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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

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I have the honor to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposal Narthan Chedu reserved forest, No. 15, on the Shevaroys in the Salem taluk, all the requirements of section 16 of the Forest Act having been complied with.

2. The block lies at the head of a well-sheltered ravine between the Anaikattu Kadu and Vanur valleys on the northern slopes of the Shevaroys and is within four miles of a cart-road running along the foot in the Uttankarai taluk to Mallapuram Railway station. It was visited from the Shevaroy plateau by Mr. Wolfe-Murray, who states that it contains fair jungle. Its area is about 3·75 square miles and its outline some ten miles.

3. The proposal to constitute this area a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 31st March 1885, and the proclamation under section 6 was published in the District Gazette, dated 11th April 1885, along with the other blocks in the Salem taluk. The latter was duly proclaimed in the adjoining villages, and notices were also served on all known owners and occupiers of land in and adjoining the block.

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4. Time was given up to 31st August 1886 for preference of claims, but the demarcation of a portion of the block which was found necessary to enable the ryots and hill-tribes hill-men to see what rights they had, if any, within the block, was not finished till June last, and some time had to be allowed afterwards for the ryots to put in their claims.

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6. The last of the claims was disposed of on the 26th November 1886 and the appeal time expired on the 24th January 1887. An appeal was filed before the Collector in three of the claims, and this was disposed of before the date mentioned above.

7. The claims to rights of way related to four different paths, all of which were admitted. There is also a temple within the block which has been excluded from the reserve limits with a space of 82 yards round it for the preservation of votive offerings by fire.

8. The ryots of four villages on the plains and of one village on the hills owning together about 1,500 cattle and 1,000 sheep claimed right to graze them all in the block. They also claimed right to cut wood within the block for agricultural &c., purposes and to take leaves for manure. Some of them further claimed the right to water their cattle in certain pools in the block. All these claims were entirely rejected as a matter of right. The appeal filed in three of the grazing claims, as stated in paragraph 6 above, was rejected as barred by limitation.

9. The four patta claims referred to in paragraph 5 were for 15·52 acres of land, assessed at Rs. 15-8-0. They were all admitted and, except 2 cents of land which was excluded from the reserve limits, all the other lands were retained as enclosures in the block free from reservation and with free access allowed to them.

10. The block is thus free of all rights, except the rights of way and the patta rights mentioned above.

11. The following are sent herewith, in addition to the numerical statement mentioned in paragraph 5 above :—

(1) A signed copy of the Register of claims for the block;
(2) A sketch of the block with rights of way marked thereon;
(3) A draft final notification under section 16.

12. The date in the draft notification is left blank. A month's time will be required to have it duly published as required by the Act.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

REGISTER of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Narthan Chedu reserved forest, No. 15, Salem taluk, Salem district.

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17-A of 1885. I.	Tirtha Goundan of Mangalam, Mansif of Narthan Chedu, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	1st Aug. 1885.	Claims on behalf of the villagers of Narthan Chedu, consisting of 50 households and cultivating nearly 600 acres of land, right to graze 100 cattle and 30 sheep within the reserve.	The ground of claim is long custom.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim for reasons stated in his general answer, which are briefly as follows:— (1) That the right claimed is only a privilege exercised with or under the permission of Government, tacit or expressed; (2) That the land over which the right is claimed is at the disposal of Government, and that they can dispose of the forest produce (grass) or grant the land on patta or otherwise which course of action would at once exclude claimants from their alleged right; (3) That before the hill farms were abolished in 1864, the grass in them was also let out, so that the claim of long custom would fall to the ground; and (4) That the Government have alienated large areas for cultivation which were formerly used as grazing grounds, and they now consider it necessary for the well-being of the public to reserve areas and to exclude cattle at will.	From inspection of the locality it is observed that the hill-crest and north-west of the claimants' village is well clothed with jungle and can furnish grazing for the cattle during a great part of the year, while there are numerous pieces of good waste land fit for pasture to the south of the village. The claim is rejected for this reason as well as for those entered in the orders on claims Nos. 12 and 77 of 1885, which are briefly as follows :— From the arguments of the District Forest-officer it is easily seen that the claimants' plea of long uninterrupted custom falls to the ground. Every day probably lands are given out on patta over which the communal privilege of grazing had been before exercised and the pattadar is entitled to and does exclude all alien cattle that had hitherto enjoyed that privilege. Every such instance of leasing out land on patta may be said to be an interruption of the hitherto customary privilege, and a usage thus frequently interrupted cannot become a customary right.	....
17-B of 1885. II.	Do. do. ..	Do. ..	Claims right to cut thatching grass and firewood in the reserve.	The ground of claim is long custom.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim for reasons stated in his general answer, which are as follows :— (1) That under the Easement Act there can be no right to such a destructive use of another's property as the right claimed would lead to; (2) That all waste lands and the produce thereon are Government property, and that they have constantly exercised the right to lease or grant free waste [illegible] and the lessee or grantee has and does exercise all the powers of an owner in the property; (3) That every such grant or lease is a distinct denial of any communal rights in Government waste lands; (4) That the Government cannot confer on a grantee or lessee a better title than it has itself, and the fact that such grantee or lessee has power to exclude all alien cattle from the lands granted conclusively proves that such a power is inherent in the Government; (5) That the Government in fact exercised this right by setting apart poramboke for various uses, and they are now about to set apart lands for reserves for the benefit of the public; and (6) That the Government have from time to time issued rules regulating the issue of permits for timber, &c., and bamboos, and have required fees to be paid and they have been paid. In support of this statement the District Forest-officer files extracts from the rules published in the undermentioned Gazettes :— District Gazette, dated 8th July 1865, page 482; District Gazette, dated 12th August 1865, pages 569 and 570; District Gazette, dated 20th July 1867, pages 602 to 607; District Gazette, dated 3rd June 1882, pages 124 to 127.	There is abundance of firewood outside the reserve. The claim to cut thatching grass and firewood is rejected for the reasons given in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, which are briefly as follows :— The arguments adduced by the District Forest-officer against the claim are unanswerable. Besides, the fact of permits being issued for timber, &c., shows that the Government have the right to the wood and other produce of the forest, a fact which claimants themselves will admit, for they have never claimed to overrule the permit system now in force for some years. Looking to this and to the fact that the admission of the claim would inevitably bring about the total destruction of the Government forest, and considering the powers inherent in the Government either to alienate or retain the lands for any purpose, I find that the claim must be totally rejected.	....

