

THE RESIDENCY,  
GANGTOK,  
SIKKIM.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1918.

My dear Bray,

Please refer to your demi-official letter No. 758/F, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1917, regarding the realignment of the Sikkim Bhutan boundary south of Gipmochi.

2. I enclose a tracing which shows the boundaries claimed by each State and the boundary settled by Gould's award, which has been demarcated on the ground. Both the award and the demarcation of it have at length been accepted by both States, though somewhat grudgingly by Bhutan. The boundary claimed by Bhutan is the boundary between Sikkim and Tibet, as shown in sheet 7 of the North East Transfrontier Series 1"=8 miles published in March 1889 and shown in the later maps as the boundary between Sikkim and Bhutan. The boundary claimed by Sikkim is the one shown in the fourth edition of the same sheet, published in June 1908 as the boundary between Sikkim and Bhutan.

3. In 1904 I visited the lower portion of the area given to Bhutan by Gould's award and know that it was thoroughly in the possession of Bhutan. A copy of the detailed description of the new line submitted by the Government Surveyor, Babu Amrit Ram, is enclosed herewith.

4. The original of the map, in which the new boundary is shown with details of the contours of the neighbourhood, has been taken by the Government Surveyor for submission to the Government through the Survey Department.

To  
Denys Bray, Esquire, C.I.E.,  
Deputy Secretary to the government of India in the Foreign and Political  
Department,  
Delhi.

G.T.  
1/3/18.

To  
The Political Officer in Sikkim,  
Gangtok.

Sir,

With reference to your note regarding the description of new boundary demarcated by me I beg to state the following-

- (1) New boundary between Sikkim and Bhutan States commences from Richila hill and runs along Pangola Range till Lingtu Notch. 3 Boundary pillars have been made by me along this range.
- (2) Boundary pillar No. 1. At a distance of about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles from Pangola hill is situated on a small rocky peak of the above range near the foot path which also runs along the same range.
- (3) From boundary pillar No. 1 along the abovementioned range in a northerly direction and at a distance of about 50 chains from boundary pillar No. 1 on flat pieces boundary pillar No. 2 has been erected.
- (4) Thence further on at a distance of about 40 chains in the same direction B.P. No.3 has been put up at the place called Fedi or Lingtu Notch. The foot path from this B.P. goes to Lingtu hill and boundary turns north to a easterly direction.
- (5) Thence a demarcated line in a north easterly direction till B.P. No. 4 which is built on a spur at a distance of 31 chains from B.P. No. 3.
- (6) B.P. No. 5 is also on a spur in the same direction on the demarcated line about 42 chains from B.P. 4.
- (7) The demarcated line still continues till B.P. No. 6 which is situated on a steep rock at a distance of 14 chains from B.P. No. 5.
- (8) B.P. No. 7 has been put up on the main slope from Lingtu Hill to Dichu R in a North Easterly direction at a distance of about 66 chains from B.P. No. 6.

- (9) B.P. No. 8 on the other side of Chumbuk Chu has been made on a large spur about 50 chains from the junction of Chumbuk Chu and Dichu R and at a distance of about a mile from B.P. No. 7.
- (10) B.P. No. 9 is made above the junction of Dichu river with a small stream from Gyimochi Notch at a distance of 15 chains from the above junction and about 110 chains from B.P. No. 8.
- (11) Thence along the small stream till Gyimochi Notch where B.P. No. 10 has been fixed.
- (12) Thence along the range in Northerly direction to Gyimochi G.T.S.

The boundary runs according to Mr. Gould's award.

I have Etc.,

Sd/ Amrit Ram,

Surveyor,

No. 12 Party (Eastern Circle) Survey of India

22/12/17

D.O. No. 2225-G  
THE RESIDENCY,  
GANGTOK,  
SIKKIM.

The 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1918.

My dear Neale,

Please refer to your demi-official letter No. 1530-F. of the 29<sup>th</sup> August enclosing a copy of letter No. 1631-S. dated the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1918, from the Survey of India together with the proof of N.E.F. Sheet No. 7 N.W. scale 1 inch – 2 miles. The boundary is correctly shown on the map.  
2. The State Engineer informs me that the new pillars were actually numbered on the ground and I have therefore had the numbers entered on the proof map.

Major W.G. Neale,  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,  
Foreign and Political Department.  
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## **Survey of India,**

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Calcutta, 31<sup>st</sup> July 1918.

FROM  
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Superintendent, Map Publication,  
Survey of India,

To  
The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,  
Foreign and Political Department.

Sir,

In compliance with F.D. U.O. No: Maps/2-F of 14<sup>th</sup> March 1918 and in continuation of Survey of India U.O. No: 22 of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1918, I have the honour to submit herewith a proof of N.E.F. Sheet No: 7 N.W./3 scale 1 inch = 2 miles showing the realignment of the Sikkim-Bhutan boundary for favour of your approval. The following explanatory notes may be considered in deciding on the correctness of the boundary as now shown: -

- (1) The boundary from 'Gipmochi' to a point called 'Pangola' hill is inserted from the ½ inch reductions of the Surveyor Amrit Ram's 1 inch plane table survey of 1917, thence forward it is shown running along the Pangola range (as originally delineated on N.E.F. Sheet No: 7 N.W/3 to meet the Darjeeling boundary at 'Richila'. This alignment, as noted in Mr: Bell's D.O. letter letter No: 563G. of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1918 to Mr: Bray, as settled by Gould's award, has been demarcated on the ground

and both the award and its demarcation has been accepted by both States.

- (2) In the detailed description of the new line submitted by the Surveyor, a copy of which forms an enclosure N/p3-4 to the above D.O. letter, the pillars are numbered 1 to 10. These pillars have been shown along the boundary on the map in position according to the plane table and their description, but the numbers have been omitted from the map as they do not appear to have been numbered on the ground.
- (3) The trijunction point of the Sikkim-Bhutan-Bengal boundary is said to be 'Richila'- this name should refer to 'Richila' pass and not to 'Richila' H.S. which is situated about a mile to the South of the boundary.
- (4) The trijunction of the Sikkim-Bhutan-Tibet boundary, according to the Imperial Gazetteer of Bengal Volume II. Page 487, lies on the Western shoulder of 'Gipmochi', but is not definitely marked anywhere, as the Bhutan-Tibet boundary is undefined.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lt. Colonel, R.E.,

Superintendent, Map Publication