Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., Nos 1009- 1009 A

DATED 3rd December

[Despatch Abstract.]

The draft bill for the Consolidation of the Madras Forest Act for the Consolidation of the Mallappallam block, in the Tinnevelly taluk, as a reserved Forest, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George & the Tinnevelly Gazettes.

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Order No. 1009 dt 3rd Dec: 1897.

The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St: George and Tinnevelly dist: Gazettes, the 15th February 1898 being entered as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

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Forest No. 469.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting G.O. for publication in the Fort St. George Gazette draft notification under Sec: 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Melaghattam block in the Tinnevelly Dy and Dist. as a reserved forest.

Nobs. The initial notification in respect of this block was approved in G.O. No. 420 20.7.95.

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Draft final notification

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare under the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882 that from the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule annexed to this notification, shall be constituted reserved forest

Schedule

District	Taluk	Names of village	No. of Block	Name of Block	Boundaries
Tinnevelly	Tinnevelly	Melapattam Kilamattam	43.	Melapattam.	North Starting from the south-east corner of survey no 433 of Kilamattam village a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no 262 of Melappattam; thence a straight line to the southeast corner of survey no 263; thence the south side of survey no 265 the west, south, east and north sides of survey no 384B, the east sides of survey nos 266, 267, 270 and 256, the south and East sides of survey no 255, the South side of survey no 254 to the Southeast corner of the last; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no 247; thence its south side to its southeast corner; thence a straight line to the northwest

corner of survey no. 279; thence a straight line to a point on the south side of survey no. 279 where it turns north-westwards; thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey no. 293; thence along the west side of survey no. 293 for about 4 chains to a cairn; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no. 292; thence its south and east sides to where it joins survey no. 299; thence the south side of survey no. 299 to its southeast corner; thence a straight line to the southeast corner of survey no. 302 all of Melapattam.

East Thence a straight line south south-eastwards for 24½ chains through cairns no. 30 and 31 to cairn no. 32, 6 chains west southwest of the southernmost point of survey no. 310 of Melapattam; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no. 313; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no. 314; thence the west side of survey no. 315 to its southwest corner; thence a straight line to a point in the north side of survey no. 363 about 2 chains east of its northwest corner; thence its west side to its southwest corner; thence a straight line to the westernmost point of survey no. 370; thence a straight

thence a straight line to the northwest corner of survey no. 372; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no. 373; thence a straight line south-westwards for 15.14 links to cairn no. 42, 450 links northwest of the north-west corner of survey no. 378; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of the said survey no. all of Melapattam; thence a straight line to the boundary stone on the north side of survey no. 376 of Kilacattam about 2 chains east of its northwest corner; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no. 382 of the said village.

South Thence northwestwards and then westwards the boundary between Kilacattam and Pamian-Kulam villages to the southeast corner of survey no. 391 of the former village.

West Thence the east sides of survey nos. 391, 394, 405, 404 and 409 of Kila-nattam to the northeast corner of the last; thence a straight line to the easternmost point of survey no. 398; thence a straight line northwestwards for 34 chains to cairn no. 2, 630 links east southeast of the southeast corner of survey no. 427 all of Kilacattam; thence a straight line to the starting

point of the northern boundary.

Remarks

A. The undermentioned right of way are allowed within the block.

1. Cart-track from Kilanattam to Panindiankulam & villages 6 yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts. It enters the block at the northeast corner of survey no 409 of Kilanattam and running southeastwards for about 5½ furlongs leaves it in survey no 377 also of Kilanattam about 6 chains north of its northeast corner.

2. Footpath from Melappattam to Nattam Kottai & villages 6 feet wide and open for people and cattle. It enters the block on the south side of survey no 299 of Melappattam about a chain east of cairn no 27 and running southeastwards for about a mile and one furlong within the block leaves it about 4½ chains south southeast of cairn no 2.

3. Footpath to Sasthankoil (B.1) 4 yards wide and open for people only. It enters the block at the south-east corner of survey no 247 of Melappattam and runs south southeastwards for 28.60 chains

to the temple.

4. Cart-track from Melappattam to Sasthankoil (B.1.) 6 yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts. It enters the block at cairn no 22 and running west northwestwards for about 8½ chains meets item no A3.

5. Footpath to Venkatachalapathi koil (B.2) 4 yards wide and open for people only. It enters the block at cairn no 30 runs southwestwards and then southwards for 30 chains to the temple.

