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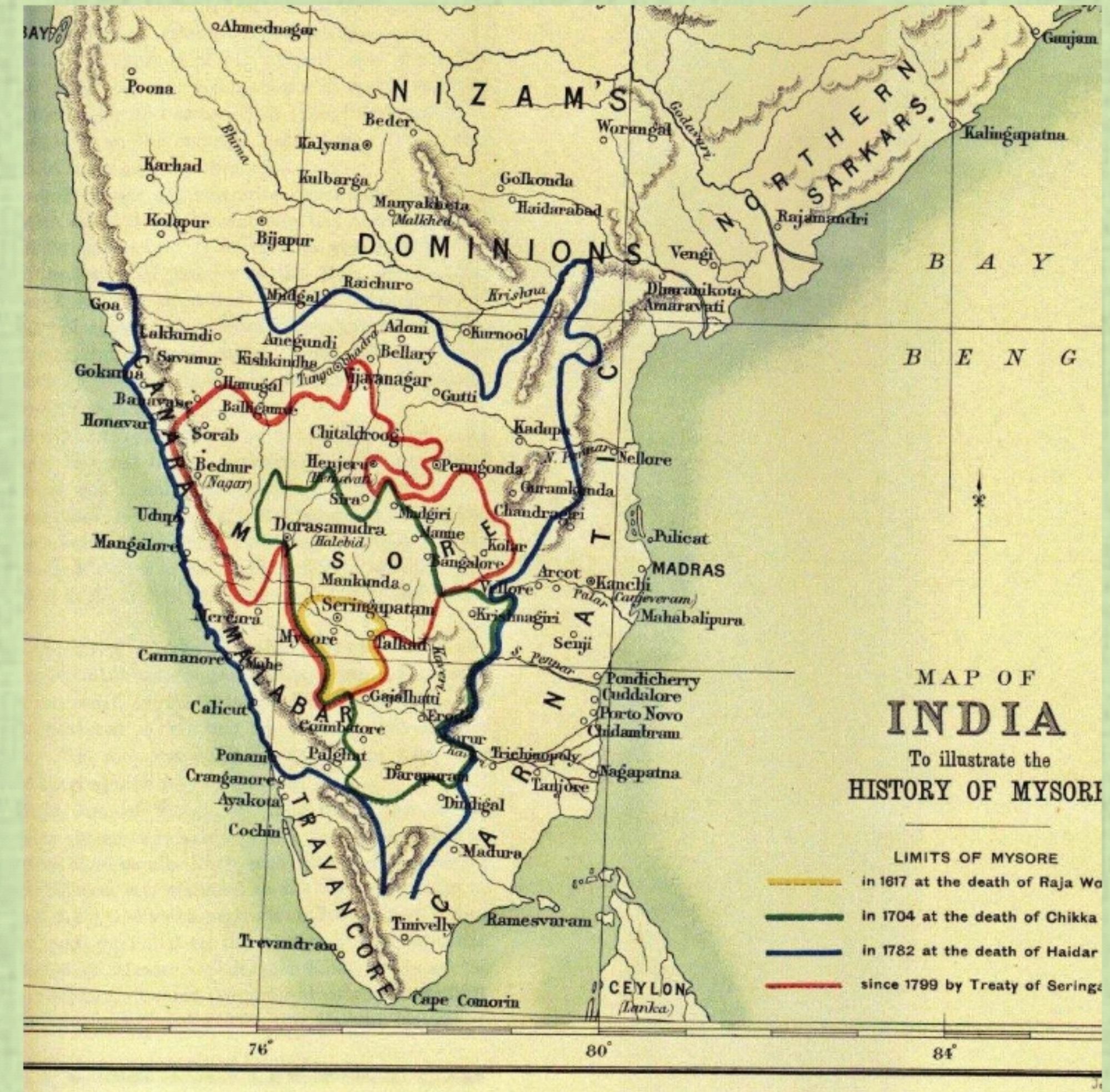
Mysore and Hyder Ali II

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The First Anglo-Mysore War

- The British military presence in the Carnatic and strengthening their armies there was a constant threat.
- In 1767 Hyder invaded the Carnatic leading to the First Anglo-Mysore War (1767-69) – Discussed in ‘Territorial Expansion of the East India Company.