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17-C of 1885. III.	Tiriba Goundan of Mangalam, Munsif of Narthan Chedu, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	1st Aug. 1885.	Claims right of way for men and cattle over the undermentioned paths within the reserve— (1) Path from Narthan Chedu to Bodakadu. (2) Path connecting Narthan Chedu with Mothur. This enters the reserve close to and east of Narthan Chedu and runs eastward through it for about 1 mile.	The ground of claim is long use.	The District Forest-officer does not object to the rights of way being admitted.	Right of way over path No. 1 is granted and fully described in the order on claim No. 53 of 1885 below. Right of way over path No. 2 is granted to the public. Cattle will be *permitted* to use this path provided they have the District Forest-officer's permission. This path is not to exceed 6 yards in width. (Sd.) G. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett. Officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 16th May 1887.	
27-A of 1885. IV.	Venkatappa Reddi, ryot of Zairamdam, Uttankarai taluk.	26th Aug. 1885.	Claims on behalf of the cultivating community of Zairamdam village right to graze 1,000 cattle and 1,000 sheep on the slopes of the Shevaroys south of their village within the reserve.	The ground of claim is long custom.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17-A of 1885 above.	From the village accounts there appear to be 194 acres of Government waste in the village as against 1,050 acres of cultivation. This shows a percentage of waste considerably larger than that usually allowed by the Settlement department for grazing area, viz., 33 per cent. There is also a large extent of hill jungle on Semiaralmalai not included in the reserve. Under these circumstances and for the reasons entered in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885 as detailed in claim No. 17-A above the claim must be rejected. 5th April 1886. This part of the claim is also rejected for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17-B above. (Sd.) G. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett. Officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 30th Oct. 1886 (*sic*).	An appeal was filed against his decision before the Collector, who passed the following order (vide his Proceedings, dated 5th April 1886, No. 752). "The Forest Settlement-officer states that the party was present when the decision was pronounced and that copy of the decision was given to him on the same date both in English and in the vernacular. The date of the decision was the 30th October 1885, and the present appeal is dated the 18th March 1886. The appeal must therefore be rejected as barred." (Signed) G. McWATTERS, Collector.
27-B of 1885. V.	Do. do.	Do.	Claims right to cut wood, &c., on free passes within the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17-B above.		
55-A of 1885. VI.	Do. do.	Do.	Claims right of way for the public and their cattle over the undermentioned paths :— I. Path from Bodakadu to Chengilathupadi. This enters the reserve from field No. 1 of Bodakadu and runs south-west to Vellakal and thence north-west to Chengilathupadi. Distance within the reserve about four miles. The continuation of this path twins south along the boundary of No. 15 reserve till it reaches Narthan Chedu. II. Path from Bodakadu to Periyakadu on the Shevaroys. This enters the reserve from field No. 106 of Bodakadu, ascends the hill and runs south-east to Periyakadu. Distance within the reserve about 3 miles. III. Also claims right of way to Ramaswami koil situated on path No. I. The festival is from November to January, and water is taken from a well near the temple which is frequented by hillmen and men from the plains. IV. Also claims right of way to Mariyamman koil and Perumal koil situated outside the reserve on the hill to the east of the eastern reserve boundary. This path leaves field No. 110 of Bodakadu and runs for about 2 miles south-east through the reserve.	The ground of claim is long use.	The District Forest-officer admits these paths to be public rights of way.	Right of way is admitted for men and cattle over the paths Nos. I and II mentioned in column 4 on a width not exceeding 6 yards. III. Claim to right of way to Ramaswami koil is admitted. The temple itself with a space of one chain (22 yards) round the temple will be demarcated out of the reserve for kindling fires for cooking, &c., purposes. IV. Right of way is also allowed for all persons going to Mariyamman koil and Perumal koil. The path is not to exceed 3 yards in width.	
55-B of 1885. VII.	Do. do.	Do.	Claims right to water cattle at the kuttai situated near the two koils described in paragraph IV of claim No. 55-A above.	The ground of claim is long use.	The District Forest-officer objects to the claim on the ground that the kuttai is situated outside the reserve.	The kuttai claimed as a watering place for cattle being outside the reserve and near the two temples described in paragraph IV of claim No. 55-A above, no order need be passed regarding it. (Sd.) G. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett. Officer and addl. Sub-Collr. 14th June 1886.	
61-A of 1885. VIII.	Kallamara Goundan of Pallipatti, Uttankarai taluk.	Do.	Claims on behalf of the villagers of Pallipatti, right to graze 300 cattle and 200 sheep within the reserve on the Shevaroys in the places called Veinkkannankal and Kuppatankal.	The ground of claim is long custom and that the village has no waste land.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17-A of 1885 above.	The village accounts, however, show that there are 264 acres of Government waste against some 500 acres of cultivation, so that the grazing area shows a large percentage as compared with the cultivation area. For this reason and for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17-A above, this part of the claim is *rejected*.	An appeal was filed against the decision before the Collector who passed the same order as detailed in claim No. 27-A above. (Sd.) G. McWATTERS, Collector. 5th April 1886.

