Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1655

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DATED 26 March 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Issuing an amendment to the notification under Sec. 24 of the Forest Act for the disafforestation of certain portions of the Nilavitten reserve in the Tinnevelly Dt.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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From The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras.

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Order misc 1655 dy 26th March 97

Forest No. 245 mis.

The alterations proposed in the date from which the notn shall take effect is approved and the following Errata will be published in the Fort St. George and Gazette

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Errata

In the preamble to notn no 119 published at page 313, Part I, of the Fort St. George Gazette dy 16th March 1897, for the words "1st March 1897" read "1st April 1897" and in col 4 of the statement attached thereto for the word "Inficorn" read "Intic-corin"

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To The Board of Rev: CR. Advd. 31-3-97 RJO

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SUBJECT.

Comg the alteration consequently of the conservator's S.C. with remark, G.O. ordering the publication in the Fort Saint George & Tinnevelly District Gazettes of a notification under Sec 24 of the Madras Forest Act, for the disafforestation of certain portions of the Melaviltam Reserve in the Tinnevelly Dt, and repealing the approval of Govt for entering the 1st April in the notification in lieu of the 1st March.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 12 March — 1897.

No. 245 Mis. ~~Routine.~~

READ Government Order Revenue Department, dated 11th February 1897 Nos 85. 85A.

Resolution

Communicated to the Collector of Tinnevelly and the Conservator, S.C.

2. The G.O was not received in this office until the 11th March. The Board therefore directs the Collector to enter the 1st April in the notification in lieu of the 1st March. The approval of Government to this alteration is requested.

(True Extract)

Secretary.

To The Collector of Tinnevelly
The Conservator, S.C.
The Secretary to Govt. RD. ✓

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

To

Proceedings, dated 189 ,

No. Mis. / Routine.

Subject.

To be substituted for Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 245, dated 12th March 1897.

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Revenue (189) Department.

CURRENT No.

DEPARTMENT OF MADRAS
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From The Board of Revenue
Land Revenue
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Order

No. 117.

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SUBJECT.

Communicating to the Collr of Tinnevelly and the Conservator of Forests, S.C. G.O. ordering the publication of a Notifn. for the disafforestation of certain portions of the Nilavirittam reserve, Tinnevelly Dt.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, Forest No. 117, 16th March 1897.

MARCH.

Communicating to the Collector of Tinnevelly and the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, with remark, Government Order ordering the publication in the Fort St. George and Tinnevelly District Gazettes of a notification under section 24 of the Madras Forest Act for the disafforestation of certain portions of the Milavittam reserve, in the Tinnevelly district; and requesting the approval of Government for entering the 1st April (June) in the notification in lieu of the 1st March.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following Government Order, Nos. 85, 85A, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897 :—

Read—again the following Government Order, Mis. No. 3446, Revenue, dated 26th August 1896 :—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1075, dated 3rd August 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting, for the orders of Government, with remarks, letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly forwarding two memorials from certain members of the mercantile community of Tuticorin praying for the disafforestation of a small portion of the Milavittam forest reserve and its grant to them as building sites for dwelling houses.

Order—Mis. No. 3446, Revenue, dated 26th August 1896.

The Government agrees with the Board in considering that it is desirable to disafforest a portion of the Milavittam reserve for the purpose of providing building sites for the inhabitants of Tuticorin, and the Board will be requested to forward the necessary draft notification, after consulting the Collector, in regard to the extent which it is desirable so to disafforest.

2. As regards the applications received from Messrs Graham & Zellweger, the Government observes that it is needless to grant each of these gentlemen so large an area as 10 acres. The extent really wanted for a house, out-houses and garden should be reported. The charge to be levied should be one rupee per ground, as the land which it is proposed to set free will practically constitute an extension of the town of Tuticorin, and there appears no reason why the ordinary rule laid down in paragraph 10 of Board's Standing Order No. 37 should not apply.

3. The terms of this order should be intimated to Messrs. Graham & Zellweger who should be informed that the final disposal of their applications must await the orders of the Government of India on the proposal to disafforest a portion of the Milavittam reserve.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with five enclosures.

Read—again the following Government Order, Mis. No. 29, Revenue, dated 4th January 1897 :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1623, dated 14th December 1896 :—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1216, dated 2nd September 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Collector of Tinnevelly Government order passing orders on a proposal to throw open a portion of the Milavittam reserve in the Tinnevelly district for the extension of the town of Tuticorin, and requesting him to comply with the orders of Government.

Read—also 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 9th November 1896 :—

I have the honour to reply to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1216, dated 2nd September 1896, regarding the proposal to throw open a portion of the Milavittam reserve for the purpose of providing building sites for the residents of the Tuticorin town.

2. A draft notification, under section 24 of the Forest Act, is enclosed for disafforesting portions of the reserve which have been selected by the Acting Conservator of Forests and the District Forest-officer after personal inspection. The portion coloured yellow in the plan denotes the area decided upon.

3. Of the survey numbers proposed for disafforestation, only survey No. 294 belongs to Tuticorin village, the remainder belonging to the adjoining village of Milavittam.

4. The extent necessary for a house, out-houses and suitable compound required by each of the two gentlemen who have already applied will be about 6 acres, and in this locality I do not deem this excessive.

