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11TH OCTOBER 1883, No. 1275, REVENUE.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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THE ACTING COLLECTOR, Madras, to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Camp, Kodaikanal, 9th July 1883, No. 191.

With reference to your letter, No. 433, dated the 25th May 1883, I have the honor to forward herewith a draft notification for the declaration of all the State Forests and Plantations which have already been reserved by order of Government in this district as reserved forests under Section 29 of the Act. The reasons show that as regards these reserves, the Forest Committee have not yet arrived at a final decision, and that the result of their inquiry, as embodied in their report, may be taken as a final decision on all the various rights involved. As there is no necessity for any further investigation respecting these reserves, the Government may be moved to declare them outright as reserved forests under Section 29.

2. As regards the Zamin Forests, which are of the utmost importance to the water-supply of the district, it is highly desirable that early steps should be taken for placing them under the operation of the Act, and with this object, I submit herewith two draft notices under Section 29, one for the Zamin Forest of Yerasekanayakanur for Reserve No. II, and the other to the Zamin Forest of Bodinayakanur for Reserve No. V, VI, VII and VIII, and request you will be good enough to submit the approval of Government for the same and their permission for my serving the notices upon the proprietors. As for Reserve No. I, the "Varasanad Valley," we cannot do anything at present during the minority of the Zamin, and I think that the effectual management of these forests by my District Forest Officer on behalf of the Aggamalais, a draft notification under Section 4 is also submitted, as the claims and rights of third parties in this canal do not seem to have been required by the Forest Committee.

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4. As regards the sketch maps required to be sent along with the above notifications, I request that copies of the sketch maps, sheets Nos. 9 to 18, may be obtained from the Central Survey Office. Only one set was received with your letter, No. 1003, dated 30th December 1881, for record in the District Forest Office.

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District.	Taluk.	Number and Name of Reserve.	Boundaries.	Estimated Area.
Madura ...	Periyakulam.	No. II, Yerasekanayakanur.	North.—Yerasekanayakanur Zemindari. East.—Gandamanayakanur Estate. South.—Government land, Periyakulam Taluk. West.—Do. do.	SQ. MILES. 1.78

Dated the day of 1883.

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Madura.	Periyakulam	No. V.—Kotagudi Valley.	North.—Travancore East.—Bodinayakanur Estate. South.—Travancore West.—Do.	SQ. MILES. 13.79	
Do.	Do.	No. VI.—Chottuparai Odai.	North.—Government land, Palni Hills East.—Bodinayakanur Zemindari South.—Do. do. West.—Do. do.	1.00	
Do.	Do.	No. VII.—Kundumari-gan Odai.	North.—Government land, Palni Hills East.—Aggamalais South.—Bodinayakanur Zemindari West.—Government land, Palni Hills	2.49	
Do.	Do.	No. VIII.—Ambruvi Ar.	North.—Upper Palni East.—Government land, Periyakulam Taluk South.—Aggamalais West.—Bodinayakanur Estate	5.93	

ENCLOSURE No. 7.—Map.

Read—the following letter from Major I. CAMPBELL WALKER, Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Periyakulam, 24th August 1883, No. 1169:—

Government Order, No. 320, of 18th March 1882, approved and sanctioned the sale of the acacia plantation at Kodaikanal, as recommended by Colonel Beddome and the Board.

It was accordingly exposed to auction after being duly advertized on the 4th September last at an upset price of Rs. 250, but the Sub-Collector reported that there were no bidders.

2. The Assistant Collector in charge then suggested its retention, pointing out that it cost nothing to maintain and yielded a small revenue. In this view I concurred, at least until I had an opportunity of inspecting it and consulting the Collector.

3. I have now done so; the growth is certainly not good, but there is no expenditure, and about Rs. 50 worth of firewood are taken out annually. The Collector is opposed to selling the block, pointing out that, apart from its forest uses, it is the only piece of Government land left in the basin of the Kodaikanal Lake.

