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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 31st December 1898.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 67, dated 6th February 1899.

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

2. Two of the five Special Forest Settlement-officers, Messrs. Gompertz and Mullins, were absent on privilege leave, the former throughout the quarter and the latter from the 4th to 30th October 1898; the number of blocks ready for settlement in the Southern districts was for various causes insufficient to justify the appointment of a *locum tenens* during the absence of the former officer. Mr. E. A. Smith returned from leave and resumed charge of his duties from M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avargal on the 13th October 1898.

3. The usual statements are appended. Notwithstanding the absence on leave of two officers, the total number of blocks reported on was 61 with an aggregate area of 405.87 square miles as against 38 blocks covering an area of 245.15 square miles in the previous quarter. M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu disposed of the largest number of blocks, the extent involved being 73.18 square miles. Mr. Bateman ranks next in point of number of blocks reported on, but the area covered was much larger than that dealt with by any other officer. The number of blocks disposed of by Mr. Smith (13) was slightly higher than that settled by Mr. Mullins, but the latter disposed of a much larger area. The total outturn both under "inspection and perambulation" and "disposal of claims" shows a great falling off, but this is mainly due to the absence of two of the officers on leave. The distance perambulated by M.R.Ry. Ganapayya Garu in particular was much smaller than in the previous quarter, but this is no doubt accounted for by the fact that a much larger proportion of his time was necessarily devoted to the preparation of settlement reports.

4. There were 317 blocks pending at the beginning of the quarter to which 28 blocks were added during the period under report, making a total of 345 blocks. Of these, 61 blocks were reported on during the quarter, leaving a balance of 284 blocks; of which 137 were actually pending with the Special Forest Settlement-officers as 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 inspection by Forest Settlement-officers (n).	Total.
Mr. W. F. Bateman	..	5	1	9	15
" E. A. Smith	..	9	..	22	31
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu ..	..	8	3	45	56
Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz	2	5	12	1	20
" H. S. Mullins	..	1	3	11	15
Total ..	2	28	19	88	137
Total for the previous quarter.	3	29	27	39	98

The number of blocks awaiting inspection shows a large increase over the figures of the previous quarter, of which nearly the whole appertains to M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu's charge; this was to be expected, for at the commencement of the quarter no fewer than 42 of the blocks now shown against this officer were awaiting the publication of proclamations under section 6 of the Madras Forest Act. In the circumstances, the work of inspection could naturally receive but little attention.

The delay in regard to the remaining (284—137) = 147 blocks is accounted for in the following manner:—

Item (c) —Appendix C.—Awaiting receipt of sketch-map from	Number of blocks at the close of the quarter under review.	Number of blocks at the close of the previous quarter.
District Forest-officers	17	7
" (d) " Awaiting disposal of appeal	8	5
" (f) " Awaiting receipt of information from Tahsildars	27	34
" (g) and (k) " Awaiting expiry of time for appeals.	14	37
" (h) " Awaiting answers to claims from District Forest-officers	12	15
" (l) and (p) " Awaiting publication of proclamation, &c.	28	60
" (m) " Awaiting grant of compensation or exchange of lands	20	21
Other items	21	35
Total	147	214

The number awaiting receipt of sketch-maps is large, notably in South Canara. The Collector will be requested to see that no avoidable delay occurs in the District Forest-office in furnishing the necessary maps. The Board in its review of the previous quarter invited the attention of Collectors to the large number of blocks pending under items (f) and (m).

Of the older blocks, i.e., those relating to the period up to and including the year 1893-94, no less than six are awaiting the preparation of sketch-maps, three the submission of final reports, and four inspection by the Forest Settlement-officer. These blocks should receive immediate attention.

(True Extract.)

(f) awaiting information from Tahsildars

(m) awaiting grant of compensation or exchange of lands.

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

the Special Forest Settlement-officers.

the Collectors of all districts (District Forest-officers), except Madras and the Nilgiris.

Copy to Conservators of Forests.

Exd. Md. Puhilvan.

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 September 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1898.	From camp to camp.		From camp to reserve.		Quarter ending 30th September 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1898.
			Quarter ending 30th September 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1898.	Quarter ending 30th September 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1898.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mr. W. F. Bateman	16	16	1,071	1,071	69	69	29	29
E. A. Smith	21	25	1,610	1,438	121	115	109	83
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu.	26	24	545	1,124	195	48	207	78
Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz	25	..	1,330	..	130	..	147	..
H. S. Mullins	15	17	255	279	75	55	77	44
Total	87	82	3,840	3,912	521	287	540	282
Names of officers.	Number of claims enquired into.		Number of claims disposed of.		Blocks reported on			
	Quarter ending 30th September 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1898.	Quarter ending 30th September 1898.	Quarter ending 31st December 1898.	Quarter ending 30th September 1898.		Quarter ending 31st December 1898.	
					Number.	Area in square miles.	Number.	Area in square miles.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mr. W. F. Bateman	12	12	129	129	16	203.70	16	203.70
E. A. Smith	292	236	473	239	15	63.62	13	42.05
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu.	167	160	156	110	9	8.55	21	73.19
Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz	10	..	161	..	7	16.38	11	..
H. S. Mullins	53	..	93	10	7	156.60	..	86.94
Total	522	408	883	488	38	245.15	61	405.87