B. The undermentioned temples have been excluded from reservation and left as enclosures within the block with access as noted against each.

1. Sasthankoil consisting of 2 places of worship one for pallans and the other for caste men. It covers a space of 241 links north to south and 65 links east to west. A total space of 5 acres around it will be allowed for the use of the public only on festive occasions. To be approached by items A3 and A4.

2. Venkatachalapathi koil covers a space of 64 links east to west and 57 links north to south. A space

of 2 acres will be allowed round it for publicuse but only on festive occasions. To be approached by item A5.

Forest Settlement officer

H. B Bryant

District Forest officer

Tinnevelly.

DRAFT FINAL NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that, from 189 , the area the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule annexed to this notification, shall be constituted reserved forest.

SCHEDULE.

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(5) Foot-path to Venkatachelapathikoil (B2), four yards wide and open for people only.—It enters the block at cairn No. 30, runs south-westwards and then southwards for thirty chains to the temple.

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(Signed) H. B. BRYANT,
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Secretary.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

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OCTOBER.

Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Melappattam block in the Tinnevelly taluk and district, as a reserved forest.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from A. W. B. HIGGENS, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated Kokkarakulam, 30th June 1897, Ref. on No. 907 For. B and C. :—

I have the honour to submit herewith a draft notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, relating to "Melappattam blocks" in Tinnevelly taluk with the Forest Settlement-officer's letter Ref. on No. 928 of 4th June 1897, with its enclosures and to recommend that 1st Octobor 1897 may be fixed as the date when this area will become a reserved forest.

2. In the boundary description given by Forest Settlement-officer, the eastern boundary is described in the 14th line as "thence its west side"; this should be "its north and west side."

3. During Settlement Survey Nos. 315 and 363-A of Melappattam village have been excluded from the block and the boundary altered.

4. The usual statement of area and condition is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT of areas, &c., to accompany notification under section 16 of Forest Act V of 1882.

Taluk.	Area.	Extent of occupied and unoccupied lands in the taluk.	Area of reserves already notified under section 16 in the taluk.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Character of land proposed for reservation.			Probable extent of land left for grazing purposes.
					Block.	How much forest.	How much grass land.	
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Tinnevelly.	325·5	Occupied .. 208·1 Unoccupied. 73·6	* 3·889	5 562	Melappattam block 1·562	..	Grassy and gravelly .. 1·562	Kilanattam. 475·68 Melappattam. 149·9

* Corrected in the Revenue Board's office.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From F. V. P. GOMPERTZ, Esq., Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., districts, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Trichinopoly, 1st June 1897, Ref. on No. 928.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Melappattam block, Tinnevelly taluk, after complying with the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882.

2. The block lies in the villages of Melappattam and Kilanattam.

3. The notification under section 4 appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th July 1895, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on 13th August 1895 by M.R.Ry. C. Raju Sastriar Avergal fixing 1st December 1895 as the latest date for preference of claims.

4. The settlement of the block was begun by him but completed by M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillay Avergal. The notification transferring the block to my name appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 25th May 1897. The last claim was disposed of on 1st April 1897 and the appeal time expired on 24th May 1897 without any appeal being filed.

5. Seven claims were preferred as follows :—

One for the non-reservation of the block.
One for the exclusion of about 100 acres of poramboke land.
One for the exclusion of a patta field.
Two for five rights of way.
One for three temples.
One for the allowance of sufficient margin between the road and the reserve.

The first two claims were dismissed as not based on right. One temple was found to lie outside the block. The remaining claims were all admitted and the patta land was excluded by revision of boundary.

6. I request that three months' time may be allowed for the promulgation of the final notification from the probable date of its appearance in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Melappattam reserved forest block No. 43, Tinnevelly taluk, Tinnevelly district.

