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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>6771</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>19. 10</i>	18 <i>89.</i>

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The Accountant Genl.

I send my hon. Colleagues Dated 6 June 1889.

FOR ORDERS.

views based on the same on
 inland knowledge of the
 fact of the people. The scheme of
 reservation of the hills & the
 application for the same
 consequently suggested. I.H.S. 1/1/89

The Kollimalais are feverish but
 not so bad as the Pachimalais
 belonging to the hills in India
 district and I think it would be
 a very bad precedent to grant them
 a local allowance.

But what I doubt about is the
 expediency or necessity of making
 the reserved hills at all. I
 have been over the Kollimalais from
 end to end, and I doubt very much
 whether any of the officers who now
 visit about them, have been. I can
 assure that the plateau has been
 almost completely cleared, that there
 is no jungle ~~now~~, primary or secondary,
 on it worth conserving which
 has not been included in the things
 proposed reservations all of which
 have I believe been settled and demon-
 strated by Mr. Wolfe Murray. There
 is no objection in growing forest up there
 for if timber were grown it could be
 got out, and to do it would displace
 the indigenous & the hill people
 who have brought the whole of
 the plateau under cultivation and
 would be interfered with by the
 forest. There is nothing to be
 done about the matter.

The Collector of Salem asks that
 the Forester and two forest guards
 who are to be employed on the
 Kollimalai Hills may be granted
 a local allowance of 50% of
 their pay, and the Conservator
 and the Board support the pro-
 posal. The Collector says
 the plateau "is supposed to
 be essentially feverish and on
 that account is rarely visited
 by any one". The Board say
 definitely that the hills are very
 feverish, and the Conservator
 says that it is difficult to
 get any one to stay on them.
 In the Salem Dt. Manual (Vol II
 p. 109) it is stated that "the
 climate is injurious to natives
 of the lowlands", that fever
 prevails during the hottest months
 and that "an enlarged spleen
 marks those who survive to

havages".

It is submitted that ~~for~~ there is hardly a jungle in the presidency which is not feverish and that a liability to fever must be regarded as a natural incident of a forest officer's appointment. If local allowances are given in this case there are sure to be a number of similar claims from every district, and quite as strong grounds as those now urged could be put forward for many other forests, for which at present no local allowances are granted. It is thought therefore that the sanction asked for need not be given as a sufficiently strong case has not been made out.

Has
15 Oct.

I do not know the length of time they stay at the place but am sure firmly that they will stay but I think we may accept the statement of the Chief Magistrate that they are very fertile & some of it is very good. The land is

FOR ORDERS.

Extending forest operations on these hills, and the idea of declaring them all reserved land or giving forest officers control over the land revenue administration of them might be too absolutely rejected. As to the slopes all that is worth anything from a forest point of view has already been reserved. Specimens of the trees are as steep as a wall and can be obtained at two or three points where there are ravines which have been taken up. The soil of the plateau is not unlike the soil of the hills. Jack is which are of course private property. The height is about 1500 or 1600 feet and very fertile & it was found many times that there were houses in the hills. The three houses on the hill which the forest people want to get I would say to them, "Hurry up."

has
15 Oct.

The paper does not seem to have been before my last signature to the Board in any form.

and of ordinary business out of this is a thing in an exceptional case. I think the chances that it is granted. I find policy of my letter. Director has been to see in person & to write letters with an idea to keep them contained & avoid them as known for exceeding their power by having authorities. I have tried to keep a moderate time in the future I have not

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

Reservation attention is solicited to G.C. no. 6524 dated 27th October 1887. (vide para 3 of the Sub-Collector's letter). No proposals have yet been received. The only tracts that have been constituted as reserved forests are those marked in the Forest Atlas, no new blocks having been proposed for reservation in these tracts.

L.R.
18 Oct.

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

Cuo 6892

With reference to the
Undersecretary's queries
on the slip attached the
following is submitted:-

Mr. Cherry's proposals are
contained in pp. 56 to 60
of G.C. no. 668 dated 13th
May 1884. The proposals,
so far as the Kollimalais
are concerned, relate to
the reserves noted below.

1. Kannalli Kombai Reserve.

G.C. 1046
26-11-86.

2. Tambuti Reserve. So 126
1-2-87.

Nayakan Kombai. So 382
21-4-87.

3. Puliyanshole. So 874
5-9-87.

and

Varadur Kombai - So. 992

21.9.81

These were finally re-
served by the orders noted
against each. They are
marked in the Forest

Atlas as nos. 2, 3, 6, 4
and 5 respectively. The

descriptions ^{given} of these reserves

by Mr. Cherry as well as

by Mr. Wolfe Murray show

that they are on the slope

of the Kollimalais and

not on its plateau. The

Atlas affords no means of

ascertaining whether any

portions of the reserves

noted above are situated

on the plateau. As regards

the question of further

NOTE FOR THE Under Secretary

Cuo. 6892

The areas under the control of
the Forest Dept. in the Attur and
Namakkal Taluks of the Salem Dt.
are given below: -

	Attur Acs.	Namakkal Acs.
Reserved Forests.	16,192.	8,147
In Attur + Namakkal.	8,755	
Uncultivated Lands.	12,864.	5,530
Total	29,056 - 8,760	13,677
Grand Total.	51,488 acres	

The area of Govt. land as given
in B. P. ~~1~~ 1 - 2 - 85 is as follows

Attur Taluk.	795 sq. miles
Namakkal ..	374 ..
Total	1,169 sq. miles

or 7,48,160 acres.