4. Under the above circumstances, the plantation has been included in the areas to be notified as reserved forests submitted with my letter, No. 1142, of 16th instant, and I request that the Government Order quoted above, so far as it directs the sale of the plantation, may be cancelled.

Resolution—dated 18th September 1883, No. 2807.

Draft Notifications Nos. 1 and 3 under Sections 25 and 4 of the Act, respectively, are approved and submitted for the sanction of Government and for publication, it being recommended that Mr. Robinson be appointed as the Forest Settlement Officer in the latter notification.

2. As regards Notification No. 2, it seems doubtful whether it should issue under Section 25 as proposed, or under Section 4 as recommended for similar cases in North Arcot in Board's Proceedings, No. 2806, dated 18th September 1883, to which the Board beg to refer Government with reference to the remarks in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Conservator's letter. The Board think that all that is needed in order to put Section 25 in force in respect of an area is that it should have been a piece of Forest land, and that its reservation should have been ordered by Government. If an inquiry has been held into the existence of rights in it, and they have been settled and recorded in a manner which the Government thinks sufficient, the notification under the section may issue and take effect at once; but if otherwise, the notification, though it may issue, cannot take effect until such inquiry has been held and the results recorded by a Forest Settlement Officer in the manner provided by Section 11 of the Act.

3. The two draft notices under Section 29, also submitted with the Conservator's first letter read above, are approved, and sanction is solicited for their issue.

4. With reference to the second of the above letters, it is requested that G.O., No. 320, of the 18th March 1882, may be modified so far as it directs the sale of the acacia plantation at Kodaikanal.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

" Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

" Deputy Conservator of Forests,
in charge of Central Office of Accounts.

" Collector of Madura.

ORDER—dated 11th October 1883, No. 1275, Revenue.

Forest, No. 93.

Notifications I, II and III (enclosures 2, 3 and 4) are approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and

Madura District Gazettes. Mr. F. E. Robinson will be appointed Forest Settlement officer for the proposed Tambirankanal reserve.

2. Before ordering the issue of the draft notices (enclosures Nos. 5 and 6), the Government desire to be placed in possession of an estimate of the probable cost of renting or acquiring the forests entered therein.

3. So much of G.O., No. 320, dated 18th March 1882, as relates to the acacia plantation at Kodaikanal will be cancelled.

NOTIFICATION No. I.

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 25 of Act V of 1882 (The Madras Forest Act), His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to declare the blocks of Forest land described in the Schedule hereto annexed to be "Reserved Forests," and subject to all conditions and penalties prescribed for Reserved Forests by Chapter 11 of the said Act from and after the 6th November, 1883.

Schedule.

No.	District.	Taluk.	Block.	Situation and Boundaries.	Remarks.
III	Madura..	Periyakulam.	Vannathiparai ..	North—Suruli River .. West—Survey line of cultivation in the plains. South—Travancore and British boundary. East—Gandamankayan Estate boundary.	This includes the small Government tank plantation, I. Vannathiparai. The area and situation of the few putta lands included within the limits of some of the reserves were carefully recorded at the settlement by District Forest Committee, and the rights of Puttadars will be scrupulously respected.
IV	Do. ..	Do. ..	Suranganur ..	North—Selliocil Malsi Occhy. East—Survey line of assessed waste in plains. South—Ghat road from Gudalur to Permadu and Cottayam. West—Travancore Territory.	
IX	Do. ..	Do. ..	Sengalvarair ..	North—Palni Hills. East—Pambar Valley. South—Agumalais.	
X	Do. ..	Do. ..	Pambar ..	West—Palni Hills. North—Palni Hills. East—A spur from Palnia. South—Survey line in plains. West—Vellacuvai ridge.	The reserves were sanctioned by Government, No. 1284, dated 24th August 1881.
XI	Do. ..	Palni ..	Poombarai and Velpathi Valley.	North—by plains. East—Ayagudi Zomindari. South—Palni Hills. West—Palni Hills.	
XII	Do. ..	Do. ..	Kudnair ..	North—Kottimbadi Mitta. East—by Palni Hills. South—by Palni Hills. West—by Coimbatore District.	