No.	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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6 / I	Ramakrishniengar, pattadar of Melappattam, residing at Kilanattam, Tinnevelly taluk.	5th Dec. 1895.	Prays that 100 acres of poramboke land which are in his enjoyment and which are included in the reserve may be excluded from it and assigned to him on patta.	....	....	Claimant does not specify what land he claims or by what right. If the land claimed is not in petitioner's patta, the onus of proving that he has a right to it is on him. He has offered no proof of this, but simply asks that patta may be issued to him for 100 acres of poramboke. The claim is inadmissible and is rejected under section 10 of the Forest Act. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TINNEVELLY, 6th December 1895.
1 / II	Seshagopalaiengar, acting village munsif of Kilanattam.	14th Nov. 1895.	Prays that the following right of way may be allowed :— * Cart-track leading from Kilanattam to its hamlet called Panindiankulam, &c., villages. It runs from the north-west corner of survey No. 402 and running south-east leaves it in survey No. 377. It is required to a width of ten yards for people, cattle and carts.	....	The District Forest-officer does not object to the claim, but says that the right of way may be allowed to a width of six yards.	The right of way claimed is admitted and recorded to a width of six yards. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 30th March 1896.
5 / III	Ramasundaram Iyer of Tirumalaikolundapuram.	18th Nov. 1895.	Prays that the patta lands of Venkatachelapathiswami in survey No. 363-A (about 25 cents) of Melappattam may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts ..	The District Forest-officer admits the claim.	The claim is admitted under section 10 of the Forest Act and the land claimed will be excluded by revision of boundary from the forest. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 30th March 1896.

* It enters the block at the north-east corner of survey No. 409 of Kilanattam and running south-east for about five and a half furlongs leaves it about six chains north-north-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 377 of the same village. This is marked as A_1 in the sketch.

(Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU,
Forest Sett.-officer.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Melappattam reserved forest, &c.—*cont.*

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2 / IV	Muthiyan Thathan, monigar of Melappattam.	18th Nov. 1895.	Prays that the following rights may be allowed within the block :— * (1) Cart-track from Melappattam south-west across the reserve to Nattam Kottur, &c, villages. It enters the reserve on the south side of survey No. 299 of Melappattam and leaves near cairn No. 2. It is required to a width of six yards for people, cattle and carts. † (2) Cart-track from Melappattam to Sasthankoil in the smaller hill within the reserve. It is required for people, cattle and carts to a width of six yards. ‡ (3) Foot-path to Venkatachelapathikoil. It enters near cairn No. 30 and runs south-westwards to the temple. It is required to a width of four yards for people only. § (4) Foot-path entering the block at the south-east corner of survey No. 247 of Melappattam and running south-south-west to the Sasthankoil. It is required to a width of four yards for people only.	....	The District Forest-officer admits the claim but says that item No. 1 is only a foot-path and should be allowed to a width of six feet.	Item No. 1 is not a cart-track. It will be admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of six feet for people and cattle. Items Nos. 2 to 4 are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. PUDUKKOTTAI, 25th March 1897.
3 / V	Muthiyan Thathan, monigar of Melappattam.	18th Nov. 1895.	Prays that the following temples may be excluded from the reserve :— ‖ (1) Sasthankoil to a space of 10 acres. ‖ (2) Sodalamadankoil to a space of 2 acres. (3) Venkatachalapathi Perumal temple on the top of the bigger hill to a space of 4 acres.	....	The District Forest-officer says that item No. 2 lies outside the block and that 5 and 2 acres may be allowed for item Nos. 1 and 3 respectively during festive occasions.	Item No. 2 lies outside the boundary of the block. Items Nos. 1 and 3 will be excluded from the reserve and left as enclosures with access as provided in claim No. 2. Item No. 1 consists of two places one for pallans and the other for caste men covering a space of two hundred and forty-one links north to south and sixty-five links east to west. A total space of 5 acres around it will be allowed for the use of the public only on festive occasions. Item No. 3 is sixty-four links east to west and fifty-one links north to south. A space of 2 acres round it will be allowed for public use but only on festive occasions. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, PUDUKKOTTAI, Forest Sett.-officer. 25th March 1897.
4 / VI	Muthuramier and others of Tirumalaikolundapuram, &c., villages.	Do.	Pray for the non-reservation of the block as the waste lands included in the block are required for the grazing of their village cattle.	....	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The claim is not based on right and is therefore rejected. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. PUDUKKOTTAI, 25th March 1897.
7 / VII	President, District Board, Tinnevelly.	7th Dec. 1896.	Requests to fix the eastern boundary of the reserve twenty-two yards west of the centre of the road from Kottur chatram to Tirumalaikolundapuram.	....	The District Forest-officer does not object.	The boundary has been revised so as to allow sufficient margin. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 1st April 1897.

