

Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2109-2109A

DATED 27th April

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving with remarks a draft
notⁿ under Sec 24 of the Forest Act for
the disafforestation of certain portions
of the Vellamundi reserve? *Palem?* Dist -
and forwarding it for the sanction of
the Govt of India

Letter

Forwarding a notⁿ under Sec
24 of the Forest Act for the disafforestation
of certain portions of the Vellamundi reserve
(Chinnabotore)

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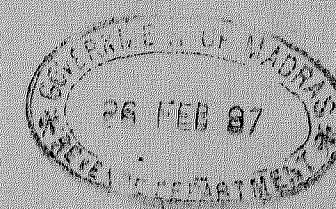
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Land Revenue,
Madras*

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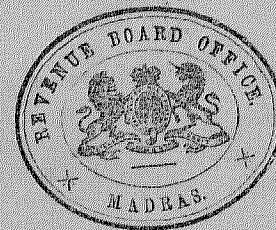
*Subj. to Govt. a further explanation
of the circumstances which necessitate
the disafforestation of portions
of the Velamundi reserve
A. Coimbatore Dn*

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 22nd February 1897.

Forest No. 173

Miscellaneous.

READ Government Order Revenue Department, dated
28 January 1897, No 551 Dis.

Resolution

With reference to the G.O. read above the Board submits a further explanation of the circumstances which necessitate the disafforestation of portions of the Vellamundi Reserve, and a revision of the boundary description.

2. The Vellamundi Reserve was selected in 1884 and finally notified under G.O. Rev. No 755, dated 20 June 1885, before much experience had been gained of the points to be looked to in the selection of reserves. When demarcation was taken in hand it became apparent that the boundary

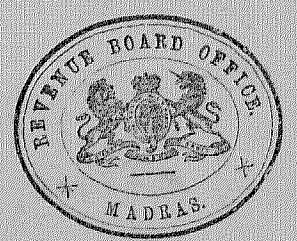
boundary line had not been well selected, and the late S.F.O, Mr. Sheffield made various improvements. The amended boundary was then cleared by Mr. Sheffield and the Conservator Mr. Cherry approved of the alterations (vide para 3 of the inspection notes in B.P.F. No. 280 dated 18 April 1893).

3. The rectification of the boundary line made it necessary to throw out of the reserve as notified under section 16, several areas which were not required for reservation or which spoilt the shape of the reserve. A draft notification describing the boundary as amended, was accordingly submitted by the Collector in the year 1893 for the approval of the Board and Government, but the Board was compelled to return it for revision, as the proposed amendment incorrectly included land which had not been notified originally and which therefore did not fall within the reserved limits. Moreover, no separate notification was submitted under section 24 for disafforesting

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those portions which it was proposed to exclude. 4. In due course, the Collector submitted a revised notification amending the original boundary description and also a draft notification under Sec. 24 for disafforesting the portions cut out by the revised boundary line. These papers had to be twice returned to the Collector as the map and the notification received from him did not tally with each other and as the notification under section 24 had not been correctly drawn up.

5. In October 1896 the Board received the papers again from the Collector and the notification under Section 24 was found to be fit for submission to Government. It was accordingly submitted in the B.P. of December 96 on which the present reference has been made. The amended boundary notification for the Reserve was, however, incorrect in many respects and had to be materially altered in the Board's Office as explained in para 4 of the above Proceedings. It did not seem necessary to delay the submission of the section 24 notification on this account, and as the formal sanction of the Government of India is required for disafforesting areas once finally notified, the notification was submitted



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),

Dated 18 - 4 - 1893.
Forest No. 394 ——— Miscellaneous.

READ Endorsement of the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 9-1-93, forwarding the following ^{office note} ~~letter~~ from the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore (North) dated 24 December, 1892, No 3113.

* Sent direct to Coimbatore.

I beg to submit herewith a map of the Vallamundi Reserve showing in red with shaded green the reserve as notified under Section 16 of the Madras Forest Act and in purple line showing the reserve as surveyed and cleared and request you will kindly inform me how I should draw up the amended notification mentioned in Board's Proceedings F. No 661, dated 28 December 1892.

Submitted to Government for the necessary action. The amended boundary description was at the same time, returned to the Collector for revision.

6. The Board requests that, in the light of this explanation, the notification under Section 24 may now be submitted to the Government of India for sanction. Copies of the various Board's Proceedings, in which the notifications had to be returned to the district for revision, will now be submitted for the information of Government.

(True Extract)

W. C. Allen
Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government, R.D.
With Copies of B.O. F. No. 394 sub. J.
18.4.93
288 sub.
4-6-96

2. I beg to know whether you approve of the manner I have had admitted rights shown on the map and whether I may now send the map to the Survey office, Madras, to have copies made and how many copies I should ask for.

the following.

Read Endorsement thereon by the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated 13th January 93, No 57.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue.

I am not sure whether the Proceedings referred to in para 1 of the District Forest officer's note, sufficiently covers the alterations made in the boundary. These alterations were referred to in para 3 of my last inspection note.

