

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2685

DATED 26th May 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Transferring to the F.W. Dept. application from the Govt of Mysore for an allotment of Rs 40,000 for advances under Agriculturists' Loans Acts for purchase of seed grain.

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No. 3603/1897.

Dated 21st May 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submission to Government
for sanction an application
from the Collector of Gangan
for an allotment of Rs. 40,000
for advances under the
Loans Acts for purchase of
seed grain

Order No. 102683

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MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2686

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording to P. forwarding orders on the
Correspondence relating to the treatment of
Mavara, Pyatpatti & certain other blocks already
notified for reservation in the Salem Dt.

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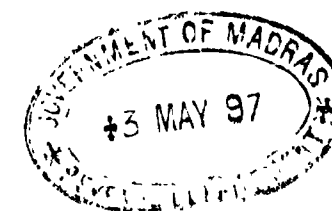
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From *The Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue*

Order no. 26868/26th May '97.

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No. 130

Dated 25 March 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Passing orders on the correspondence relating to the treatment of Mavur. Poyapatti and certain other blocks already notified for reservation in the Salem Dt.

Note. In passing orders on a Complaint from certain ryots regarding ^{over} reservation in the Salem Dt, the Board not wishing to stop the progress of settlement of certain blocks, ordered that the Collyer should report the names of ~~such~~ blocks the reservation of which might be considered undesirable (please see para 6 of B.P. no. 6305 of 2.7.96). The blocks in question were 17 in number viz Nos 12, 13 and 19 to 33 in the list printed on page 4 of the J.O. In his letter contained in the Current, the Collyer recommends the abandonment of 6 of them viz Nos 13, 19, 21, 29, 30 & 32. In passing orders the Board accepts the recommendation with

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regard to three blocks and ~~not~~ remits the question of the desirability of abandoning the other blocks to the Collr for reconsideration in the light of the instructions ^{which are} now issued by the Bd ^{and which are} calculated to ~~remove~~ remove certain erroneous notions entertained by the Collr on the question of further reservation in the Salem dt.

A copy of the B.P. is sent to Govt for their information.

The Board's instructions are as submitted in accord with the view endorsed in G.O. 208/2/1896. Please see Mr. Arundel's note that G.O. H. 100/900 was issued however at the same time that the area of reserves in Salem was very small. The proposals ^{5th} made by the Board in accordance with the present views will therefore need careful checking but the views appear unacceptably.

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Proceedings, Forest No. 130, 25th March 1897.

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Passing orders on the correspondence relating to the treatment of Mavar, Poyapatti and certain other blocks already notified for reservation under section 4 in the Salem district.

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5. *Kombur and Bothamalai Extension.*—Kombur is in the Shevaroy's and there is no cogent reasons for its reservation and it may be abandoned. Bothamalai extension would make a compact block of Bothamalai and Pudupatti. I find from the village-statement the unreserved area is restricted and agree with the Collector the notification may be cancelled.

6. I would ask for very early orders, as there are several other similar proposals received by me from the Collector. If the Board is of opinion that the orders of Government prior to 1891 not to extend reservation are sufficient to prevent further areas being taken up, the disposal of the questions will be very simple.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT of villages connected with the Mavar reserved land submitted as per District Forest-officer's Circular No. 7-B. and G., dated 28th July 1896.

Name of village.	Area.	Area of poramboke (village, sue, road, tank, &c.)	Area under cultivation.	Area included in sanctioned reserved forest.	Area now proposed for reservation.	Balance of waste.		
						Assessed.	Un-assessed.	Total.
1. Mavar	ACS. 473 71	ACS. 28 05	ACS. 385 96	ACS. ..	ACS. (a) 29 88	ACS. 43 50	ACS. 20 02	ACS. 63 52
2. Perappansolai ..	316 42	89 93	233 83	..	4 50	22 66	85 43	108 09
3. Periakombai ..	566 89	101 09	403 40	..	(b) 13 80	62 40	101 09	163 49
4. Mullukurichi ..	2,703 74	318 45	891 50	..	(c) 752 24	382 80	690 70	1,073 50
5. Periakurichi ..	511 35	97 10	286 34	..	14 70	113 21	97 10	210 31
6. Thammampatti ..	3,041 00	346 00	1,367 00	1	171 00	1,156 00	346 00	1,502 00

(a) Includes 5 65 acres of patta.

