GO No 1152 Revenue
Date 09.09.1894

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th September 1874.

No. 98. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, August 1874, No. 2,122, Forest, No. 124:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellore, 27th June 1874, No. 336:—

In paragraph 18 of their Proceedings, dated the 9th May 1873, No. 782, the Board of Revenue suggested to Government the desirability of coming to a decision as to whether it is worthwhile to keep the portion of the hill which is not granted to the Mahant and the owners of the Topes and Inams as a reserve forest, and the Government, in paragraph 2 of their Order, dated 26th March last, No. 388, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st April last, No. 2,265, call for a further report on this question.

2. I referred the subject for the opinion of Mr. Sheffield, the Deputy Conservator of Forests of this district, and he has, after a careful examination of the hill, informed me that the portion which the Government propose to retain possession is peculiarly and admirably adopted for a forest reserve.

3. I forward, herewith, copy of his report, and beg to express my entire concurrence in the recommendations he makes as to the advisability of making this Forest Reserve.

4. Unless the Taluq and Forest authorities are thoroughly aware, from the first, of the exact limits of the Mahant's lands, and of the Government Forest Reserve, I foresee constant bickerings and disputes of all kinds. I would have the lands have been demarcated, and substantial masonry pillars erected as boundary marks, cause a map to be carefully drawn out, copies of which shall be distributed, as shown in the margin.

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P. S.—Since writing the foregoing, I have seen Mr. Sheffield who has just returned from Tripetty. He informs me that he has, at the request of Mahant and the Peshcar, ascended the hill and been present at the demarcation of a portion of the boundary line. No objection of any kind was raised to his visiting the hill, on the contrary every facility was afforded him by the Peshcar who assisted him readily in every way in his power. This is satisfactory, as showing that we are really gradually overcoming the scruples that used to be put forward so strenuously whenever an officer of Government was required to ascend the hill

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SURE No. 1.

HEFFIELD, Deputy-Conservator of Forests, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq.,
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AVE the honor, with reference to your letter No. 313, dated 24th April 1874, and the
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3. There is very little large timber to be found any where on these hills except at Nagaputla, but most of the hills are covered with young trees of the reserved kinds, and covered so thick in many parts as to appear like a plantation. There is very little underwood, and timber is easily moved from the place where felled to the outer slope which is the only steep or difficult one.

4. I have given this forest a long inspection, and after carefully going over it, closely looking to its roads and paths, and considering the very valuable young timbers with which it is covered and its nearness to the line of Rail and thus to Madras, a never failing market for the timber. I can say, without hesitation, it is by far the most valuable forest in this district, and should by all means be made into a strict reserved forest.

5. The boundaries I would propose for the Reserve are these, north, bounded by the Cuddapah District, east, by the Railway line, from the Cuddapah north-east corner to the north-east corner of the Kurkambadi Poliyam, then running along this Poliyam to the south-east corner of it on the ridge of the hills facing the south, then running along the ridge to the upper Goperam leading to the temples from lower Tripetty, from the Goperam running close under that perpendicular wall of rock, so noticeable from the Railway, to a point under the flat topped hill called Tiruconda on which a very large bell formerly hung, and from which a long projecting spur runs out nearly to the village of Nurgapuram; from this point it will cross the spur, run straight down to the foot of the hill, then along the foot to a point opposite Nagaputla, then still on to the hut on Mr. Ootman's ground, and from there a straight line to Boomardee Conda on the north-west of the Cuddapah District.

6. Should this boundary be approved of, masonry pillars could be erected at a little lime stone, building stone, sand and water can all be found on the hills.

7. I am told by the Jungle Firkadar of Nagaputla that there is a dispute about our boundary on the Cuddapah side, the Cuddapah Villagers claiming miles of hills that have been and are at present, under his charge. It will be necessary to have this dispute settled before boundary pillars are erected.

8. It would be a great improvement if we could make the Railway line our boundary, right down to Kurkambadi, in fact I think it will be absolutely necessary to do so, for if the Poligar retains this corner, it will be impossible to keep out wood cutters and cattle from it without a great number of watchmen. I know that the Poligar does not like the idea of up any of his forest, but I think an exchange might be made, we giving him a portion Mamundoor forest east of the line in piece of his piece on the west. The Railway would admirable boundary and one easily guarded.

9. My reason for going along the ridge of the hills between Kurkambadi and the conda is, because there is no forest worth speaking of on the southern slope, and because it be necessary to leave something as a grazing ground for cattle from the neighbouring villages and firewood for the villagers; and my reason for selecting the foot of the hills for the boundary from this point is, because the hills are very much broken up, winding in and out very much, the ravines and valleys uncultivated and densely wooded, therefore valuable to us for the but I do not intend my boundary to wind in and out with the hills, but strike across spur to another, following the outward trends but cutting off all inward trends where unc and well wooded. There are very few villages near this part of the reserve, and there are of open, uncultivated plains on which cattle can graze, there are also the neighbouring hills Chendraghiry and the hills west of Nagaputla all available for grazing.