Claim No. IV.—
* Item No. 1 enters the block about a chain east of cairn No. 27, runs south-westwards for about a mile and one furlong and leaves it about four and a half chains south-south-east of cairn No. 2. It is marked as A_2 in the sketch.
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(Signed) P. S SINGARAVELU,
Forest Sett.-officer.

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Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 7th July 1897, Ref. on C. No. 93.

Forwarded.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 469, dated 28th October 1897.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication of the draft final notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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3. Reservation may take effect from 15th February 1898.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (one original
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to be returned.

" Collector of Tinnevelly.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
" Forest Settlement-officer, Tinnevelly, &c., districts.

Exd P. Seetharam.

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REVENUE.

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G.O., Nos. 1009, 1009A, 3rd December 1897.

DECEMBER.

Reserved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act, for the constitution of the Melappattam block, in the Tinnevelly taluk, as a —, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Tinnevelly District Gazettes.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 469, dated 28th October 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from A. W. B. HIGGENS, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated Kokkarakulam, 30th June 1897, Ref. on No. 907 For. B and C. :—

I have the honour to submit herewith a draft notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, relating to "Melappattam blocks" in Tinnevelly taluk with the Forest Settlement-officer's letter Ref. on No. 928 of 4th June 1897, with its enclosures and to recommend that 1st October 1897 may be fixed as the date when this area will become a reserved forest.

2. In the boundary description given by Forest Settlement-officer, the eastern boundary is described in the 14th line as "thence its west side"; this should be "its north and west side."

3. During Settlement Survey Nos. 315 and 363-A of Melappattam village have been excluded from the block and the boundary altered.

4. The usual statement of area and condition is herewith submitted.

Enclosure No. 1.

Statement of areas, &c., to accompany notification under section 16 of Forest Act V of 1882.

Taluk.	Area.	Extent of occupied and unoccupied lands in the taluk.	Area of reserves already notified under section 16 in the taluk.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Character of land proposed for reservation.			Probable extent of land left for grazing purposes.
					Block.	How much forest.	How much grass land.	
	S. MLS.	SQ. MLS.	SQ. MLS.	S. MLS.	SQ. MLS.		SQ. MLS.	ACS.
Tinnevelly.	325·5	Occupied .. 208·1 Unoccupied. 73·6	* 3·889	5·562	Melappattam 1·562 block.	..	Grassy and gravelly .. 1·562	Kilanattam. 475·68 Melappattam. 149·9

* Corrected in the Revenue Board's office.

Enclosure No. 2.

From F. V. P. GOMPERTZ, Esq., Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., districts, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Trichinopoly, 1st June 1897, Ref. on No. 928.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Melappattam block, Tinnevelly taluk, after complying with the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882.

2. The block lies in the villages of Melappattam and Kilanattam.

3. The notification under section 4 appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th July 1895, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on 13th August 1895 by M.R.Ry. O. Raju Sastriar Avergal fixing 1st December 1895 as the latest date for preference of claims.

4. The settlement of the block was begun by him but completed by M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillay Avergal. The notification transferring the block to my name appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 25th May 1897. The last claim was disposed of on 1st April 1897 and the appeal time expired on 24th May 1897 without any appeal being filed.

5. Seven claims were preferred as follows :—

One for the non-reservation of the block.
One for the exclusion of about 100 acres of poramboke land.
One for the exclusion of a patta field.
Two for five rights of way.
One for three temples.
One for the allowance of sufficient margin between the road and the reserve.

The first two claims were dismissed as not based on right. One temple was found to lie outside the block. The remaining claims were all admitted and the patta land was excluded by revision of boundary.

6. I request that three months' time may be allowed for the promulgation of the final notification from the probable date of its appearance in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Melappattam reserved forest block No. 43, Tinnevelly taluk, Tinnevelly district.

