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Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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4TH MAY 1886, No. 313, REVENUE.

CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st April 1886, Forest No. 160 :—

Read—the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 23rd March 1886, No. 1165 :—

Referring to the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th instant, No. 1970—58-A, Forest, I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Board, copy of the notice issued by me under section 29 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882; calling upon

- (1) The Mannārgghāt Nāyar (2nd defendant). the marginally-noted owners of the lands comprised in the Attapādi Valley to lodge their objections (if any) to the issue of the Notification contemplated by that section on or before the 1st June 1886. I have not considered it necessary at this stage to issue the notice to the other defendants in the suit, and would be glad to be favored with the Board's views on this point, as I am not quite clear how the dismissal of the suit will affect them. I think it would be well, in order to avoid future complications, to issue the notice to them also, excepting, of course, the 8th and 9th defendants, but I will await the Board's orders on this point.
- (2) The Erālpād Raja (1st defendant).

2. The rights of inferior proprietors have been left undisturbed by the High Court's decree. I presume that by this the High Court intended to save the rights of the jungle tribes and others not parties to the suit, that is to say, the colonies of Irulars, Badagas, and others who form the population of the valley.

3. I have the honor to request that the officer to hear objections may be appointed at an early date, and would suggest that Mr. A. E. Castle Stuart, the Forest Settlement Officer in Wynād and the Nīlgiris, be selected for the purpose.

4. The Conservator of Forests, Southern Division, is being addressed by me with a view to the appointment of a competent Forest Officer to conduct a thorough examination of the Attapādi Valley as directed by Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Draft Notification.

Resolution—dated 1st April 1886, Forest No. 160.

Submitted to Government in reference to G.O., 3rd March 1886, No. 166.

2. The Board would suggest the following procedure :—

- (a) The issue, under section 29 of the Act, of a notice signed by the Revenue Secretary to Government, and addressed to *all* the parties who are interested in the Valley.

(b) The appointment of Mr. Castlestuart Stuart as the officer to hear the objections to its reservation, which may be raised, and the deputation synchronously of an experienced Forest Officer to select the portions of the Valley to be reserved, and advise Mr. Stuart accordingly.

(c) The subsequent issue of a Notification framed under section 29; and  
(d) If necessary, the final purchase of the land under section 30.

3. Should this procedure be approved of by Government, it will probably be well to recall the notices, now issued, and to proceed, first of all, to select the areas which are really required. Till this selection has been made, the action of the authorities must, in the opinion of the Board, be indefinite and undecided.

4. The Board are disposed to concur in the view taken by the Collector of the effect of the High Court's decree on the local jungle tribes.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,  
with draft Notification in original to be returned.  
Copy to the Collector of Malabar.  
" to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Division.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th April 1886, Forest No. 189:—

Read—the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel I. CAMPBELL WALKER, Conservator of Forests, in charge of Southern Division, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 29th March 1886, No. 2746:—

Referring to paragraph 2 of Proceedings, No. 1991 (Forest No. 60), Miscellaneous, of 16th instant, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Collector of Malabar, and to state that I agree with him in considering that the whole of the Attapadi Valley, which formed subject of the recent suit, should be transferred from the Malabar district to Coimbatore, in view of the better protection of the head-waters of the Bhavani and its affluent, the Siruvani rivers.

2. Mr. Logan has also favoured me with copy of his letter to the Board's address, under date 23rd instant, and requests me to nominate a competent Forest Officer to examine the valley. If the whole valley be transferred to Coimbatore, this duty will fall to Mr. Porter, District Forest Officer, Coimbatore (South), who is, I consider, competent to perform it, and I therefore request that the map and all information available may be sent to him.

On receipt of orders, I shall send him the necessary instructions (through the Collector of Coimbatore), bearing in mind the orders of Government, communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 1970 (Forest No. 58-A), Miscellaneous, of 16th instant, "that the area to be dealt with should be as restricted as possible."

3. I support Mr. Logan's proposal that Mr. A. E. Castlestuart Stuart be appointed to hear the objections (if any) raised by the proprietors against the contemplated action under Chapter IV of the Forest Act, and request that he be duly appointed in that behalf in accordance with the latter portion of section 29.

ENCLOSURE.

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Conservator of Forests, in charge of Southern Division, dated Calicut, 23rd March 1886, No. 1155.

Referring to paragraph 2 of the Board's Resolution, No. 1991 (Forest No. 60), Miscellaneous, dated 16th instant, I have the honor to state that I am very strongly of opinion that the

whole of the Attapadi Valley, the subject of the late suit, should be transferred from this district to that of Coimbatore.

2. The suit, now given against Government, was instituted, as you are doubtless aware, solely in the interests of Coimbatore as I pointed out at the time before any proceedings were taken in the matter. I pointed out that, in so far as Malabar revenue was concerned, the opening up of the land in the valley was the best thing that could happen, because we should get Rs. 2 per acre per annum on all the coffee holdings; but I doubted whether, in the interests of the Coimbatore people, the threatened denudation of the forests should be carried out.