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11. There seems to have been, and I am told there is at present, a great quantity of timber and bamboos felled in the forest near Nagaputla, and yet it is undoubtedly the best and richest piece of forest in the district, and I beg to suggest that to keep it so, I should be directed, in company with the Taluq Tahsildar to mark out the boundary at once, and that felling shall not take place pending the final settlement of the question, because now that it is known that it is likely to be formed into a reserve, there will be a rush to get what wood is possible from it before the forest is taken over.

12. The boundaries as above shown will enclose, I think, near upon 150 square miles, the line from east to west being about fifteen miles and from north to south about ten miles.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 26th March 1874, No. 388.

2. Government have called on the Inspector of Forests for a report as to whether the portion of the Tripetty Hill which is not given up to the Mahant and private owners, should be made a reserved forest. Mr. Sheffield's report proves beyond doubt that this is precisely the case in which forest should be reserved. It is the most valuable forest in the district, it is near the railway, and it is freer from communal rights than perhaps any other forest which is so conveniently situated. The Board resolve to request the Inspector of Forests to consider ca e-

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ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1874, No. 1,152.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government will await the report from the Inspector of Forests called for in paragraph 2 of G. O., dated 20th March 1874, No. 388.

Deputy Conservator can ascend the hill as proposed.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

the Board of Revenue.
„ the Inspector of Forests.

Copy.

Govt. of Madras 20th March 1874.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated September 9th.

Rec'd

G. O. No. September 1874, No. 1,152

SUBMITTED.

Nos. 98-99.

To the Hon. North Arcot Dated—

report from the Inspector of Forests regarding the

ration of a portion of the—

forest, and requesting Mr. Sheffield, Deputy Con-

servator, to ascend the hill whenever he

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FOREST No. 124.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th August 1874, No. 2,122.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellore, 27th June 1874, No. 336 :—

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3. I forward, herewith, copy of his report, and beg to express my entire concurrence in the recommendations he makes as to the advisability of making this Forest Reserve.

4. Unless the Taluq and Forest authorities are thoroughly aware, from the first, of the exact limits of the Mahant's lands, and of the Government Forest Reserve, we may expect the occurrence of constant bickering and disputes of all kinds. I will, after the lands has been demarcated, and substantial masonry pillars erected as boundary marks, cause a map to be carefully drawn out, copies of which shall be distributed, as shown in the margin.

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3. The parts reserved to the Mahant and other private owners, should be demarcated at once. With reference to previous orders, the Collector applies for special permission for Mr. Sheffield to ascend the hill by public paths not intruding on the portion reserved to the temple but the Board presume that such special permission is no longer necessary and that all Government Officials may enter on that portion of the hill which has been retained by Government.

4. The desirability of immediately settling the boundary dispute described in paragraph 7 of Mr. Sheffield's report, of obtaining the corner of the forest which belongs to the Kurkambadi Poligar (paragraph 8) and of providing against the wish to fell wood which is likely to take place between the time that the people know the forest is to be reserved and the demarcation of the boundaries (paragraph 11) must not be forgotten.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Inspector of Forests.
" the Collector of North Arcot.

Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Extd. G. A. Turton.

No 2864
Rev 1874. Dept.
No 1098

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Proceedings, 6th August 1874, No. 2,122.

Encl.

Received 20th

AUGUST.
Forest No. 124.

Sheffield, Mr.—Deputy Conservator of Forests—in North Arcot District.—Letter from Collector requesting Board to obtain permission of Government for, to ascend Tripetty Hill whenever duties of his office render it necessary, submitted to Government with remarks.

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28-8-74

Very dear Comfield

...pm of 15th
I shan not be able to visit the Tripetty hill before the month of November at latest. I am in complete ignorance with reference to it. I may however state that I am not prepared to recommend the formation of any more Reserves at present called, until I can definitely decide whether we can really constitute them & maintain

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legal enactment or intro-
duce an act to enable us
to do so. The plan of action
hitherto pursued merely leaves
the public without any encour-
agement in the study of
Practical Conservancy & forestry.
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that even with an act we
could be justified in [redacted]
the whole 15 [redacted] miles of
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wrong. [redacted] to be at

Capt. Walker
D.O.
On the proposed
Reserve
Dipatty Hill

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Revenue Department.

No. 1162.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dy. 9 September 74

Read the following

Proceedings of the Bd. of Revenue

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To Bd of Revenue
Insp Genl of Forests } Dated 25/9/74

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Remp[ra] acc[ep]ted to D[r]
Cons: of Parts Mt Sheffield
to ascend Property Hall