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the progress of work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending 31st December 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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mr. W. F. Bateman.	Ganjām	9	165.70	..	..	9	165.70	5	107.71	4	57.99
	Vizagapatam	12	8.00	1	7.14	14	30.19	8	3.80	6	26.39
	Gódvári	8	122.35	1	0.05	9	122.40	3	92.19	6	30.21
	Kistna	6	13.93	..	..	6	13.93	..	..	6	13.93
	Kurnool	4	149.45	..	..	4	149.45	..	..	4	149.45
	Total	39	459.43	3	22.24	42	481.67	16	203.70	26	277.97
Mr. B. A. Smith.	Kistna	40	135.90	3	12.00	43	147.90	5	11.30	38	136.60
	Nellore	8	11.32	7	13.62	15	24.94	..	..	15	24.94
	Bellary	11	23.05	6	17.34	17	40.39	5	11.75	12	28.64
	Kurnool	8	219.86	2	14.00	10	233.86	..	..	10	233.86
	Anantapur	3	19.00	..	..	3	19.00	3	19.00	..	..
	Total	70	409.13	18	56.86	88	465.99	13	42.05	75	423.94
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya Garu.	Cuddapah	33	271.37	1	0.15	34	271.52	12	54.79	22	216.73
	North Arcot	49	48.14	..	..	49	48.14	1	3.28	48	44.86
	Salem	5	60.01	..	..	5	60.01	..	..	5	60.01
	Chingleput	11	14.04	..	..	11	14.04	6	4.36	5	9.68
	South Arcot	4	10.86	..	..	4	10.86	2	10.75	2	0.11
	Total	102	404.42	1	0.15	103	404.57	21	73.18	82	331.39
Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz.	Trichinopoly	29	50.38	..	..	29	50.38	..	..	29	50.38
	Madura	7	31.22	..	..	7	31.22	..	..	7	31.22
	Tinnevely	4	4.26	4	6.13	8	10.39	..	..	8	10.39
	Coimbatore	5	303.90	..	..	5	303.90	..	..	5	303.90
	Total	45	389.76	4	6.13	49	395.89	..	..	49	395.89
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Malabar	19	222.54	..	..	19	222.54	1	1.79	18	220.75
	South Canara	42	302.71	2	40.39	44	343.10	10	85.15	34	257.95
	Total	61	525.25	2	40.39	63	565.64	11	86.94	52	478.70
	Grand Total	317	2,167.99	28	125.77	345	2,313.76	61	405.87	284	1,907.89

* Kadagandi reserve transferred from the Principal Assistant Collector to the Special Forest Settlement-officer.
† Palkonda extensions are now shown as five blocks instead of one during the previous quarter.

APPENDIX C.

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

Names of Special Forest Settlement-officers.	Districts.	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.	1898-99.	Total.	Remarks.	Total.
Mr. W. F. Bateman.	Ganjum ..	(c)	1	(i) 1													4	(a) Final report submitted subsequent to the quarter.	2
	Vizagapatam.																6	(b) Awaiting survey or demarcation of boundaries.	1
	Godavari ..																6	(c) Awaiting receipt of sketch-map from the District Forest-officer.	17
	Kistna ..																6	(d) Awaiting disposal of appeals.	8
	Kurnool ..																4	(e) Awaiting disposal of claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.	28
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Kistna ..																38	(f) Awaiting receipt of information called for from the Tahsildar.	27
	Nellore ..																15	(g) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for appeal.	5
	Kurnool ..																10	(h) Awaiting answers to claims from the District Forest-officer.	12
	Bellary ..																12	(i) Awaiting submission of the report by the Forest Settlement-officer.	19
	Anantapur ..																..	(k) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for presenting claims.	9
Mr. R. Ry. K. Ganapaya Garu.	Cuddapah ..																22	(l) Awaiting publication of proclamation under section 6.	10
	North Arcot.																48	(m) Awaiting grant of compensation or exchange of lands.	20
	Salem ..																5	(n) Awaiting inspection by the Forest Settlement-officer.	88
	Chingleput ..																5	(o) Settlement suspended.	12
	South Arcot.																2	(p) Awaiting republication of notification under section 4.	18
Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz.	Trichinopoly.																29	(r) Awaiting re-notification of block owing to the inaccuracy of the original boundary description.	3
	Madura ..																..	(x) Awaiting the acknowledgment of receipt of a notice issued to a pattadar.	1
	Tinnevely ..																7	(c) Awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest-officer.	4
	Coimbatore ..																8		
	Malabar ..																5		
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	South Canara.																18		
	Total ..	3	4	4	10	4	4	1	9	..	4	19	15	71	55	87	284	Total ..	284

* The blocks were shown by mistake under column 1898-99 in the previous quarter.

† Seven out of these were shown by mistake under column 1898-99 in the previous quarter.

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