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XIII	Madura	Periyakulam.	Kookhal ..	North—by Reserve No. III in the Cumbalure District. East—by Palni Hills. South—by do. West—Travancore Territory.	
XIV	Do.	Do.	Maruthanathiar ..	North—by Lower Palnis East—by Kannivadi Zemindari in plains. South—by Lower Palnis. West—by do.	
XV	Do.	Do.	Pambootalar ..	North—by do. East—by Kannivadi Zemindari. South—by Lower Palnis. West—by do.	
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XVII	Do.	Do.	Kanienkadu ..	North—by Vennilai Reserve .. East—by Lower Palnis. South—by do. West—by Ayagudi Zemindari.	This tract as origi- nally selected in- cluded a small ex- tent belonging to the Ayagudi Zemin, which will now be excluded.
XVIII	Do.	Do.	Vennilai ..	North—by Plains .. East—by Lower Palnis. South—by do. West—by Ayagudi Zemindari.	Do. do.
XIX.	Do.	Dindigul ..	rumalais ..	North—Sivumalai Hills. East—Plains Marjamalais. South—Perumalais. West—Plains.	
XX	Do.	Do.	Mudimalais ..	North—Trichinopoly. East—Cultivated lands of Melur Taluk. South—Karamdamalais. West—Dindigul Taluk.	
XXI	Do.	Madura and Melur.	Alagarmalais ..	North—Cultivated lands of Melur Taluk. East—Cultivated lands of Melur Taluk. South—Cultivated lands of Ma- dura Taluk. West—Cultivated lands of Melur Taluk.	
SHOLAS ON THE LOWER PALNIS.					
XXIII	Madura	Palni	1. Perumal Mahi Sholah.	West of Neutral Saddle on the south-west slopes of Perumal Malais.	
			2. Togavrai Sho- lah.	On the south slope of Perumal Malais.	
			3. Seruthankanal.	On the north slopes of Shem- bagannur Hill near Neutral Sad- dle.	
			4. Arrankanal ..	Three miles north-west of Tandigudi Village.	
			5. Kadavu Sholah.	North of Tandigudi Village south of Pachalur lies on both sides of Kadavu Malais.	
SHOLAS ON THE UPPER PALNIS.					
XXIV	Madura	Palni	1. Tiger Sholah ..	On Battagundu Ghât Road close to Shembaganur.	
			2. Parappan Sho- lah.	West of Kodaikanal Poombanai Road.	
			3. Kodaikanal ..	At the station itself.	
			4. Punnikulam Ka- nal.	South of Kodaikanal 1½ miles.	
			5. Gundan Sholah; Manevan Sho- lah.	Two miles west of Kodaikanal and close together.	
			6. Gundur Sholah.	Five miles of south-west of Ko- daikanal.	
			7. Sandanan Sho- lah.	About six miles south of Kodai- kanal.	
			8. Fort Hamilton Sholah.	About eight miles south of Ko- daikanal.	
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Do. ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	III. Vilancombai teak plantation.	Situated in the limits of Bala- sundram Village in the Palni Taluk.	Do. do.
Madura ..	Madura..	..	Sakkimangalam ..	In the limits of Sakkimangalam Village.	
Do. ..	Do. ..	..	Poodoopatti ..	In the limits of Poodoopatti ..	
Do. ..	Do. ..	..	Nagamalais ..	In the limits of Poodoopatti Vil- lage.	
Do. ..	Melur ..	..	Muthugamalai, Vel- lamalai, Peruma- malai, and Pillar- natham Hills.		
Do. ..	Dindigul ..	..	Kadavakurcheo Hill.		
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Do. ..	Tirumangalam..	..	Vikramangalam ..		
Do. ..	Madura ..	..	Thenur ..	In the limits of Thenur Village..	
Do. ..	Do. ..	..	Thovariman ..	In the limits of Thovariman Vil- lage.	
Do. ..	Dindigul ..	..	Dindigul town ..	At the junction of Trichinopoly and Karur roads.	
Do. ..	Do. ..	..	Do. ..	In front of the District Munsif's Court.	
Do. ..	Do. ..	..	Do. ..	Around the race course in the limits of Balakrishnapuram Village.	These were main- tained under the Jungle Conserva- ncy Fund and subsequently transferred to the Forest Depart- ment under G.O. No. 1259, dated 16th November 1882, Revenue Department.
Do. ..	Palni ..	..	Kodaikanal ..	Situated near the Kodaikanal Settlement.	
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(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. S. CROWE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Camp, Keilaikanal, 9th July 1883, No. 191.