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61 B of 1885. IX.	Nallamara Goundan, of Pallipatti, Uttankarai taluk.	26th Aug. 1885.	Claims also right to cut wood for fuel and agricultural purposes free of tax within the same areas mentioned in claim No. 61 A above, although such fax has been paid during the past three years.	The ground of claim is long custom.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17 B above.	This part of the claim is also rejected for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17 B above. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 30th October 1886 (*sic.*)	....
62 A of 1885. X.	Ramu Goundan, ryot of Bodikadu, Uttankarai taluk.	Do.	Claims, on behalf of the villagers of Bodikadu, right to graze 200 cattle and 100 sheep on the northern slopes of the Shevaroys above his village in reserve No. 17 throughout the year.	Do.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17 A above.	From the village accounts, there appear to be 731 acres of Sircar waste and over 600 of poramboke in the village, most or all of which is suited for grazing. *For this reason and for the reasons* mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17 A above, the claim is rejected.	....
62 B of 1885. XI.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Claims also right to cut wood for fuel and agricultural purposes free of charge.	Do. ..	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17 B above.	This part of the claim is also rejected for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17 B above. (Sd) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 30th October 1886 (*sic.*)	....
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65 B of 1885. XIII.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Claims right to water cattle in the Bodakadu kuttai.	Do. ..	The District Forest-officer objects to the claim and points out that the kuttai has been made on Government land and without the leave of Government; that the Government could lease out on patta the land occupied by the kuttai; and that the pattadar or Government itself would have full power to fill up or improve the kuttai according as might seem best, and in the former case the usufruct of its water would be at once ended. He states that the ownership of the kuttai cannot be sustained as against the Revenue Department which owns all but private kuttais. That if all or sundry were allowed to build ponds and tanks without permission on Government land, wheresoever they pleased, the result would be *most* disastrous both to Government and the public. He says, however, that he would not interfere with the claimant in the use of the kuttai, provided forest regulations are complied with.	This part of the claim is rejected for the reasons given in the order on claim No. 70 of 1885, which are briefly as follows. *It* may be said that this right is closely connected with the right to graze, and that if the claimant has not the right to the grass, he cannot have the right to the water. Besides, the kuttai (pond or tank) has been built without leave of Government on Government land, and no patta has ever been issued for the land occupied thereby; the Government have therefore the power to destroy the kuttai to-morrow, and if they have this power it follows they have the right to forbid claimant to continue its repair or to use the water within it.	....
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65 D of 1885. XV.	Do. ..	Do. ..	Claims right to cut leaves for manure within the reserve.	Do. ..	With reference to the collection of leaves, the District Forest-officer states that Government have permitted certain kinds of leaves to be cut, but this permission cannot extend to reserved forests; that Government having the sole right to the minor as well as major products of their forests, may refuse to give up this right.	It appears that the leaves used *mostly for manure are chiefly* found on waste lands or the plains; that there are 450 acres of waste, and also the Kavarumalai hill outside the reserve all available for this purpose as well as a tract south of the village unincluded in the reserve. Under these circumstances the claim is rejected. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 30th October 1886.	....

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395 of 1888. XVI.	Gustave E. Cammiade Esq., Coffee Planter, Narthanchedu, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	17th May 1888.	Claims Government patta rights over the two pieces of land of Mothur village described below and situated within the reserve. They are both at the foot of the hill near the northern boundary of the reserve and the Uttankarai taluk border, about four miles north-east of Narthanchedu. The lands are surveyed and demarcated. One of them is planted with young mango trees and the other, which is now waste, is to be likewise dealt with :— Name of field. Extent. Assessment. Adigara Vaisai punja. Acs. 3·0 Rs. A. P. 2 0 0 Do. 1·50 1 8 0 Total 3·50 3 8 0	Patta unnumbered of May 1882 of Mothur village standing in the name of Hanumalai, and patta unnumbered of May 1882 of Mothur village standing in the name of Muthain are produced; as also a sale-deed executed by the above two pattadars in favor of the claimant.	The District Forest-officer does not wish to acquire the land for the reserve.	The claim to Government patta rights over the two lands mentioned in column 4 is admitted in favor of the claimant. They will be retained as enclosures within the reserve themselves excluded from reservation or interference of the Forest Department, *and reasonable* access is allowed to the lands by the path at present in use from Mothur village. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 18th May 1888.	
462 of 1888. XVII.	Maniya Gounden of Adigara Vaisai, hamlet of Mettur, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	28th June 1888.	Claims Government patta rights over the land mentioned below of Mettur village situated within the reserve at the foot of the hills in the Bodakadu valley, some two miles north of Mettur and close to the Uttankarai taluk southern boundary east of Kovilar stream. The land is cultivated, surveyed and demarcated and he (claimant) lives thereon :— — Name of field. Extent. Assessment. Patta No. 10 of 1877. Adigara Vaisai. Adigara Vaisai punja. Acs. 5·0 Rs. A. P. 6 0 0	Patta No. 10 of 1877 of Adigara Vaisai is produced in claimant's name.	Do. do.	The claim to Government patta rights over the land mentioned in column 4 is admitted. The land will be retained as an enclosure within the reserve free from reservation and with reasonable access allowed thereto by the path now in use from Nallur village. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 9th August 1888.	
616 of 1886. XIX.	M. Arunagiri Goundan of Annikad, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	30th Aug. 1886.	Claims Government patta rights over 2 acres of land of Anaikad village assessed at Rs. 2.	Patta No. 4 of 1872 for the land, which is locally known as Navadi punja, standing in the sole name of the claimant, is produced.	Do. do.	Inquiry shows that only 2 cents of the land are included within the reserve. The claim to Government patta rights over the 2 cents included in the reserve is admitted. As the land is not required for the [illegible] excluded from survey running the line round the land. (Sd.) O. WOLFE MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 26th November 1888.	