2. As regards the District Forest officer's para 2, his attention should be drawn to the instructions approved in Board's Proceedings No 314, dated 6th June 1889, and No 253 dated 7th May 1890.

The maps prepared departmentally should

should as far as possible, be similar to those prepared by the Survey of India Party.

3. Copies of the map should not be made until the rectification of the boundary has been properly notified, and the number of copies indented for, should be the same as the number agreed on, to be supplied by the Survey of India - viz - 18 copies - all colored - of which 6 mounted in book form half margin official size, 3 mounted on cloth and complete, 3 mounted on cloth in separate sheets, and 6 unmounted.

Resolution

The amended boundary line includes land situated outside the reserve boundary as finally notified under Sec. 16 of the Act. This should not be. In other respects, the proposed line seems unobjectionable.

2. The area of land that will be thrown out by the proposed modifications should be reported when the revised draft notification

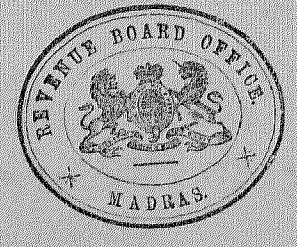
notification is submitted for approval.

(True copies & Extracts)
Signed W. S. Inger.
Secretary

To The Conservator of Forests. S.C.

(True Copies)

Recd
Secretary



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),

Dated 4th June 1896.
Forest No. 788 Miscellaneous.

READ again Board's Proceedings No 394, dated 18.4.93.

Read the following letter from the Collector of
Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Commission
ers of Land Revenue, Madras, through the
Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated
20th December 1894, No 2929.

With reference to Board's Proceedings
dated 18th April 1893, Forest No 394, I
have the honor to forward herewith the map
of the Vellamundi Reserved Forest and
revised descriptive boundary, and a
draft notification for approval
and publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

2. The boundary line, as amended, includes
No

2. Land situated outside the limits originally notified under Section 16 of the Act.

3. The straightening of the boundaries throws out a total area of 2/23 acres from the Reserve and before the draft notification referred to above, can appear, it will be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Governor General in Council to the above area being disafforested.

4. I enclose a draft notification under section 24 of the Forest Act, which gives only the total area to be disafforested omitting details as to survey numbers. The portions thrown out being in almost all cases, portions of such numbers it is difficult to give details of them and further they do not appear to be necessary, as the new boundary specification, shows what portions of the fields are now included.

Read Endorsement thereon by the Conservator dated 10 Jan 1895, No 35.

Forwarded.

There has been too much delay in attending to this matter.

And.

And the following reference thereon dated 19-2-95.

The revised boundary description of the Vadamudi Reserved Forest, submitted with the latter read above, does not tally in certain respects with the sketch map submitted, as shown below:—

(a) The names of the places from, and to, which some of the roads mentioned in the boundary description run are not correctly shown in the map.

(b) The fields and Khaddams are not shown on the map.

(c) The names of some of the villages referred to in the boundary description either do not correspond with those entered on the map or are entirely omitted (e.g.) Kudurwai, Kudurwai, Thoddampalayam & Basari-palayam.

The papers will therefore be returned for rectification with reference to the foregoing remarks.

2. Fields Nos 332 B and 332 D of Toppampalayam and No 359 Shanbegaipattur are shown

Shown as enclosures within the reserved forest. vide remarks column of the schedule appended to the notification in G.O. 255. As these fields fall outside the

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revised boundaries now proposed to be adopted, a note to the effect that, these fields cease to be enclosures should be inserted in the revised draft notification under Sec. 16.

3. With reference to para 4 of the Collector's letter, his attention is drawn to the Government of India letter Comm'd with B.P.F. No. 555, according to which the description of boundaries given in draft notification under section 24 should be rendered detailed and precise. A revised draft in the prescribed form should be submitted.

II. Read endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated 31-3-98. R.C. No. 3126, forwarding the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 29.2.98 R.C. No. 536, to the Secretary to the Commr of Land Revenue, Madras.

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With reference to Board's Reference on Forest Register No. 93 of 1895, dated 19 Feb 95, I have the honor to forward herewith the map of the Vallamundi Reserved Forest and the revised descriptive boundary thereof. The boundary description and map now agree in all respects.

2. Necessary remarks have been inserted in the revised notification as pointed out in para 2 of the Board's Proceedings.

3. Para 3. A draft notification under Section 24 is also sent giving the detailed boundaries of the 63 pieces excluded from Reserved Forest.

4. The following rights of way do not appear in the sketch of the Reserve for the reasons given against each.

1) Claim No 32 of B. Register.

Rights of way to Pilliar Kovil on the rock called Pilliar Kovil about 1 1/2 miles North west of Mudukanthurai. The path to the temple lies along the Satyamanga Lam. Tirumugai Road and thence about 2 fathoms through

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the Reserve to the temple. It is not known where this path runs. The temple referred to must lie far out of the Reserve and it is likely that the path is now excluded.

2. Claim No. 32. Right of way over the Itteri No 37 which goes for a quarter of a mile through the Reserve towards Pongar &c places. The information given concerning this path in the Register is very vague and no such path appears on the village map.