With reference to your letter, No. 436, dated the 25th May 1883, I have the honor to forward herewith a draft notification, for the declaration of all the State Forests and Plantations which have already been reserved by orders of Government in this district as reserved forests under Section 25 of the Act. The records show that as regards these reserves, the Forest Committee have carefully inquired into, settled and recorded the several rights and claims respecting each of them; and that the result of their inquiry, as embodied in their report, may be taken as a final settlement of all the various rights involved. As there is no necessity for any further investigation forests under Section 25.

2. As regards the Zemin Forests, which are of the utmost importance to the water-supply of the district, it is highly desirable that early steps should be taken for placing them under the operation of the Act, and with this object, I submit herewith two draft notices under Section 29, of Bodinayakanur for Reserve Nos. V, VI, VII and VIII, and request you will be good enough to obtain the approval of Government for the same and their permission for my serving the notices upon the proprietors. As for Reserve No. I, the "Varasanad Valley," we cannot do anything at present during the minority of the Zemindar, and I think that the actual management of these forests by my District Forest Officer on behalf of the Court of Wards is sufficient for all purposes.

3. With regard to Tambirakanal, to the Aggamalais, a draft notification under Section 4 is also submitted, as the claims and rights of third parties in this kanal do not seem to have been enquired into by the Forest Committee.

4. As regards the sketch maps required to be sent along with the above notifications, I request that copies of the sketch maps, sheets Nos. 9 to 18, may be obtained from the Central Survey Office. Only one set was received with your letter, No. 1003, dated 30th December 1881, for record in the District Forest Office.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Draft Notification.

Notification No. I

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 25 of Act V of 1882 (The Madras Forest Act), His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to declare the blocks of Forest land described in the Schedule hereto annexed to be "Reserved Forests," and subject to all conditions and penalties prescribed for Reserved Forests by Chapter II of the said Act from and after the

Schedule.