No.	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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6 I	Ramakrishnaiengar, pattadar of Melappattam, residing at Kilanattam, Tinnevelly taluk.	5th Dec. 1895.	Prays that 100 acres of poramboke land which are in his enjoyment and which are included in the reserve may be excluded from it and assigned to him on patta.	....	....	Claimant does not specify what land he claims or by what right. If the land claimed is not in petitioner's patta, the onus of proving that he has a right to it is on him. He has offered no proof of this, but simply asks that patta may be issued to him for 100 acres of poramboke. The claim is inadmissible and is rejected under section 10 of the Forest Act. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TINNEVELLY, 6th December 1895.
1 II	Seshagopalaiengar, acting village munsif of Kilanattam.	14th Nov. 1895.	Prays that the following right of way may be allowed :— * Cart-track leading from Kilanattam to its hamlet called Paniudiankulam, &c., villages. It runs from the north-west corner of survey No. 402 and running south-east leaves it in survey No. 377. It is required to a width of ten yards for people, cattle and carts.	....	The District Forest-officer does not object to the claim, but says that the right of way may be allowed to a width of six yards.	The right of way claimed is admitted and recorded to a width of six yards. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 30th March 1896.
5 III	Ramasundaram Iyer of Tirumalaikolundapuram.	18th Nov. 1895.	Prays that the patta lands of Venkatachelapathiswami in survey No. 363-A (about 25 cents) of Melappattam may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts ..	The District Forest-officer admits the claim.	The claim is admitted under section 10 of the Forest Act and the land claimed will be excluded by revision of boundary from the forest. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 30th March 1896.

* It enters the block at the north-east corner of survey No. 409 of Kilanattam and running south-east for about five and a half furlongs leaves it about six chains north-north-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 377 of the same village. This is marked as A_1 in the sketch.

(Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU,
Forest Sett.-officer.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Melappattam reserved forest, &c.—*cont.*

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2 IV	Muthiyan Thathan, monigar of Melappattam.	18th Nov. 1895.	Prays that the following rights may be allowed within the block :— * (1) Cart-track from Melappattam south-west across the reserve to Nattam Kottai, &c, villages. It enters the reserve on the south side of survey No. 299 of Melappattam and leaves near cairn No. 2. It is required to a width of six yards for people, cattle and carts. † (2) Cart-track from Melappattam to Sasthankoil in the smaller hill within the reserve. It is required for people, cattle and carts to a width of six yards. ‡ (3) Foot-path to Venkatachelapathikoil. It enters near cairn No. 30 and runs south-westwards to the temple. It is required to a width of four yards for people only. § (4) Foot-path entering the block at the south-east corner of survey No. 247 of Melappattam and running south-south-west to the Sasthankoil. It is required to a width of four yards for people only.	....	The District Forest-officer admits the claim but says that item No. 1 is only a foot-path and should be allowed to a width of six feet.	Item No. 1 is not a cart-track. It will be admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of six feet for people and cattle. Items Nos. 2 to 4 are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. PUDUKKOTTAI, 25th March 1897.
3 V	Muthiyan Thathan, monigar of Melappattam.	18th Nov. 1895.	Prays that the following temples may be excluded from the reserve :— § (1) Sasthankoil to a space of 10 acres. ‖ (2) Sodalamadankoil to a space of 2 acres. (3) Venkatachalapathi Perumal temple on the top of the bigger hill to a space of 4 acres.	....	The District Forest-officer says that item No. 2 lies outside the block and that 5 and 2 acres may be allowed for item Nos. 1 and 3 respectively during festive occasions.	Item No. 2 lies outside the boundary of the block. Items Nos. 1 and 3 will be excluded from the reserve and left as enclosures with access as provided in claim No. 2. Item No. 1 consists of two places one for pallans and the other for caste men covering a space of two hundred and forty-one links north to south and sixty-five links east to west. A total space of 5 acres around it will be allowed for the use of the public only on festive occasions. Item No. 3 is sixty-four links east to west and fifty-one links north to south. A space of 2 acres round it will be allowed for public use but only on festive occasions. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, PUDUKKOTTAI, Forest Sett.-officer. 25th March 1897.
4 VI	Muthuramier and others of Tirumalaikolundapuram, &c., villages.	Do.	Pray for the non-reservation of the block as the waste lands included in the block are required for the grazing of their village cattle.	....	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The claim is not based on right and is therefore rejected. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. PUDUKKOTTAI, 25th March 1897.
7 VII	President, District Board, Tinnevelly.	7th Dec. 1896.	Requests to fix the eastern boundary of the reserve twenty-two yards west of the centre of the road from Kottur chatram to Tirumalaikolundapuram.	....	The District Forest-officer does not object.	The boundary has been revised so as to allow sufficient margin. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 1st April 1897.

Claim No. IV.—
* Item No. 1 enters the block about a chain east of cairn No. 27, runs south-westwards for about a mile and one furlong and leaves it about four and a half chains south-south-east of cairn No. 2. It is marked as A_2 in the sketch.
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Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 469, dated 28th October 1897.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication of the draft final notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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3. Reservation may take effect from 15th February 1898.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (one original
and two printed), and a sketch-map
to be returned.