(b) This area is wholly patta.

(c) Includes 13 50 acres of patta.

READ—the following letter from E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests in charge of Central Circle, to the Collector of Salem, dated Madras, 29th October 1896, No. 671:—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, sketch-map of Mavar proposed reserve and copy of statement of villages affected by the proposal.

2. It will be seen in the case of four villages the area proposed to be included is almost 'nil' (the patta lands will, of course, be either exchanged with your sanction or demarcated out at settlement). The two remaining villages are Mullukurichi and Tammampatti and in both these cases ample waste land will be left unreserved. No objection can be raised to the reservation upon these grounds.

3. The proposed reserve consists almost entirely of hilly ground unfit for permanent cultivation. I consider its reservation distinctly desirable to provide grazing for the agricultural cattle of the neighbourhood, the area already reserved is by a long way insufficient to meet this requirement.

READ—the following letter from C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated 11th March 1897, Ref. on No. 243:—

In reply to your letter, No. 671, dated 29th October 1896, I have the honour to inform you that the area sanctioned for reservation in the Atur taluk has already been exceeded by nearly 12,000 acres and to point out that Government has definitely negatived the reservation of the Mavar block in its order printed in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 312, dated 30th May 1890.

2. In view of the above facts, though otherwise with a slight rectification of boundary, the block seems a desirable one for the reasons you give, I think it would be better not to propose to reserve it.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Vellore, 13th March 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 2051.

Copy of this office No. 671, dated 29th October 1896, and Collector's reply thereto submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue for favour of early orders. I see no reason to alter the opinion expressed in my letter.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 130, dated 25th March 1897.

In the first paper read above, the Collector of Salem submits, through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, recommendations in regard to the treatment of certain areas which have already been notified for reservation under section 4 of the Forest Act. The Conservator differs from the Collector in regard to some of these areas, and enquires whether "the orders of Government prior to 1891 not to extend reservation are sufficient to prevent further areas being taken up."

2. The position was explained at some length in Board's Proceedings, No. 805, dated 6th June 1896, and the views then expressed by the Board were subsequently endorsed by Government. The Board showed that the Government Orders of April 1890 in which a definite scheme for the further reservation of forests in the Salem district was propounded, had in fact been superseded by numerous orders approving of both original and final notifications in respect of areas outside the limits then prescribed. Either rightly or wrongly, it had been assumed that the general change of forest policy, embodied in the order of October 1890, had set at nought all orders previously passed to define the limits of future reservation, and acting on this assumption, numerous areas had been taken up, regardless of the fact that the Government had in previous years negatived their reservation. The Board then indicated the course which should be adopted in regard to all these areas, and concluded by expressing an opinion that "the strict letter of the Government Order of April 1890 could not" in the existing circumstances "be followed."

3. From the reference now under consideration, it is clear that the Collector has not grasped the full meaning of the Board's Proceedings just quoted. The Collector advocates the abandonment of all the six reserved areas referred to in his report, and bases his recommendations very largely upon the ground that the Government has, in 1890 and in previous years, rejected proposals for the same areas. Moreover, the Collector entirely ignores all reports previously submitted by himself in regard to these blocks, and his present assertions as to the absence of land for extension of cultivation and for communal purposes are in some cases directly contradicted by earlier reports, to which the Conservator rightly draws attention.

4. The Board must now invite the Collector's careful attention to the instructions contained in the Board's Proceedings communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 303, dated 11th July 1896. The desirability of reserving each area must be fully considered in consultation with the Conservator, it being understood that the orders issued prior to 1891 in the matter of reservation in the Salem district are not to be read as finally deciding the question of conservancy. As pointed out above, the later policy has in part revoked those orders, and although the Government has ruled that the orders of October 1890 were not intended to reverse all previous orders on forest reservation in particular districts, the subsequent course of events has in fact made the Salem order of April 1890 an anachronism.