No.	District.	Taluk.	Block.	Situation and Boundaries.	Remarks.
III	Madura..	Periyakulam.	Vannathiparai ..	North—Suruli River .. West—Survey line of cultivation in the plains. South—Travancore and British boundary. East—Gandamanayakanur Estate boundary.	This includes the small Government teak plantation, I. Vannathiparai. The area and situation of the few putta lands included within the limits of some of the reserves were carefully recorded at the settlement by District Forest Committee, and the rights of Puttadars will be scrupulously respected.
IV	Do. ..	Do. ..	Suranganur ..	North—Sellaicil Mahar Oorhy. East—Survey line of assessed waste in plains. South—Ghat road from Gudalur to Permaidu and Cottayam.	
IX	Do. ..	Do. ..	Sengalvarair ..	West—Travancore Territory. North—Palni Hills. East—Pambar Valley. South—Aggamalais.	
X	Do. ..	Do. ..	Pambar ..	West—Palni Hills. North—Palni Hills. East—A spur from Palni. South—Survey line in plains. West—Vellaguvai ridge.	The reserves were sanctioned by Government in G.O. No. 1284, dated 29th August 1881.
XI	Do. ..	Palni ..	Poombarai and Velpathi Valley.	North—by plains. East—Ayagudi Zemindari. South—Palni Hills.	
XII	Do. ..	Do. ..	Kudraiar ..	West—Palni Hills. North—Rettimbadi Mitta. East—by Palni Hills. South—by Palni Hills.	
XIII	Do. ..	Do. ..	Kookhal ..	West—by Coimbatore District. North—by Reserve No. III in the Coimbatore District. East—by Palni Hills. South—by do.	
XIV	Do. ..	Do. ..	Maruthanathiar ..	West—Travancore Territory. North—by Lower Palni. East—by Kannivadi Zemindari in plains. South—by Lower Palni.	
XV	Do. ..	Do. ..	Pambockalar ..	West—by do. North—by do. East—by Kannivadi Zemindari. South—by Lower Palni.	
XVI	Do. ..	Do. ..	Seruvathukadu ..	West—by do. North—Kunnanur and Vadakadu Villages. East—Kannivadi Zemindari. South—do.	
XVII	Do. ..	Do. ..	Kanienkadu ..	West—by Lower Palni. North—by Vennidai Reserve .. East—by Lower Palni. South—by do. West—by Ayagudi Zemindari.	This tract as originally selected included a small extent belonging to the Ayagudi Zemin, which will now be excluded.
XVIII	Do. ..	Do. ..	Vennidai ..	North—by Plains .. East—by Lower Palni .. South—by do. .. West—by Ayagudi Zemindari ..	Do. do.

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No.	District.	Taluk.	Block.	Situation and Boundaries.	Remarks.
XIX.	Madura ..	Dindigul ..	Sirumalais ..	North—Sirumalai Hills. East—Phuns Manjamalais. South—Perumalais. West—Paians.	
XX	Do. ..	Do. ..	Mudimalais ..	North—Trichinopoly. East—Cultivated lands of Melūr Taluk. South—Karandamalais. West—Dindigul Taluk.	
XXI	Do. ..	Madura and Melūr.	Alagarmalais ..	North—Cultivated lands of Melūr Taluk. East—Cultivated lands of Melūr Taluk. South—Cultivated lands of Madura Taluk. West—Cultivated lands of Melūr Taluk.	
SHOLAS ON THE LOWER PALNIS.					
XXIII	Madura ..	Palni ..	1. Perumal Malai Sholah. 2. Togavarai Sholah. 3. Serathankanal. 4. Arrankanal .. 5. Kadavu Sholah.	West of Neutral Saddle on the south-west slopes of Perumal Malais. On the south slope of Perumal Malais. On the north slopes of Shembaganur Hill near Neutral Saddle. Three miles north-west of Tanti-gudi Village. North of Tandigudi Village south of Pachalur lies on both sides of Kadavu Malais.	
SHOLAS ON THE UPPER PALNIS.					
XXIV	Madura ..	Palni ..	1. Tiger Sholah .. 2. Parappai Sholah. 3. Kodukanal .. 4. Punnitulan Kanal. 5. Gundan Sholah; Manavan Sholah. 6. Gandur Sholaha. 7. Sandanai Sholah. 8. Fort Hamilton Sholah. 9. Mariyan Sholah.	On Battagundu Ghât Road close to Shembaganur. West of Kodukanal Poombarai Road. At the station itself. South of Kodukanal 1½ miles. Two miles west of Kodukanal and close together. Five miles of south-west of Kodukanal. About six miles south of Kodukanal. About eight miles south of Kodukanal. Fifteen miles south of Kodukanal. And all other small sholais existing in the Upper Palnis.	

Enclosure No. 3.
Draft Notification. No 5/20 II

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 25 of Act V of 1882 (The Madras Forest Act), His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to declare the blocks of Forest land described in the Schedule hereto annexed to be "Reserved Forests" and subject to all conditions and penalties prescribed for Reserved Forests by Chapter II of the said Act from and after the

Schedule.