The ~~per~~ area under the control
of the For Dept. is thus 51,488
7,48,160

or nearly 7 per cent of the

No. 5009
For

Salem. Collections Office
Forest Branch
dated 17th March 1889.

From

G. H. Watters Esquire,
Collector of Salem.

To

The Conservator of Forests
S. Circle.
Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to invite
your attention to the correspondence
that has taken place on the subject of
the reservation of the Kollimalai hills
of the Namakkal and Alur Taluqs of
this District.

The District Forest officer
has lately visited this portion of the District
and has already submitting proposals
for extending our present reservation
to the whole of the exterior slopes of the range,
the plateau being left for further
consideration which the general interest
involved

colored undoubtedly demand.

When it is considered that there are 126 villages on the plateau, it may be readily understood that any hardships inflicted by too complete a reservation would have a far reaching effect on the hill tribesmen who form the population numbering ^{some} thousands.

I am equally alive to the necessity for taking immediate steps to protect the forests on the plateau from being henceforth devastated as they have been in the past from the spread of the system of shifting cultivation which the Revenue system is powerless to prevent unless a settlement and survey are carried on and this we could scarcely do for without such further delay as would defeat the object in view.

It is now proposed that once taken steps to carry into effect the order that was issued as far back as 1874 to stop all new forest encroachments to which

There is no doubt
that it is a
matter of
great importance
and it is
necessary

Keep him
out

which and it is absolutely necessary to define permanently on the ground the areas under cultivation or that have been cultivated within recent years.

The District Forest Officer considers this would not be a difficult or long operation for the areas are large and well defined either by the bare patches or the secondary growth that has come up in the hollows. He would define these by large Cairns of small stones placed at the angles on their borders at the expense of the Department employing a special establishment of a Darshi and two guards who should be paid a special allowance of say 50 per cent of their salary for a period of one year while so employed such a concession is advisable for the plateau is supposed to be essentially barren and on that account is rarely visited by any man.

Don't

The matter is an urgent one for if we are to hope for any forest conservation at all on the top of the

Kollimalais

never in person and am convinced
that the Concession is advisable,
for at present it is most difficult
to get any one to stay on the Kollimalais
and the question of their Conservancy
is urgent.

Resolution

Submitted for the
favourable Consideration of
Government, through the Accountant
General. The Kolls are very poorish
and some special allowance for
remaining on them seems equitable
/ True copy and Extract /

Secretary

To. The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, through the
Accountant General.
Copy to the Conservator of Forests,
Southern circle.
Copy to the Collector of Salem

1889.
Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue)

MADRAS.



To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
thru the Accountant
General

Proceedings, dated 20th May 1889,
Forest No. 392, Miscellaneous

Subject.

Submitting for the favorable
consideration of Government with
Board's support Southern
Circle, Conservator's proposal
for the grant of certain special
allowances to the Forester and
Forest Guards employed
in the protection of the
Kollimalai hills in the
Salem District.

Recd 20th May 89
Per [Signature]

Treasury Account DEPARTMENT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Accountant-General's Office,
June 1889.

No. 1889

From

J. W. Rowland Esq.

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE

Secy. to Government,
Revenue Department.

SIR,

In forwarding Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue (Land Revenue) No. 392 dated the 20th May 1889,
submitting for consideration of Government proposal of
the Conservator of Forests Southern Circle for the grant
of a special allowance not exceeding 50 per cent of
their pay for the space of one year, to one Forester
and two Guards while employed on duty on the
Kollimalais, I have the honor to state that Govern-
ment, may, if they see fit, sanction a local allow-
ance of 50 per cent of pay to the Forester and guards
in question, under Section 7 (1) Chapter 16, of the Civil
Account Code.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most Obedt Servt

[Signature]

Accountant General

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

Dated

Received

Enclosures



SUBJECT.

Document - 276-188-189
It is considered that
no case for granting allowance
has been made out.
The papers will be
retained by the
Revenue Dept for disposal
of the question of revenue

276-188-189

SUBJECT

So 17-8-89, No. 5312 ml

(1889.)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

6092

Endorsement of
From
The Financial Dept

Dated 6 Sept.

Received 7/1

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SUBJECT.

Re-transferring certain papers regarding the disposal of the question of the reservation of the Kollimalai Hills, Salem Dis. and considering that no case for granting a special allowance for one station & two guards has been made out.

ABSTRACT.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Cno. 6892

Order. 22nd Sept 1889

The Govt. does not consider that any case for granting a local allowance has been made out.

2. H. S. C. is further of opinion that the proposed operations on the Kollimalai Hills are unnecessary and undesirable. The plateau has been almost completely cleared ^{with conserving} and there is no forest growth ^{either} there or on the slopes ^{which} ~~have~~ ^{have} not been included in Mr. Chen ^{all these areas were} proposals, and settled by Mr. Wolf Murray, and are now reserved forest and the Govt. is opposed to any further ~~land~~ ^{lands} being taken up with the object of clothing them with forest. To do so would serve no useful object for if timber were grown it would be difficult to get it out, and further reservation would displace an industrious & prosperous population who have brought about ~~most~~ ^{most} the whole of the plateau.

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cultivation. For these reasons
H.E. in C. thinks that further
operations are unnecessary and the
it would be undesirable to give
the revenue administration of the
hills to the Forest Dept.

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2-10-16 ✓

Spabance
19 Oct ✓