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Submitted with the recommendation that the 15th June 1887 be the date from which the notification shall take effec

RESOLUTION—dated 16th May 1887. est No. 274.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. M. JONES, Esq., Forest Settlement-officer and Special Deputy Collector, Salem District, to the Collector of Salem (through the District Forest-officer, Salem), dated Trichinopoly, 31st March 1887, No. 739.

I have the honor to report the conclusion of th settlement of the proposal Narthan Chedu reserved forest, No. 15, on the Shevaroys in the Sale taluk, all the requirements of section 16 of the Forest Act having been complied with.

2. The block lies at the head of a well-sheltered ravine between the Anaikattu Kadu and Vaniar valleys on the northern slopes of the Shevaroys and is within four miles of a cart-road running along the foot in the Uttankarai taluk to Attilapuram Railway station. It was visited from the Shevaroy plateau by Mr. Wolfe-Murray, who states that it contains fair jungle. Its area is about 3·75 square miles and its outline some ten miles.

3. The proposal to constitute this area a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 31st March 1885, and the proclamation under section 6 was published in the District Gazette, dated 11th April 1885, along with the other blocks in the Salem taluk. The latter was duly proclaimed in the adjoining villages and notices were also served on all known owners and occupiers of land in and adjoining the block.

4. Time was given up to 31st August for preference of claims, but the demarcation of a portion of the block which was found necessary to enable the rule and riflemen to see what rights they had, if any, within the block was not finished till June last, and some time had to be allowed afterwards for the people to put in their claims.

5. Nineteen claims were registered in the block, of which six were admitted and the rest rejected. Two of these claims were for rights of way, thirteen for grazing &c., rights, and four for paths rights over private lands within the block. A statement is enclosed showing the number of claims filed and their disposal.

6. The last of the claims was disposed of on the 26th November 1886 and the appeal time expired on the 24th January 1887, but the appeal was filed before the Collector in three of the grazing claims, and this was disposed of up to the date mentioned above.

7. The claims to rights of way referred to four different paths, all of which were admitted. There is also a temple within the block which has been excluded from the reserve limits with a space of 22 yards round it for the preparation of votive offerings by the.

8. The rests of four villages on the plains and of one village on the hills owning together about 1,500 cattle and 1,600 sheep claimed rights to graze them all in the block. They also claimed right to cut wood within the block for agricultural &c., purposes and to take leaves for manure. Some of them further claimed the right to water their cattle in certain pools in the block. All these claims were entirely rejected as amounting to the exercise of right. The appeal filed in three of the grazing claims, as stated in paragraph 6 above, was rejected as barred by limitation.

9. The four path claims referred to in paragraph 5 were for 15·12 acres of land, assessed at Rs. 15-8-0. They were all admitted and, except 2 cents of land which was excluded from the reserve limits, all the other lands were retained as encroachments in the block free from reservation and with free access allowed to them.

10. The block is thus free of all rights, except the rights of way and the patta rights mentioned above.

11. The following are the orders I would pass in addition to the numerical statement mentioned in paragraph 5 above :—

(1) A signed copy of the B report for claims for the block;
(2) A sketch of the block, with rights of way marked thereon;
(3) A draft final notification under section 16.

12. The date in the draft notification will be left blank. A month's time will be required to have it duly published as required by the Act.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Register of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Narthan Chedu reserved forest, No. 15, Salem taluk, Salem district.