5. The Conservator's remarks show that the question of reserving or abandoning some of the six blocks now reported on requires further consideration. The blocks are given below in the order adopted by the Collector, but the numbering given on page 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 303, dated 11th July 1896, should be adhered to. The same numbering should be followed in all future references to the blocks mentioned in the Proceedings above quoted:—

Taluk.	Numbers according to list in Board's Proceedings, No. 303, dated 11th July 1896.	—	Area in acres.
Uttangarai	13	1. Poyapatti	acs.
Namakkal (Kollimalais)	29	2. Shelur	3,315
Hosur	30	3. Jambuttur extension	18,200
Salem	32	4. Ubbarani	460
	19	5. Kombur	12,120
	21	6. Bodamalai extension	2,800
			2,660

6. The Conservator agrees with the Collector that the two Salem blocks and No. 30, Jambuttu extension, may be abandoned. The Collector should have a notification prepared accordingly for submission to Government. The other blocks require further consideration.

7. *The Poyapatti Reserve No. 13.*—The Conservator would apparently retain this area and draws attention to the previous report from the Collector embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 108, dated 4th March 1896. Mr. Mounsey then said "no patta field is included within the block and sufficient lands have been allowed for extension of cultivation and for communal purposes outside the block." The Collector's assertion to the contrary in the present report requires therefore to be reconsidered.

The Shelur Reserve No. 29.—The Conservator advocates the retention of this block. The Collector merely relies on the previous orders of Government. The arguments against extending the area of reservation on the Kollimalai hills are clearly stated in the Government Order communicated to the Collector in Board's Proceedings, No. 1064, dated 8th November 1889. The Government then said that further reservation was undesirable for this reason, amongst others, that "it would displace an industrious and prosperous population who had brought almost the whole of the plateau under cultivation." This decision was re-affirmed in the order of April 1890, and the Government then added that the Shelur reserve was "too steep for the growth of timber." This argument would appear to imply that the reserve contains no land fit for cultivation and the fact that it lies on the outer slopes of the Kollimalais would seem to point to the desirability of conserving it.

Ubbarani No. 32.—The Collector would abandon this area for reasons similar to those urged in regard to the Poyapatti block. The Conservator reports that the reserve contains valuable timber and that its conservation would not affect the neighbouring villages in the plains. Mr. Popert states that the Collector's assertions to the contrary are not borne out by the villagewar statements furnished by the District Forest-officer. The Government in 1890 merely rejected this block on the ground that it contained an aghaharam village, and, as now pointed out by the Conservator, the boundary could be thrown back so as to leave ample area for all the villages affected.

8. The correspondence forwarded with the Conservator's endorsement of the 13th instant relates to the *Mavar reserve* in the Atur taluk No. 27 on the Board's list.

The proposal to reserve this area was rejected in 1890 without any specific reason (*vide* block No. 118 in paragraph 3 of Government Order, No. 268, dated 10th April 1890), but the Government afterwards approved the issue of a notification under section 4—*vide* Government Order, No. 340, dated 8th June 1895. The Conservator advocates the retention of this area in order to provide grazing for the agricultural cattle of the neighbourhood, and the Collector should now reconsider the question in the light of the explanation given in the present Proceedings.

9. The settlement work would now be allowed to proceed, the Collector merely withdrawing from settlement such blocks as he considers it undesirable to retain, but it must be remembered that special reasons are required for withdrawing from proposals which have received the sanction of Government by the issue of the section 4

notification. The Collector must carefully consider each case in consultation with the Conservator. It should be possible to furnish the Forest Settlement-officer at once with a list of reserves which need not be abandoned, the doubtful cases being held over for further consideration. In this way unnecessary delay in the carrying out of the settlement may be avoided.

10. Orders are being issued separately upon the Conservator's letters, No. 137-B. and G., dated 18th February 1897, and No. 1224, dated 23rd idem, dealing with certain reserves in Tiruppattur taluk and with the Vellalakundam block No. 25.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

" Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.

" Forest Settlement-officer (Salem, &c., Districts).

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