. W. F. Bateman.                                               | Ganjām ..       | 9                                       | 165-70                | ..                               | ..                    | 9      | 165-70                | ..                                     | ..                    | 9                                 | 165-70                |
|                                                                  | Vizagapatam ..  | 12                                      | 8-00                  | ..                               | ..                    | 12     | 8-00                  | ..                                     | ..                    | 12                                | 8-00                  |
|                                                                  | Gōdāvari ..     | 8                                       | 122-35                | ..                               | ..                    | 8      | 122-35                | ..                                     | ..                    | 8                                 | 122-35                |
|                                                                  | Kistna ..       | 6                                       | 13-93                 | ..                               | ..                    | 6      | 13-93                 | ..                                     | ..                    | 6                                 | 13-93                 |
|                                                                  | Kurnool ..      | 4                                       | 149-45                | ..                               | ..                    | 4      | 149-45                | ..                                     | ..                    | 4                                 | 149-45                |
|                                                                  | Total ..        | 39                                      | 459-43                | ..                               | ..                    | 39     | 459-43                | ..                                     | ..                    | 39                                | 459-43                |
| Mr. E. A. Smith (M.R.Ry. P. Singaravelu Pillai Avargal, Acting). | Kistna ..       | 44                                      | 145-02                | 2                                | 4-38                  | 46     | 149-40                | 6                                      | 13-50                 | 40                                | 135-90                |
|                                                                  | Nellore ..      | 5                                       | 16-45                 | 5                                | 8-32                  | 10     | 24-77                 | 2                                      | 13-45                 | 8                                 | 11-32                 |
|                                                                  | Bellary ..      | 14                                      | 28-45                 | ..                               | ..                    | 14     | 28-45                 | 3                                      | 5-40                  | 11                                | 23-05                 |
|                                                                  | Kurnool ..      | 9                                       | 245-89                | 1                                | 0-22                  | 10     | 246-11                | 2                                      | 26-25                 | 8                                 | 219-86                |
|                                                                  | Anantapur ..    | 5                                       | 24-02                 | ..                               | ..                    | 5      | 24-02                 | 2                                      | 5-02                  | 3                                 | 19-00                 |
|                                                                  | Total ..        | 77                                      | 459-83                | 8                                | 12-92                 | 85     | 472-75                | 15                                     | 63-62                 | 70                                | 409-13                |
| M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu.                                       | Cuddapah ..     | * 30                                    | 269-80                | † 2                              | 9-02                  | 32     | 278-82                | † 3                                    | 7-45                  | 29                                | 271-37                |
|                                                                  | North Arcot ..  | 7                                       | 46-61                 | 42                               | 1-53                  | 49     | 48-14                 | ..                                     | ..                    | 49                                | 48-14                 |
|                                                                  | Salem ..        | 5                                       | 60-01                 | ..                               | ..                    | 5      | 60-01                 | ..                                     | ..                    | 5                                 | 60-01                 |
|                                                                  | Chingleput ..   | 16                                      | 15-10                 | ..                               | ..                    | 16     | 15-10                 | 5                                      | 1-06                  | 11                                | 14-04                 |
|                                                                  | South Arcot ..  | 5                                       | 10-90                 | ..                               | ..                    | 5      | 10-90                 | 1                                      | 0-04                  | 4                                 | 10-86                 |
|                                                                  | Total ..        | 63                                      | 402-42                | 44                               | 10-55                 | 107    | 412-97                | 9                                      | 8-55                  | 98                                | 404-42                |
| Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz.                                           | Trichinopoly .. | 35                                      | 66-73                 | 1                                | 0-03                  | 36     | 66-76                 | † 7                                    | 16-38                 | 29                                | 50-38                 |
|                                                                  | Madura ..       | 7                                       | 31-22                 | ..                               | ..                    | 7      | 31-22                 | ..                                     | ..                    | 7                                 | 31-22                 |
|                                                                  | Tinnevely ..    | 4                                       | 4-26                  | ..                               | ..                    | 4      | 4-26                  | ..                                     | ..                    | 4                                 | 4-26                  |
|                                                                  | Coimbatore ..   | 5                                       | 303-90                | ..                               | ..                    | 5      | 303-90                | ..                                     | ..                    | 5                                 | 303-90                |
|                                                                  | Total ..        | 51                                      | 406-11                | 1                                | 0-03                  | 52     | 406-14                | 7                                      | 16-38                 | 45                                | 389-76                |
| Mr. H. S. Mullins.                                               | Malabar ..      | 18                                      | 221-37                | 2                                | 3-63                  | 20     | 225-00                | 1                                      | 2-46                  | 19                                | 222-54                |
|                                                                  | South Canara .. | 42                                      | 377-24                | 6                                | 79-61                 | 48     | 456-85                | 6                                      | 154-14                | 42                                | 302-71                |
|                                                                  | Total ..        | 60                                      | 598-61                | 8                                | 83-24                 | 68     | 681-85                | 7                                      | 156-60                | 61                                | 525-25                |
|                                                                  | Grand Total ..  | 290                                     | 2,326-40              | 61                               | 106-74                | 351    | 2,433-14              | 38                                     | 245-15                | 313                               | 2,187-99              |

\* Yellatla extensions I and II are now shown as two blocks instead of as one in the previous quarter.  
† Two blocks Dhodiyam extension B and Kanamalopalle extension have been notified under section 4 during the quarter.  
‡ Includes Méttupálaiyam block, the initial reservation of which was cancelled in Government Order, Mis. No. 2864, dated 8th July 1898.  
§ Includes Sibyala extension south, the initial reservation of which was cancelled in Government Order, No. 434, dated 5th August 1898.  
|| Includes Peria and Kannothe extensions which have been restored to the Forest Settlement-officer's file for revision under the Board's orders.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

## APPENDIX C.

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| Total .. | 313 |
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