(3) Claim No. 34. Path entering the Reserve north of field no. 346 and leading to putta fields nos. 354, 357, 375, 378, 377 and 379. The path now lies entirely outside the Reserve.

(4) Claim No. 35. Over a foot-path leaving the Srirungai - Satyamangalam Road east of its junction with Srirungai Satyamangalam Road. It is not known where this path runs. From the wording of the Claim Register, there is evidently some misprint in it.

(5) Claim No. 153. From Vinnampatti to the well at Kurumbapalayam village.
This

This path now lies some distance outside the Reserve.

Resolution

The draft notification under Section 24 of the Forest Act received with the second of the letters read above, will be returned to the Collector for revision and resubmission with reference to the following remarks:—

(1) The boundary description of the twenty four of the 63 bits to be disafforested was checked in the Board's office and it is found that the map and notification, as submitted by the Collector, do not correspond with each other as will be seen from the pencil alterations made in the latter document. These alterations should be duly verified and confirmed and similar alterations should be carried out in respect of the remaining bits, the whole draft notification being rewritten if necessary. The necessity for accuracy of the description has already been pointed out in para 3 of the Reference order read above and unless this is secured, the Government of India will not accord its sanction for the publication of the notification.

* vide G. I. letter
in B.P. 555
1893

(ii) In several cases the limits of the fields referred to in the notification have not been shown in the sketch and consequently it is extremely difficult to ascertain whether a certain point is the given corner of the field or not. The limits of the fields should invariably be shown in the map.

(iii) The distances from point to point in unsurveyed portions should ^{be} given thus:

"Thence through the unsurveyed portion of Madu Kautharai village for - Chains to Cairn No. —, thence in the same direction for so many chains to Cairn No. —."

2. The amended boundary notification cannot be submitted for the approval of Government until the draft notification referred to above is approved & published.

(True copies & Extract)
Signed R. C. C. Carr

H. Secretary
The Collectory Coimbatore

(True copy)

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Secretary

27/4/97

The Hon. Mr. Forde C.S.

25/4/97

Mr. Forde

27/4/97

Read again G.O. 551
20.1.97
also C.O. 1790 of 97

Order Misc. No 2109 of 27 April 97.

The draft notification submitted by the Board is approved subject to the following remarks and modifications

(1) The direction of the lines given in the notification does not always tally with that marked in the map. The difference however is observable mostly in the ^{case} description of the ^{boundary} boundaries and as it is not of much importance, the description of the boundaries has been allowed to stand.

(2) In the description of the northern boundary of bit No 56, the expression "Cairn No 8" is evidently a clerical error for "Cairn No 81" the necessary correction has now been made

(3) In the column headed "Reasons for disapproval"

ation, the following pencil re-
mark is all that has been
proposed to be entered

" Though there is no de-
mand at present for the area
to be disafforested there is little
doubt that when excluded it
will be taken up for cultivation
the above statement can
hardly be considered to be a
reason for disafforestation
the following remarks will
accordingly be ^{substituted for} ~~proposed~~ it

" The selection of the
~~block~~ ^{block} having been made in
the earlier years of forest re-
servation (1884) the boundaries
were found to be faulty when
actual demarcation was com-
menced. The rectification of
the boundary line has in addition
been necessary to ^{exclude from} ~~exclude from~~ the
block several bits which ^{are} ~~were~~
not required for reservation
or which spoilt the shape of
the reserve."

2. The notification
as modified with reference to
the remarks contained in
items

To The Board of Rev: LR.

Recd
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No 2109A.

Recd
with
3/5/97

To
Rev: & Agric Dept
Lr,

With reference to the
provisions of Sec 24 of the Mad-
ras Forest Act V of 1882, I am
directed to request that H.E. the
Governor General in Council
will be pleased to sanction the
issue of the accompanying
notification directing that 63
pieces of land included in
the Vellamundi reserved forest,
Coimbatore District, shall cease
to be reserved from a date to
be hereafter fixed by this Govt.

2. I am to state that
the suggestion to disafforest the
areas in question has proceeded
from the local Revenue and
Forest Officers and that on
receipt of the sanction above
applied

applied for, &c. the G. in. C. pro-
 poses to publish a revised noti-
 fication under Sec 16 of the ^{new} Forest
 Act describing the boundaries
 of the reserve. I am to add
 with reference to the remarks
 contained in para 2 of Mr Sly's
 letter No 544 & 29-29 of 25th
 June 1896, that it has been re-
 ported that "though there is
 "no demand at present for the
 "area to be disafforested there is
 "little doubt that when excluded
 "it will be taken up for cultiva-
 "tion."

3. A sketch map of
 the reserve ^{showing clearly} ~~as well as~~ the
 lands to be disafforested is en-
 closed for information

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Note
 The revised boundary as
 shown in the map ^{does not} ~~is not~~ appear
 to be an improvement on the
 original one, but the map pre-
 sumably is no safe guide in
 such matters.

Attention is invited to
 Mr Cherry's remarks in para
 3 of his inspection report in BP 432 ^{Flag A}

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. _____
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