Number of claims.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claims.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claims.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.	Brief abstract of decision, if any, of Court of final appeal and settlement.
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17-A of 1885. I.	Tirtha Goundan of Mangalam, Mandi of Narthan Chedu, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	1st Aug. 1885.	Claims on behalf of the villagers of Narthan Chedu, consisting of 40 households and cultivating nearly 600 acres of land, *right to graze 160 cattle and 20 sheep* within the reserve.	The ground of claim is long custom.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim for reasons stated *in his general answer, which* are briefly as follows :— (1) That the right claimed is only a privilege exercised with or under the permission of Government, *tacit* or expressed; (2) That the land over which the right is claimed is at the disposal of Government and that they can dispose of the forest produce (grass) or grant the land on patta or otherwise which course of action would at once exclude claimants from their alleged right; (3) That before the hill farms were abolished in 1884, the grass in them was also let out, so that the claim of long custom would fall to the ground; and (4) That as Government have abandoned large areas of cultivation which were formerly used as grazing grounds, and they now consider it necessary for the well-being of the public to reserve areas and to exclude cattle at will.	From inspection of the locality *it is observed that the hill west* and north-west of the claimants' villages is well clothed with jungle and can furnish grazing for the cattle during a great part of the year, while there are numerous pieces of good waste land fit for pasture to the south of the village. The claim is rejected for this reason as well as for those entered in the orders on claims Nos. 12 and 77 of 1885, which are briefly as follows :— From the arguments of the District Forest-officer it is easily seen that the claimants' plea of long uninterrupted custom falls to the ground. Every day probably lands are given out on patta over which the communal privilege of grazing had been before exercised and the pattadar is entitled to and does exclude all alien cattle that had hitherto enjoyed the privilege. Every such issue of leasing out ... of paths may be said to be an interruption of the hitherto customary privilege, and a custom has frequently interrupted cannot become a 'customary right.'	....
17-B of 1885. II.	Do. do. ..	Do. ..	Claims right to cut thatching grass and firewood in the reserve.	The ground of claim is long custom.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim for reasons stated *in his general answer, which are as follows* :— (1) That under the Easements Act there can be no right to such a destructive use of another's property as the right claimed would lead to; (2) That all waste lands and the produce thereon are Government property, and that they have constantly exercised the right to lease or grant free waste land, and the lessee or grantee has and does exercise all the powers of an owner in the property; (3) That every such grant or lease is a distinct denial of any communal rights in Government waste lands; (4) That the Government cannot confer on a grantee or lessee a better title than it has itself, and the fact that such grantee or lessee has power to exclude all alien cattle from the lands granted conclusively proves that such a power is inherent in the Government; (5) That the Government in fact exercised this right by setting apart puramboke for various uses, and they are now about to set apart *lands for reserves for the benefit of the public*; and (6) That the Government have from time to time issued rules regulating the issue of permits for timber, &c., and bamboos, and have required fees to be paid and they have been paid. In support of this statement the District Forest-officer files extracts from the rules published in the undermentioned Gazettes :— District Gazette, dated 8th July 1865, page 482; District Gazette, dated 12th August 1885, pages 589 and 774; District Gazette, dated 26th July 1867, pages 603 to 607; District Gazette dated 3rd June 1885, pages 124 to 127.	The reasons adduced by the District Forest-officer against the claim are unanswerable. Besides, the fact of permits being issued for timber, &c., shows that the Government have the right to the wood and other products of the forest, a fact which claimants themselves will admit, for they have never claimed to overrule the permit system now in force for some years. Looking to this and to the fact that the admission of the claim would inevitably bring about the total destruction of the Government forest, and considering the powers inherent in the Government either to alienate or retain the lands for any purpose, I find that the claim must be totally rejected.	....

Register of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Narthan Chedu reserved forest, &c.—*continued.*

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17-C of 1886. III.	Tirtha Goundan of Mangalam, mustt of Narthan Chedu, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	1st Aug. 1885.	Claims rights of way for men and cattle over the undermentioned paths within the reserve— (1) Path from Narthan Chedu to Bodakadu. (2) Path connecting Narthan Chedu with Mothur. This enters the reserve close to and east of Narthan Chedu and runs eastward through it for about 1 mile.	The ground of claim is long use.	The District Forest-officer does not object to the rights of way being admitted.	Right of way over path No. 1 is granted and fully described in the order on claim No. 53 of 1885 below. Right of way over path No. 2 is granted to the public. Cattle will be permitted to use this path provided they have the District Forest-officer's permission. This path is not to exceed 6 yards in width. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett. Officer and Addl. S[illegible] 3 May 1886	. . .
27-A of 1885. IV.	Venkatappa Reddi, ryot of Bairnatham, Uttankarai taluk.	29th Aug. 1885.	Claims on behalf of the cultivating community of Bairnatham village right to range 1,000 cattle and 1,000 sheep on the slopes of the Shevaroys south of their village within the reserve.	The ground of claim is long custom.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17-A of 1885 above.	From the village accounts there appear to be 194 acres of Government waste in the village as against 1,050 acres of cultivation. This shows a percentage of waste considerably larger than that usually allowed by the Settlement department for grazing area, viz., 33 per cent. There is also a large extent of hill jungle on Sembarattmalai not included in the reserve. Under these circumstances and for the reasons entered in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885 as detailed in claim No. 17-A above the claim must be rejected. The appeal is dated the 13th March 1886. The appeal must therefore be rejected as barred." (Signed) G. McWATTERS, Collector. 5th April 1886.	An appeal was filed against the decision before the Collector, who passed the following order (*vide* his Proceedings, dated 5th April 1886, No. 752):—"The Forest Settlement-officer states that the party was present when the decision was pronounced and that copy of the decision was given to him on the same date both in English and in the vernacular. The date of the decision was the 30th October 1885, and the present appeal is dated the 13th March 1886. The appeal must therefore be rejected as barred." (Signed) G. McWATTERS, Collector. 5th April 1886.
27-B of 1885. V.	Do. do. ..	Do. ..	Claims right to cut wood, &c., on free passes within the reserve.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17-B above.	This part of the claim is also rejected for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17-B above. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett. Officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 30th Oct. 1886 (sic).	