3. This is still my view of the matter.

4. In fact, in view of the orders of Government just passed [Board's Proceedings, No. 1970 (Forest No. 58-A), Miscellaneous, dated 16th instant], there seems to me to be no alternative; for the prevention of storms and winds, the preservation of the soil on ridges and slopes and in the valleys of this tract, and the maintenance of the water-supply in the Bhavani and its chief tributary, the Siruvani rivers, which are the objects which Government have in view in instituting proceedings under Chapter IV of the Act,—all affect Coimbatore, more or less gravely, and do not affect this district at all.

5. To carry out the objects which the Government have in view, it is moreover perfectly clear to me that the situation and natural formation of the valley preclude the idea of efficient management from this side of the ghats. Even if a third District Forest Officer were posted to this district and stationed at Palghat, his quickest way of reaching all parts of the valley would be by passing through Coimbatore. He could not reach any portion of the valley without a mountainous climb of six thousand feet direct from Palghat. Whereas, there is, I believe, a fair cart-track up the Bolampatti Valley from Coimbatore to the lowlying Porutti saddle at the sources of the Siruvani, and one or two other points in the valley can be reached by more or less passable cart-tracks from the railway stations beyond Coimbatore.

6. Under the circumstances, I beg, if you agree with me, that you will submit copy of this letter to the Board with the least possible delay.

Resolution—dated 10th April 1886, Forest No. 189.

Submitted to Government.

2. The Collector's letter is in reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., dated 6th May 1882, No. 470; the Conservator's is in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 1st April 1886, Forest No. 160.

3. In the former, it is proposed that the Attapadi Valley should be transferred to Coimbatore; and in the latter, that Mr. Porter, the Coimbatore District Forest Officer, should be the Forest Officer, deputed to select areas for protection in that valley.

4. Both proposals have the support of the Board.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.  
Copy to the Collector of Malabar.  
" " Conservator of Forests, Southern Division.

ORDER—dated 4th May 1886, No. 313, Revenue.

Forest No. 44.

The course recommended by the Board in the earlier of their Proceedings read above is approved, and the Conservator of Forests, Southern Division, will be directed to select the areas which are really required for the protection of the head-waters of the Bhavani and its tributaries. On receipt of his report, notices, under section 29 of the Forest Act, will be issued.

2. The transfer of the valley from the Malabar to the Coimbatore district is also sanctioned. The usual notification should be submitted for approval and publication in the Gazette.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,  
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with one enclosure returned.

Exd. F. R. Dantlemau.

No. 1155. Malabar Collectors Office  
Calicut 23 March 1886.

From

The Collector of  
Malabar

To The Conservator of Forests  
in charge of Southern Division,  
Madras.

Sir,

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6. Under the circumstances, I beg, if you agree with me, that you will submit Copy of this letter to the Board with the least possible delay.

Thamara,  
(Signed) W. Logan  
Collector.

(True copy)

I. Campbell Walker, Lieutenant,  
Office of Board of Forests,  
in charge of Southern D.  
Camp, Coimbatore,  
12th March, 1886. (True copy)  
Conservator of Forests,  
in charge of Southern D.

Acting Sub Secretary

CONFIDENTIAL

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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RESOLUTION—dated 1st April 1886, Forest No. 160.

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- (a) The issue, under section 29 of the Act, of a notice signed by the Revenue Secretary to Government, and addressed to *all* the parties who are interested in the Valley.
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BOARD OF REVENUE, 1ST APRIL 1886, FOREST No. 160.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

*H. S. M.*  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,  
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Copy to the Collector of Malabar.  
" to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Division.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman;



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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 10 April 1886.

No. Forest 189.

READ the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, in charge of Southern Division, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, the 29 March, 1886, No. 2746, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Referring to para 2 of Proceedings, No. 1991, Miscellaneous, of 16 Instant, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Collector of Malabar and to state that I agree with him in considering that the whole of the Attapadi valley, which formed subject of the recent suit, should be transferred from the Malabar District to Coimbatore in view of the better protection of the headwaters of the Phavani and its affluents, the Piruvani Rivers.

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#### Resolution

Submitted to Government.

The Collector's letter is in reference to para 2 of G.O., dated 6 May, 1882, No. 470, the Conservator's is in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1886, No. 160.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

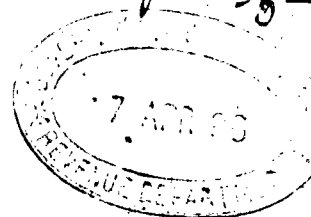
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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, dated 1st April 1886,  
Forest No. 160.

Submitting to Government, with certain suggestions, letter from the Collector of Malabar forwarding copy of Notification issued under section 29 of the Madras Forest Act, 1882, to two owners of lands comprised in the Attapadi Valley; and requesting orders as to whether notice should be issued to the other defendants in the suit.