5. As regards the rent to be charged, I have the honour respectfully to submit that the quit-rent of Rs 10 per acre originally suggested by me may be accepted, as I consider the charge of Re. 1 per ground (which comes to Rs. 20 per acre) is excessive when it is considered that the locality in question is nearly 2 miles from the town of Tuticorin and the land is of the poorest description.

6. A plan showing the area proposed for disafforestation, together with the boundary of the existing reserve adjoining, is herewith enclosed.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 19th November 1896, Ref. No. 936.

Forwarded. The site was approved by me in October, and I think in the interest of the town of Tuticorin facilities should be given to the resident merchants to build residences away from the small port itself.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1623, dated 14th December 1896.

The draft notification of disafforestation received with the letter read above will be submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 1 of its order, Mis. No. 3446, Revenue, dated 26th August 1896, with the request that it may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* after the sanction of the Government of India has been obtained.

2. The portion selected for disafforestation have been personally inspected by the Conservator and the District Forest-officer and amount to about 89 acres in extent.

3. The Collector considers that 6 acres would be sufficient for each bungalow and its compound, and in this the Board concurs.

4. The Board also agrees with the recommendation made in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notification, map and letter in original
(to be returned).
„ Collector of Tinnevelly, through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Order—Mis. No. 29, Revenue, dated 4th January 1897.

The draft notification submitted by the Board is approved and will be forwarded to the Government of India with the request that its promulgation may be sanctioned.

2. The Collector's proposal to levy quit-rent at the rate of Rs. 10 per acre is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Read—again the following letter from G. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated 4th January 1897, No. 29A :—

With reference to the provisions of section 24 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will be pleased to sanction the promulgation of the accompanying draft notification directing that a portion of the Milavittam reserve in the Tinnevelly district shall cease to be reserved from a date to be hereafter fixed by this Government.

2. The land is required for building purposes and the local Revenue and Forest officers have no objection to the proposed disafforestation. I am to add that the original notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act in respect of the reserve in question will be found printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of this Government forwarded to the Government of India with Mr. Galton's endorsement No. 559-A., dated 18th June 1891.

Read—also the following letter from F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Forests), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, the 28th January 1897, No. 131—16-5F :—

In reply to your letter, Mis. No. 29A, dated the 4th instant, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India, under section 24 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, to the exclusion from reserved forests in the Tinnevelly district of the land specified in the draft notification appended to your letter.

2. The enclosures to the letter are returned.

Order—No. 85, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897.

Forest No. 21.

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(True Extract.)

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NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, is hereby pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 24 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, that the areas specified below which, in Notification No. 271, dated 18th June 1891, published at page 606 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 23rd June 1891, Part I, was declared to be a reserved forest under section 16 of the Act, shall cease to be reserved forest from 1st March 1897 :—

Name of reserve or portions of reserve disafforested.	District.	Taluk.	Village.	Area in acres.
Block I	Tinnevelly.	Ottappidaram.	Tuticorn ..	7·22
Block II			Milavittam ..	81·57

BLOCK I.—(A portion of survey No. 294 of Tuticorin).

Boundaries—North.—Starting from the north-east corner of survey No. 293, a straight line north-east across survey No. 294 to the north-west corner of survey No. 314.

East.—Thence its west and south sides, and the west side of survey No. 315 to the south-west corner of the latter.

South.—Thence the north side of survey No. 656 to the south-east corner of survey No. 293.

West.—Thence its east side of survey No. 293 to the starting point.

N.B.—All the above survey numbers are of Tuticorin village except survey No. 656 which belongs to Milavittam village.

BLOCK II.—Survey Nos. 639, 644, 645, 646, 648, 649 and 658 to 664, all of Milavittam village.

Reasons for disafforestation.—Required for building sites for the town of Tuticorin.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 117, dated 16th March 1897.

Communicated to the Collector of Tinnevelly and the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

2. The Government order was not received in this office until the 11th March. The Board therefore directs the Collector to enter the 1st ~~April~~ June in the notification in lieu of the 1st March. The approval of Government to this alteration is requested.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.
27 APR 1897

To the Collector of Tinnevelly, with map returned.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan

26/10/19

Note for the under Secy.

With reference to the under Secy's query it is submitted that when the paper was marked for print, it was not really urgent and there was plenty of time to have the Ho. permitted and the Notn published in the Fort St. George Gazette. From the proofs submitted herewith it will be seen that the delay cannot be ascribed to the Press or to me and it is submitted that I was under the impression that as of old the Notn has been previously issued (formerly the Despatch Clerk used to send the Notns separately to the Gazette)

It may also be mentioned here that the date in the Notn even as it stands is not incorrect as the Notn is one

one of disafforestation and
there have been cases in
which it was ordered that
such notice shd take effect
from the date of their
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before they ~~had been~~
were seen by the Collectors
and Forest officers concerned

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Note for the Under Secretary.

With reference to the delay in passing the proof of G.O. 85. dated 11th Feb' 97, it is respectfully submitted that owing to the non-entry of the date when the papers reached my hands, I am unable to rebut the presumption now raised. That the delay was entirely due to me. I regret very much that such an entry was not made and promise to maintain the book in all its details in future. I beg to submit that usually I pass the papers within, at latest, three days and never delay them longer. I much regret the occurrence of this delay and shall avoid such occurrences.

Submitted to the Under Secretary. The clerk may be excused this time with a warning.

25/3/97

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