53-A of 1885. VI.	Do. do. ..	Do. ..	Claims right of way for the public and their cattle over the undermentioned paths :— I. Path from Bodakadu to Chengilathupadi. This enters the reserve from field No. 1 of Bodakadu and runs south-west to Vellakal and thence north-west to Chengilathupadi. Distance within the reserve about four miles. The continuation of this path twins south along the boundary of No. 15 reserve till it reaches Narthan Chedu. II. Path from Bodakadu to Periyakadu on the Shevaroys. This enters the reserve from field No. 106 of Bodakadu, ascends the hill and runs south-east to Periyakadu. Distance within the reserve about 3 miles. III. Also claims right of way to Ramaswami koil situated on path No. I. The festival is from November to January, and water is taken from a well near the temple which is frequented by hillmen and men from the plains. IV. Also claims right of way to Mariyamman koil and Perumal koil situated outside the reserve on the hill to the east of the eastern reserve boundary. This path leaves field No. 110 of Bodakadu and runs for about 2 miles south-east through the reserve.	The ground of claim is long use.	The District Forest-officer admits these paths to be public rights of way.	Right of way is admitted for men and cattle over the paths Nos. I and II mentioned in column 4 to a width not exceeding 6 yards. III. Claim to right of way to Ramaswami koil is admitted. The temple itself with a space of one chain (22 yards) round the temple will be demarcated out of the reserve for kindling fires for cooking, &c., purposes. IV. Right of way is also allowed for all persons going to Mariyumman koil and Perumal koil. The path is not to exceed 6 yards in width.	
53-B of 1885. VII.	Do. do. ..	Do. ..	Claims right to water cattle at the kuttai situated near the two kolls described in paragraph IV of claim No. 53-A above.	The ground of claim is [illegible]	The District Forest-officer [illegible] to the claim on the [illegible] kuttai is situated outside the reserve.	The kuttai claimed as a watering place for cattle being outside the [illegible] temples described in paragraph IV of claim No. 53-A above, no order need be passed regarding it. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett. Officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 14th June 1886.	
61-A of 1885. VIII.	Nallamara Goundan of Pallipatti, Uttankarai taluk.	Do. ..	Claims on behalf of the villagers of Pallipatti, right to graze 500 cattle and 200 sheep within the reserve on the Shevaroys in the places called Velakkarankal and Kuppatankal.	The ground of claim is long custom and that the village has no waste land.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17-A of 1885 above.	The village accounts, however, show that there are 264 acres of Sircar waste as against some 500 acres of cultivation, so that the grazing area shows a large percentage as compared with the cultivation area. For this reason and for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1886, as detailed in claim No. 17-A above, this part of the claim is rejected.	An appeal was filed against the decision before the Collector who passed the same order as detailed in claim No. 27-A above. (Sd.) G. McWATTERS, Collector. 5th April 1886.

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Number of claims.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claims.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claims.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.	Brief abstract of decision, if any, of Court of final appeal and settlement.
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61-B of 1885. IX.	Nallamara Goundan, of Pallipatti, Uttankarai taluk.	26th August 1886.	Claims also right to cut wood for fuel and agricultural purposes free of tax within the same areas mentioned in claim No. 61 A above, although such tax has been paid during the past three years.	The ground of claim is long custom.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17 B above.	This part of the claim is also rejected for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17 B above. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 30th October 1885 (*sic.*)	....
62-A of 1885. X.	Kappa Goundan, Periya-Bodakadu, Uttankarai taluk.	Do.	Claims, on behalf of the villagers of Bodakadu, right to graze 200 cattle and sheep on the northern slopes of the Anaveroys above his village in reserve No. 15 throughout the year.	Do.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17 A above.	The village a[illegible] grass, [illegible] panmboke in the village, a[illegible] or all of which is suited for grazing. For this reason and for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17 A above, the claim is rejected.	....
62-B of 1885. XI.	Do.	Do.	Claims also right to cut wood for fuel and agricultural purposes free of charge.	Do.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17 B above.	This part of the claim is also rejected for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17 B above. (Sd) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 30th October 1885 (*sic.*)	....
63-A of 1885. XII.	Venkatasubbaiyar, son of Devarajapalaiyam, living at Bairnatham, Uttankarai taluk.	[illegible]	Claims, on behalf of the villagers of Devarajapalaiyam, right to graze 200 cattle and 300 sheep within the reserve.	Do.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17 A above.	From the village accounts, however, there are no less than 450 acres of Sirkar waste in the village, all available for grazing outside the reserve. For this and for the reasons entered in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17 A above, the claim is rejected.	An appeal was filed against the decision before the Collector who passed the same order as detailed in claim No. 25 A above. (Sd.) G. McWATTERS, Collector. 5th April 1886.