No.	District.	Taluk.	Block.	Situation and Boundaries.	Remarks.
1.	Madura..	Palni ..	II. Kodaikanal— A. Eucalyptus. B. Acacia.	Situated in the Kodaikanal Settlement within the Lake basin.	Plantations of the Forest Department.
2.	Do. ..	Do. ..	III. Villanambal Teak plantation.	Situated in the limits of Balamudram Village in the Palni Taluk.	Do. do.

BOARD OF REVENUE, 18TH SEPTEMBER 1883, No. 2807.

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Enclosure No. 4.
Draft Notification.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify, under Section 1 of the Malabar Forest Act (Act No. V of 1882), that it is proposed to constitute the following areas in the Malabar District as "Reserved Forest" under the said Act:—

District.	Sub-Division.	Name of Forest.	Boundaries.	Remarks.
Madura	Periyakulam Taluk.	No. XXII. Tambaramandal, on the Appamala- la.	Shola situated in a basin on the summit of the Appamala, at an elevation of about 4000 feet on the head waters of the Periyakulam, the Vayalar and the Noyy Odu.	Reserved by Govern- ment Order No. 1284, dated 22nd August 1881, but since the discovery of the forest into the Wild Forest Com- mission.

His Excellency the Governor in Council further appoints *Mr. J. Robinson* to be Forest Settlement Officer and the District Forest Officer of Madras for the time being to attend at the inquiry prescribed by Chapter II, under Section 4.

His Excellency the Governor in Council further appoints the Collector of the District for the time being to hear appeals under Section 14.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

DRAFT Notice to be issued to the Zemindars of Yerakanayakanur under Section 29 of the Madras Forest Act (Act No. V of 1882).

Notice is hereby given, that in order to maintain the water-supply in rivers upon which the agricultural prosperity of the Madras District depends, it is deemed expedient to make a notification under Section 29 of the Madras Forest Act for regulating the clearing of land for cultivation and the pasturing of cattle, and for prohibiting the firing or clearing of the vegetation within the limits of the forest land in your possession, the situation and area of which are specified hereunder, and that you are hereby required to show cause before the Collector of the District, within three months from the date hereof, why such notification should not be made:—

District.	Taluk.	Number and Name of Reserve.	Boundaries.	Estimated Area.
Madras ...	Periyakulam.	No. II. Yerakanayakanur.	North.—Yerakanayakanur Zemindari. East.—Gandamanayakanur Estate. South.—Government land, Periyakulam Taluk. West.—Do. do.	sq. MILES. 1.78

Dated the ... day of ... 1883.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

DRAFT Notice to be issued to the Zemindars of Bodinayakanur under Section 29 of the Madras Forest Act (Act No. V of 1882).

Notice is hereby given that, in order to maintain the water-supply in rivers upon which the agricultural prosperity of the Madras District depends, it is deemed expedient to make a notification under Section 29 of the Madras Forest Act for regulating the clearing of land for cultivation and the pasturing of cattle, and for prohibiting the firing or clearing of the vegetation within the limits of the forest lands in your possession, the situation and area of which are specified hereunder, and that you are hereby required to show cause before the Collector of the District, within three months from the date hereof, why such notification should not be made:—

District.	Taluk.	Number and Name of Reserve.	Boundaries.	Estimated Area.	Remarks.
Madras.	Periyakulam.	No. V.—Kotagudi Valley.	North.—Travancore. East.—Bodinayakanur Estate. South.—Travancore. West.—Do.	sq. MILES. 13.79	
Do.	Do.	No. VI.—Chottuparai Odai.	North.—Government land, Palni Hills. East.—Bodinayakanur Zemindari. South.—Do. do. West.—Do. do.	1.60	
Do.	Do.	No. VII.—Kundumari-gau Odai.	North.—Government land, Palni Hills. East.—Agumalai. South.—Bodinayakanur Zemindari. West.—Government land, Palni Hills.	2.49	
Do.	Do.	No. VIII.—Ambrauvai Ar.	North.—Upper Palni. East.—Government land, Periyakulam Taluk. South.—Agumalai. West.—Bodinayakanur Estate.	5.93	

ENCLOSURE No. 7.—Map.