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In the former it is proposed that the Attapadi valley should be transferred to Coimbatore; and in the latter, that Mr. Porter, the Coimbatore District Forest Officer, should be the Forest Officer deputed to select areas for protection in that valley.

Both proposals have the support of the Board.

(True Copy and Extract)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Govt.

Revenue Department

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No 2828 & 3036

From The Board of Revenue

Dated 1<sup>st</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April 1886.

FOR ORDERS.

It is submitted that the <sup>course</sup> recommended by the Board in the earlier of their Proceedings read above <sup>shd. be adopted.</sup> ~~The notifications~~ under sec. 29 of the Forest Act should not, however, take the form of that already issued (presumably on the Board's orders) by the Collector of Malabar. It would be sufficient, and best to describe the notification ~~of~~ which ~~now~~ it is proposed to issue, as one to prohibit the breaking up and clearing of land for cultivation & the felling or clearing of the vegetation

Notification to be modified as proposed *H.V.*

\* hardly, for they ask that it sh. be recalled *C.W.*

tion<sup>18</sup> for the following  
purposes

For the preservation of  
the soil on the ridges and slopes

For the maintenance of the  
water supply in the Bha-  
vani River and its tribu-  
taries,

This is more definite than  
Mr Logan's notice.

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2. It is submitted that  
sufficient grounds have  
been shown for the trans-  
fer of the Attipadi Valley  
to the Coimbatore District

Transfer of the valley  
sanctioned.

H. V.

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80-3<sup>2</sup> March 1886 No 166  
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Board of Revenue,

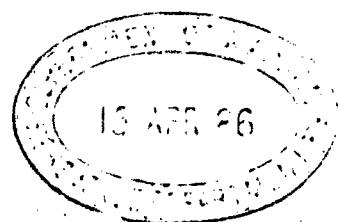
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To,

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The Secretary to Government,  
Revenue Department,



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Proceedings, dated 10 April, 1886.  
No. Forest 189.

Subject.

Submitting to Government,  
with Board's support, proposal  
of the Conservator of Forests,  
Southern Division, and Collector  
of Malabar for the transfer  
of the Attapadi valley from  
Malabar to Coimbatore.

С.С. 28284 3036

FOR ORDERS.

In re. the Attipadi Valley  
Malabar District

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 New Progs of the Board of Revenue of  
 10<sup>th</sup> April 1886 No 160. F.

~ ~ 10<sup>th</sup> April 1896 no  
1897.

Order.

The course recommended by the Board in the earlier of their Pings read above is approved, and the <sup>Cons<sup>y</sup> of Forests</sup> ~~annexed~~ <sup>sched</sup> 2. Pings will be directed to ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~notifications will be published~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~in the areas which are really required~~ <sup>in the</sup> ~~in the Fort St George & the~~ <sup>in the</sup> ~~Combatore & Malabar Dist Gazette~~ <sup>and will also be served on all</sup> ~~interested parties~~ <sup>interested parties</sup> ~~2. The transfer of the~~ <sup>2. The transfer of the</sup> ~~valley from the Malabar to~~ <sup>valley from the Malabar to</sup> ~~the Combatore District is~~ <sup>the Combatore District is</sup> ~~also sanctioned. The usual~~ <sup>also sanctioned. The usual</sup> ~~notification should be submitted~~ <sup>notification should be submitted</sup> ~~for approval & publication in~~ <sup>for approval & publication in</sup> ~~the Gazette.~~ <sup>the Gazette.</sup>

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Notification 125-25

Under Sec 29 of the Madras Forest Act (1 of 1882) His Excellency the Governor of Fort St George in Council hereby resolves to prohibit the breaking up or clearing of land for cultivation and the felling or clearing of the vegetation in the forest tracts of the Attipatti Valley, for the following purposes:-

- (a) For the preservation of the Soil on the ridges & slopes
- (b) For the maintenance of the water-supply in the Kharani river & its tributaries.

Note. This has been prepared in accordance with the 'note for orders'. The U.S. however has written "no objection" against the clause <sup>(b)</sup> felling of cattle. It is not clear if this should be inserted in the notification.

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Draft g.o. & notification  
re reg Attipadi Valley

James Clerk

Drafts submitted for  
initials. Orders are requested  
as to printing this order. It is  
presumed that the paper  
is not to be placed on E.T.  
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Read Progs of the Bd of Rev. 27  
1st April 1886 No 160 F.

" 10th April 1886 No  
189. F. 135

Order No 313 of 4-5-86.

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by the Board in the earlier of  
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& its tributaries. On receipt of  
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of the Forest Act will be issued.

2. The transfer of the  
valley from the Malabar to the  
Coimbatore District is also sanctioned.  
The usual notification should be  
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publication in the Gazette.

16th Board of Revenue  
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G.O., 4th May 1886, No. 313.

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Attapadi Valley.

Conservator of Forests, Southern Division,  
directed to select the areas required for the pro-  
tection of the head-waters of the Bhavani and its  
tributaries, and the transfer of the valley from the  
Malabar to the Coimbatore district sanctioned.

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