65-B of 1885. XIII.	Do.	Do.	Claims right to water cattle in the Bodakadu kuttai.	Do.	The District Forest-officer objects to the claim, and points out that the kuttai has been made on Government land and without the leave of Government; that the Government would lease out on patta the land occupied by the kuttai; and that the pattadar or Government itself would have full power to fill up or improve the kuttai according as might seem best; and in the former case the usufruct of its water would be at once ended. He states that the ownership of the kuttai cannot be sustained as against the Revenue Department which owns all but private kuttais. That if all or sundry were allowed to build ponds and tanks without permission on Government land, wheresoever they pleased, the result would be most disastrous both to Government and the public. He says, however, that be- [illegible] kuttai, provided forest regulations are complied with.	This part of the claim is rejected for the reasons given in the order on claim No. 70 of 1885, which are briefly as follows. It may be said that this right is closely connected with the right to graze, and that if the claimant has not the right to the grass, he cannot have the right to the water. Besides, the kuttai (pond or tank) has been built without leave of Government on Government land, and no patta has ever been issued for the land occupied thereby; the Government have therefore the power to destroy the kuttai to-morrow, and if they have this power it follows they have the right to forbid claimant to continue its repair or to use the water within it.	....
65-C of 1885. XIV.	Do.	Do.	Claims right to cut wood, &c., free of charge, within the reserve.	The ground of claim is long use.	The District Forest-officer objects to the admission of the claim on the grounds stated in his general answer, as recorded in claim No. 17 B above. With reference to the collection of leaves, the District Forest-officer states that Government have permitted certain kinds of leaves to be cut, but this permission cannot extend to reserved forests, that Government having the sole right to the minor as well as major products of their forests, may refuse to give up this right.	This claim is also rejected for the reasons mentioned in the order on claim No. 12 of 1885, as detailed in claim No. 17 B above. It appears that the leaves used mostly for manure are chiefly found on waste lands on the plains; that there are 450 acres of waste, and also the Kavarumalai hill outside the reserve all available for this purpose as well as a tract south of the village unincluded in the reserve. Under these circumstances the claim is rejected. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 30th October 1885.	....
65-D of 1885. XV.	Do.	Do.	Claims right to cut leaves for manure within the reserve.	Do.			

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Number of claims.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claims.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claims.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.	Brief abstract of decision, if any, of Court of final appeal and settlement.
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295 of 1885. XVI.	Gustave E. Commade Esq. Coffee Planter, Narthan Chedu, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	17th May 1886.	Claims Government patta rights over the two pieces of land of Mothur village described below and situated within the reserve. They are both at the foot of the hill near the northern boundary of the reserve near the Uttankarai taluk border, about four miles north-east of NarthanChedu. The lands are surveyed and demarcated. One of them is planted with young mango trees and the other, which is now waste, is to be likewise dealt with :—	Patta unnumbered of May 1882 of Mothur village standing in the name of Hanumalai, and patta unnumbered of May 1882 of Mothur village standing in the name of Matham are produced; as also a sale-deed executed by the above two attadars in favor [illegible] claimant.	The District Forest-officer does not wish to acquire the land for the reserve.	The claim to Government patta rights over the two lands mentioned in column 4 is admitted in favor of the claimant. They will be retained as enclosures within the reserve themselves excluded from reservation or interference of the Forest Department, and reasonable access is allowed to the lands by the path at present in use from Mothur village. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, [illegible], 1886.	....

Name of field.	Extent.	Assessment.
	Acs.	Rs. A. P.
Adigara Valsai punja.	2·0	2 0 0
Do. ..	1·50	1 8 0
Total ..	3·50	3 8 0

489 of 1886. XVII.	Maniya Goundan of Adigara Valsai, hamlet of Mettur, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	28th Aug. 1886.	Claims Government patta rights over the land mentioned below of Mettur village situated within the reserve at the foot of the hills in the Bodakadu valley, some two miles north of Mettur and close to the Uttankarai taluk southern boundary east of Kovilar stream. The land is cultivated, surveyed and demarcated and he (claimant) lives thereon :—	Patta No. 10 of 1877 of Adigara Valsai is produced in claimant's name.	Do. do. ..	The claim to Government patta rights over the land mentioned in column 4 is admitted. The land will be retained as an enclosure within the reserve free from reservation and with reasonable access allowed thereto by the path now in use from Nallur village. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 9th August 1886.	....

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		Acs.	Rs. A. P.
Patta No. 10 of 1877.	Adigara Valsai punja.	6·0	6 0 0

470 of 1886. XVIII.	Anji Goundan of Adigara Valsai, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	Do. ..	Claims, on behalf of himself and his co-pattadar Vellaya Gaundan, Government patta rights over the undermentioned land of Mettur village situated within the reserve. The land is surveyed, demarcated and regularly cultivated, and the claimant resides on the land itself which is situated at the foot of the hill close to the Uttankarai taluk boundary and some three miles north of Mettur village :—	Patta No. 8 of 1877 in claimant's name and in that of his co-pattadar Vellaya Gaundan is produced.	Do. do. ..	The claim to Government patta rights over the land mentioned in column 4 is admitted in favor of both the persons. The land will be retained as an enclosure within the reserve free from reservation, with right of residence thereon allowed to claimants and their families, and reasonable access allowed to Mettur village from the land. (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 2nd September 1886.	....

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		Acs.	Rs. A. P.
Patta No. 5 of Mettur	Adigara Valsai punja.	6·0	6 0 0

616 of 1886. XIX.	M. Arumugiri Goundan of Anaikad, Shevaroys, Salem taluk.	30th Aug. 1886.	Claims Government patta rights over 2 cents of land of Anaikad village assessed at Fs. 2.	Patta No. 4 of 1879 for the [illegible] which is as Nadiang on of	Do. do. ..	Inquiry shows that only 2 cents of the land are included within the reserve. The claim to Government patta rights over the 2 cents included in the reser[illegible] .... (Sd.) O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer and Addl. Sub-Collr. 26th November 1886.	....

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

STATEMENT showing the number of claims filed and their disposal.