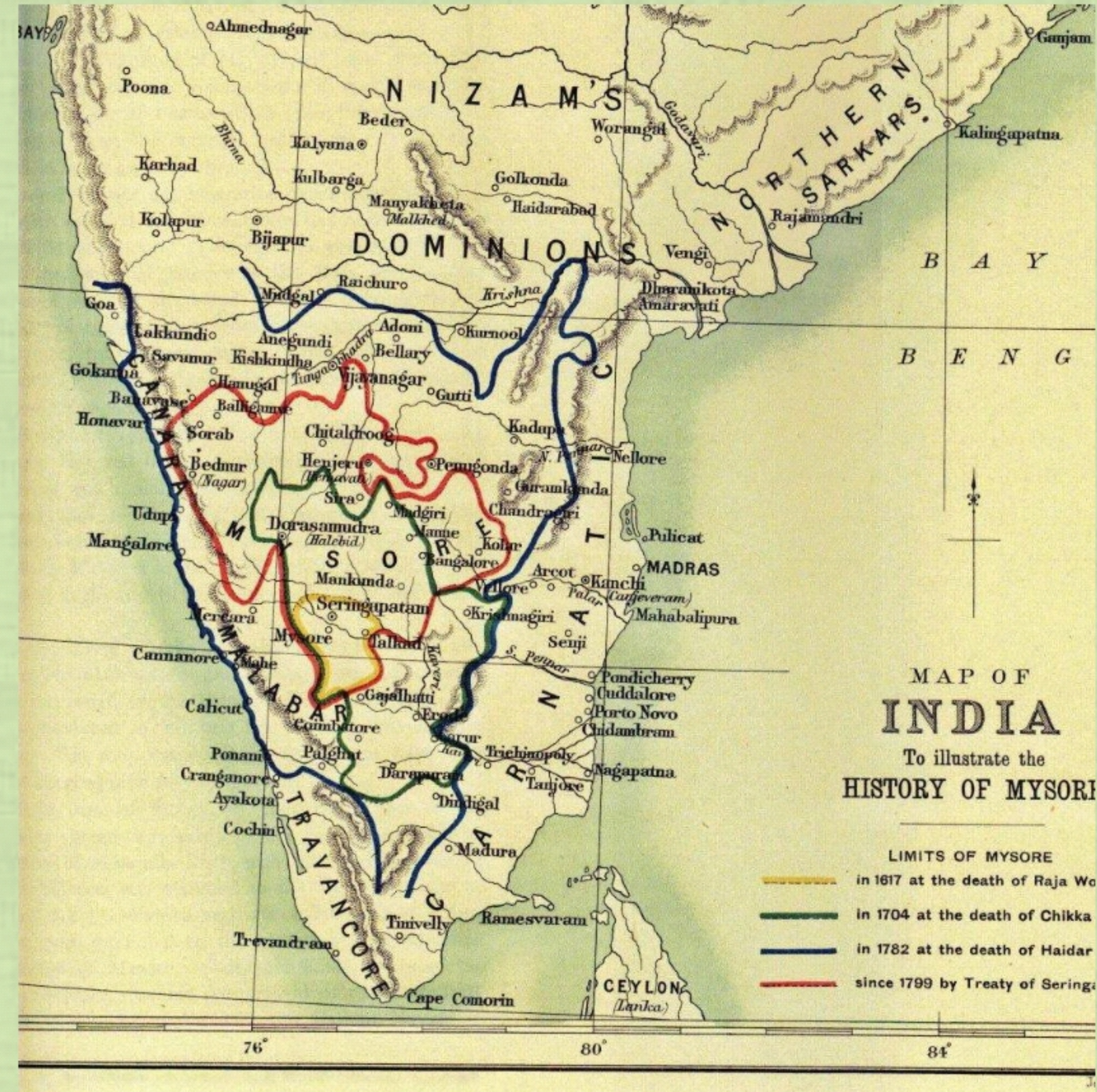


Clash with the Marathas

- Mysore faced periodic invasions from the Marathas in 1740s, 1750s and 1760s.
- In 1767 Hyder was defeated by the Marathas under Madhav Rao.
- Hyder assured British assistance against the Marathas through the Treaty of Madras of 1769.
- But British did not turn up when Marathas invaded Mysore in 1770 and defeated Hyder by 1772.