Order—No. 1009, Revenue, dated 3rd December 1897.

Forest No. 230.

The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and Tinnevelly District Gazettes, the 15th February 1898 being entered as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with map.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

Endorsement No. 1009A.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that, from the 15th February 1898, the area the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule annexed to this notification, shall be constituted reserved forest.

Schedule.

District.	Taluk.	Names of villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
Tinnevelly.	Tinnevelly.	Melappattam and Kilanattam.	43	Melappattam.	*North.*—Starting from the south-east corner of survey No. 433 of Kilanattam village a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 262 of Melappattam; thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 263; thence the south side of survey No. 265 the west, south, east and north sides of survey No. 384-B, the east sides of survey Nos. 266, 267, 270 and 256, the south and east sides of survey No 255, the south side of survey No. 254 to the south-east corner of the last; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 247; thence its south side to its south-east corner; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No 279: thence a straight line to a point in the south side of survey No. 279 where it turns north-westwards; thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No. 293; thence along the west side of survey No. 293 for about four chains to a cairn; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 292; thence its south and east sides to where it joins survey No. 299; thence the south side of survey No. 299 to its south-east corner; thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 302 all of Melappattam. *East.*—Thence a straight line south-south-eastwards for twenty-four and a half chains through cairns Nos. 30 and 31 to cairn No. 32, six chains west-south-west of the southernmost point of survey No 310 of Melappattam; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 313; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 314; thence the west side of survey No. 315 to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to a point in the north side of survey No. 363 about two chains east of its north-west corner; thence its north and west sides to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the westernmost point of survey No. 370; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 372; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 373; thence a straight line south-westwards for one thousand five hundred and fourteen links to cairn No. 42, four hundred and fifty links north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 378; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of the said survey number, all of Melappattam; thence a straight line to the boundary stone on the north side of survey No. 376 of Kilanattam about two chains east of its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 382 of the said village. *South.*—Thence northwards and then westwards the boundary between Kilanattam and Paniudiankulam villages to the south-east corner of survey No. 391 of the former village. *West.*—Thence the east sides of survey Nos. 391, 394, 405, 404 and 409 of Kilanattam to the north-east corner of the last; thence a straight line to the easternmost point of survey No. 398; thence a straight line north-westwards for thirty-four chains to cairn No. 2, six hundred and thirty links east-south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 427 (all of Kilanattam); thence a straight line to the starting point of the northern boundary.

Remarks.—A. The undermentioned rights of way are allowed within the block:—

(1) Cart-track from Kilanattam to Paniudiankulam, &c., villages, six yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts. It enters the block at the north-east corner of survey No. 409 of Kilanattam and running south-eastwards for about five and a half furlongs leaves it in survey No. 377 also of Kilanattam about six chains north-east of its south-west corner.

(2) Foot-path from Melappattam to Nattam Kottur, &c., villages, six feet wide and open for people and cattle.—It enters the block on the south side of survey No. 299 of Melappattam about a chain east of cairn No. 27 and running south-westwards for about a mile and one furlong within the block leaves it about four and a half chains south-south-east of cairn No. 2.

(3) Foot-path to Sasthankoil (B1) four yards wide and open for people only.—It enters the block at the south-east corner of survey No. 247 of Melappattam and runs south-south-westwards for 28·60 chains to the temple.

(4) Cart-track from Melappattam to Sasthankoil (B1), six yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block at cairn No. 22 and running west-north-westwards for about eight and a half chains meets item No A3.

(5) Foot-path to Venkatachelapathikoil (P2), four yards wide and open for people only.—It enters the block at cairn No. 30, runs south-westwards and then southwards for thirty chains to the temple.

B. The undermentioned temples have been excluded from reservation and left as enclosures within the block with access as noted against each:—

(1) Sasthankoil consisting of two places of worship one for Pallans and the other for castemen.—It covers a space of two hundred and forty-one links north to south and sixty-five links east to west. A total space of 5 acres around it will be allowed for the use of the public only on festive occasions. To be approached by items Nos. A3 and A4.

(2) Venkatachelapathikoil covers a space of sixty-four links east to west and fifty-one links north to south.—A space of 2 acres will be allowed round it for public use but only on festive occasions. To be approached by item No. A5.

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