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READ—the following letter from Major I. CAN BELL WALKER, Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Periyakulam, 24th August 1883, No. 1159:—

Government Order, No. 320, of 18th March 1882, approved and sanctioned the sale of the acacia plantation at Kodakanal, as recommended by Colonel Beddome and the Board.

It was accordingly exposed to auction after being duly advertized on the 4th September last at an upset price of Rs. 250, but the Sub-Collector reported that there were no bidders.

2. The Assistant Collector in charge then suggested its retention, pointing out that it cost nothing to maintain and yielded a small revenue. In this view I concurred, at least until I had an opportunity of inspecting it and consulting the Collector.

3. I have now done so; the growth is certainly not good, but there is no expenditure, and about Rs. 50 worth of firewood are taken out annually. The Collector is opposed to selling the block, pointing out that, apart from its forest uses, it is the only piece of Government land left in the basin of the Kodakanal Lake.

4. Under the above circumstances, the plantation has been included in the areas to be notified as reserved forests submitted with my letter, No. 1142, of 16th instant, and I request that the Government Order quoted above, so far as it directs the sale of the plantation, may be cancelled.

RESOLUTION—dated 18th September 1883, No. 2807.

Draft Notifications Nos. 1 and 3 under Sections 25 and 4 of the Act, respectively, are approved and submitted for the sanction of Government and for publication, it being recommended that Mr. Robinson be appointed as the Forest Settlement Officer in the latter notification.

2. As regards Notification No. 2, it seems doubtful whether it should issue under Section 25 as proposed, or under Section 4 as recommended for similar cases in North Arcot in Board's Proceedings, No. 2806, dated 18th September 1883, to which the Board beg to refer Government with reference to the remarks in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Conservator's letter. The Board think that all that is needed in order to put Section 25 in force in respect of an area is that it should have been a piece of Forest land, and that its reservation should have been ordered by Government. If an inquiry has been held into the existence of rights in it, and they have been settled and recorded in a manner which the Government thinks sufficient, the notification under the section may issue and take effect at once; but if otherwise, the notification, though it may issue, cannot take effect until such inquiry has been held and the results recorded by a Forest Settlement Officer in the manner provided by Section 11 of the Act.

3. The two draft notices under Section 29, also submitted with the Conservator's first letter read above, are approved, and sanction is solicited for their issue.

4. With reference to the second of the above letters, it is requested that G.O. No. 320, of the 18th March 1882, may be modified so far as it directs the sale of the acacia plantation at Kodakanal.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
" Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.
" Deputy Conservator of Forests,
" in charge of Central Office of Accounts.
" Collector of Madras.

Ed. A. Raitt.

Order

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Notifications I. II + III

(Enclosures 2, 3 + 4) are approved & will be published in the Fort St. George & Madras District Gazette. Mr. F. E. Robinson will be appointed Forest Sd. Officer for the proposed Tambora Forest Reserve.

Before ordering the issue of the draft Notices (Enclosures 5 + 6) the Govt. desire to be placed in possession of an estimate of the probable cost of renting or acquiring the Forests entered therein.

So much of G.O. no 320 of 18th Mar: 1882: as relates to the acacia plantation at Kodikanal will be cancelled.

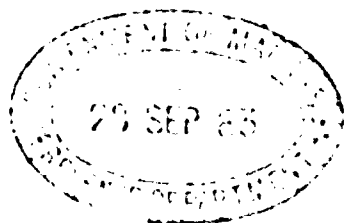
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1883.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.



Printed September 1883.

Proceedings, 13th September 1883, No. 2807.