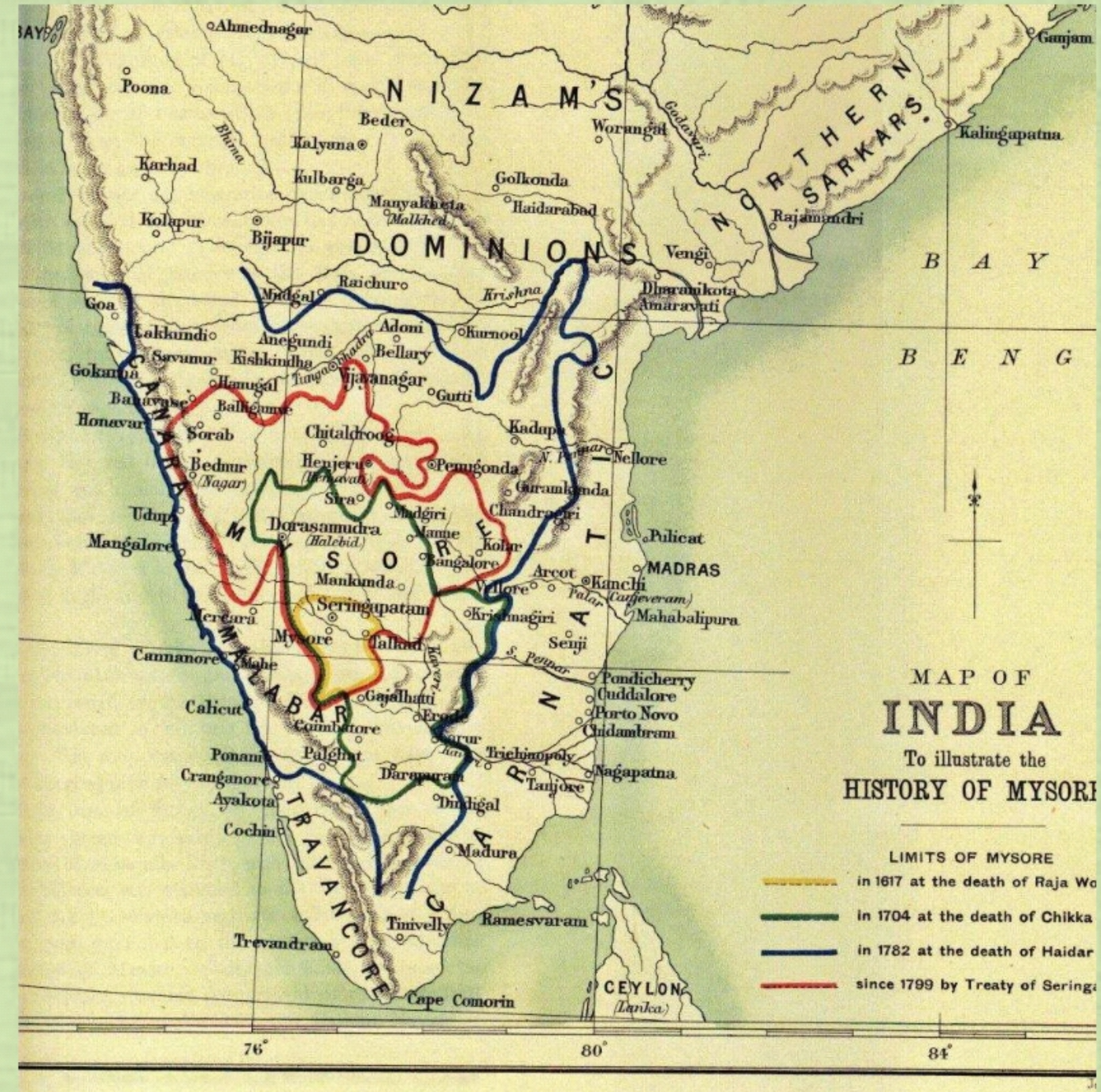
Later Conquests of Hyder Ali

- For his defeat against the Marathas, he accused the incumbent Nanjaraj and executed him.
- In 1772, Peshwa Madhavrao died weakening the Marathas once again.
- Hyder took full advantage and invaded the northern Karnataka and conquered many territories by 1777.



Later Conquests of Hyder Ali

- Hyder also brought Coorg under his control in 1773.
- Hyder after seizing the Malabar, made trade and diplomatic relations with Oman, Ottoman Turkey and Zand Empire of Persia (later, Qajar Dynasty).
- Hyder also strengthened the Mysorean navy to fight the British.



Second Anglo-Mysore War

- Meanwhile the First Anglo-Maratha War broke out in 1775.
- In 1779, the British seized the French port of Mahi in the Malabar under Mysorean protection.
- Also, the Marathas saw few reverses in the war and sought alliance with Hyder in 1780.
- Second Anglo-Mysore War (1779 – 84) – Discussed in ‘Territorial Expansion of the East India Company.’
- Hyder died in December, 1782 in Chittoor at the age of around 62.

Mysorean Rockets

- Primitive rockets were in use during the Medieval and early Modern period in India in the Mughal army.
- The rockets consisted of a bamboo shaft and paper container.
- Hyder developed them immensely by introducing iron case to hold the propellant adding to their firepower, distance and accuracy.
- These were also fitted with swords to maximize damage.

Mysorean Rockets

- Rocket launchers were also developed that could fire 10 rockets at a time.
- Rockets were the most formidable weapon in Mysorean arsenal
- They were far advanced than the hitherto British military technology.
- Used by Tipu in the Battles of Pollilur (1780) and Anegudi (1782) during the Second Anglo-Mysore War leading to crushing defeats on the company's forces.

The Puppet Monarchs

- **Krishnaraja Wodeyar II** 1761–1766
 - **Nanjaraja Wodeyar** 1766–1770
 - **Chamaraja Wodeyar VIII** 1770–1776
 - **Chamaraja Wodeyar IX** 1776–1796
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- Hyder usurped the power in 1761 and became ‘Sarvadhikari’.
 - Tipu took the control of the Mysore Kingdom in 1786 from the Wodeyar Dynasty.
 - Tipu deposed the Wodeyar Dynasty and became the sole ruler in 1796.

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Tipu Sultan



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