Number and name of block.	CLAIMS TO RIGHT OF WAY.			CLAIMS TO GRAZING RIGHTS, TO CUT WOOD, LEAVES FOR MANURE AND TO WATER CATTLE IN THE BLOCK.			CLAIMS TO PATTA RIGHTS OVER PRIVATE LANDS IN THE BLOCK.						TOTAL OF ALL CLAIMS.		
							Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.				
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Narthanchedu block No. 15 ..	2	2	..	13	..	3	4	*15·52	4	15·52	..	..	19	6	13

* The whole extent of this land was kept as enclosure within the block except 2 cents which was excluded from it.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Madras, 28th April 1887, No. 267.

Submitted with the recommendation that the 15th June 1887 be the date from which the notification shall take effect.

Resolution—dated 16th May 1887, No. 274.

The draft notification under section 4 of the Forest Act, relating to the Narthanchedu Block, will be submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*; the Board recommend that the 1st of July 1887 should be the date from which its reservation should take effect.

2. The dates of the decisions of the Forest Settlement-officer in claims Nos. 27, 61 and 62 are given as "30th October 1886" in the register of claims. These are evidently clerical errors for 30th October 1885, as the Collector's appeal decisions in column 8 of the same register bear the date 5th April 1886.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a draft notification and sketch-map (to be returned).

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
" " Collector of Salem.
" " Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
" " Examiner of Accounts.

ORDER—dated 23rd June 1887, No. 603, 603A, Revenue.

Forest. N.

The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and the Salem District Gazettes. The reservation of the block will take effect from 1st August 1887.

2. The notification under section 4 was 1885. The conclusion of the settlement and demarcation of a portion of the block, and the appeal time expired on the 24th January report was not written till the 31st March until the 16th May 1887, and it did not delay throughout is very unsatisfactory that the delay in the conclusion of the s not noticed by the Board, to whom boo subordinate.

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To the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with re
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Field.	Extent.	Assessment.	Remarks.
	ACS. CTS.	RS. A. P.	
Valasai b	2 0	2 0 0	Situated at the foot of the hills near the northern boundary of the block on the Uttankarai Taluk border, about 4 miles north-east of Nattanchedu. A path from Modur leads to the land.
Do.	1 50	1 8 0	
	3 50	3 8 0	
Do.	6 8	6 0 0	Situated at the foot of the hills in the Bedukadu valley, some two miles north of Mettur and close to the Uttankarai Taluk. A path from Nallur leads to the land.
Do.	6 0	6 0 0	Situated at the foot of the hill close to the Uttankarai Taluk boundary three miles north of Mettur village. Right of residence thereon is allowed to the claimants and their families. A path from Mettur village leads to the land.
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The draft notification is approved & will be published in the Fort St George & the Salem Dt Gazettes: The reservation of the block in question will take effect from 1st August 1887.

2. The Notn under sec. 4 was published so long ago as the 31st March 1885. The conclusion of the settlement appears to have been delayed pending the demarcation of a portion of the block, and this was not done until June 1886. The appn time expired on the 24th Jany. 1887 but the Forest Settlement Officer's report was not written till ~~is dated~~ the 31st March 1887; it was not disposed of by the Board until the 16th May 1887 and it did not reach Govt. until the 9th June.

This delay throughout is very unsatisfactory, and the Govt. are surprised to find that the delay in the conclusion of the settlement & the submission of the Report is not noticed by the Board, to whom both Forest Settlement and Forest Officer are subordinate.

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Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft *notification* under section 16 of the Forest Act for constituting the Narthanchedu block a *reserved forest* in the Salem district, and recommending that 1st July be fixed as the date from which the reservation should take effect.

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then turns north-westwards through Karanaratan Sholai till it touches Mr Cammiade's Estate boundary, along which it runs till it touches Nartam-Chedu village cultivation, which it skirts till it reaches Panatti Sholai, thence across to Panatti Sholai goot, Iddiodhanthakal and Avarai Kai goota, thence up the ridge to Katteri Kal Shelli gootai to Rettipalli sheradu and down that ridge to Vellakal gootai.

West. The ridge from Vellakal gootai to Valabi Kal.

Perumal Koil, both situated outside the block on the hill to the east of the eastern Reserve boundary. The path which is not to exceed three yards in width leaves field No 110 of Bodakadu and runs for about two miles south east through the block.

V The temple of Ramasami Koil situated on path No. above will be demarcated out of the block with a space of one chain (22 yards) round for preparing votive offering by fire. The festival is from

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Note. The East and South boundary has been surveyed.

November to January and the temple is frequented by hill-men and men from the plain. Water is taken from a well near the temple for bathing purposes.

The undermentioned private lands are retained in enclosures in the block for fear from man-tax and with reasonable access allowed to them. The boundaries

No. of Plan	Name of Claimant	Village in which the land is situated	Date of Survey	Name of field	Extent	Assessment	Remarks
					acres	R A P	
395 of 86	Gustave E. Commissaire Esquire Coffee planter. Vertical Thicket Shevaroys III	Hosur	Immemorial Survey 1882	Adigaram-valasai pumjah	2 0 2 00 100	1 50 1 80	Situated at the foot of the hills near the north boundary of the block
					3 20 3 80		Between border on 4 miles ne east of Hosur. A fair from Hosur leads to the
69 of 86	Ramiya goundan of Adigara Valasai	Adigaram-valasai	10 Yrs 1877	Do	6 0 6 00		Situated at the foot of the hills in the Block. Kal roads at two miles ne of Hosur one close to the block on the south-east. A path from Kallia leads to the land.
470 of 80	Ardigoundan of Hosur for himself and his Co-partners Vellaya goundan	Hosur	80	Do	6 0 6 00		Situated at the foot of the hills close to the Ustamkan

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