Submitting to Government, with the Board's observations, draft notifications for Reservation of Forests in Madras District.

Cur: no: 6118 from Board.

of 18th. Recd 28th Sept.

For orders

The Board's Proc^d & the letters therein read give the facts in sufficient detail.

It is submitted

That Notifⁿ no: I (Enclosure 2) may be published in Fort St. George District Gazette under sec: 25, as these reserves were sanctioned by Govt. & sufficient enquiry was then made into rights & claims in & to them.

That Notifⁿ no: II (Enclosure 3) may also issue under sec: 25 as Collector & Conservator recommended (p 4 page 1 of cur: no): The Board's doubts (p: 2 page 7) seem to suggest no real obstacle. All that is needed they say & say it is submitted correctly - as that has been shown by forest

There is no objection to the notifications 1, 2 & 3 being published. As regards the notice to the Forest proprietors under Chap IV. Sec 14 with the Secretary that it would be well to have an estimate of the cost of renting or acquiring these 25 sq. miles for forest before starting in the matter - whether such an appropriation can be arranged at is another question - but he might ask the Conservator. The finance with private property is a general consideration. It is submitted that the

its reservation should have been ordered by Govt. and that both these conditions are fulfilled is clear from the facts set out in para 4 of letter at page 1 of cur: No: — In reference to the question raised & to the B. P. 18th Sept 1853 no: 2806 it is submitted that para 2 of sec 25 simply explains & limits the circumstances under which a Notifⁿ can issue under para 1 and that whenever Govt. do not think sufficient enquiry into rights has been made prior to the Act coming into force they ^{must} ~~will~~ proceed to make an enquiry under secs: 4 & 6 seq.

into force they ^{must} proceed
to make an Enquiry
under Secs: 4 & 6 &c.

(11) That Notice no III (Encl: 4)
may issue Mr. Robinson being
appointed Forest Settlement officer
is recommended. Better
be than Col: Stuart. He
can easily spare time: the
work will be short & light.

(iv) That the ~~main~~ issue, of
Notices (Incl: nos: 5 & 6)
 be ordered. It was chiefly on
 account of the Reminders
 of the forests of Madras & Travancore
 that cap: IV was inserted in
 the act the sooner Govt. by
 conclusions with the Reminders
 be better. The fact that Govt
 passed do not with cap: IV
 proves they mean to maintain

~~Admission that the person
in the White Room is off
in charge of the government with him
has been made~~

This is a very important matter
the first case of the kind. The
Jaindars can hardly succeed
in showing cause against the
notification; if he declines
to comply, Govt. can hardly avoid
assuming control, with the
power to lease out or acquire
the forest. I submit that before
entering on this business
they should have some notion
of the ^{financial} importance of the forest. They can
rely on the Govt. to do it. All

as effectively as the law

to enforce that chapter, such
in the spirit of para 8 of
Major Walker's letter (para
2 cur: No:). It is ~~most~~
unlikely that the issue of these
notices will induce the owners
to place their Forests voluntarily
under Govt. control (sec: 32
act) -

It will be observed
that the notices are framed
on the recommendations of the
Forest Committee of 1880 in
approving which Govt. remarked
that "the Remindari Forests will
be dealt with when the Forest
Bill becomes law"

So much of S.O. 320
of 13th Mar 1902 as relates
to the acacia plantations
at Kodihaval was, as a
matter of course, cancelled
as requested.

Res. S.O. 85.

28-10-82
22-10-83

Madura Reserves Forest

The Hon: Mr. Sullivan
The Right Hon: The Governor

S.O. 29th Aug 1901 no: 1284.

[Handwritten signature]

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Encl.

G.O., 11th October 1883, No. 1275.

OCTOBER.

Reserved Forests
in Madras.—Passing orders on draft notifications
regarding proposed—

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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.
Government Records.

Revenue Department.

Despatch from England
Dated 11. 10. 1883
No. 12.75

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in Madras. - Passing orders
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