

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 435-435A

DATED 4th June 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Forest.

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

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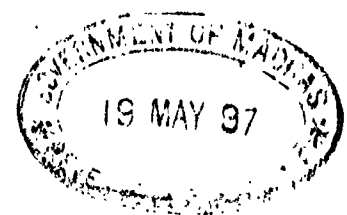
Order No. 435 of 4th June 1897

The draft notification will be published in the Fort St George and Madras St gazettes, the 31st August 1897 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

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To the Bd. & R with map. Supdt: J. P. with notification. Copy to J. R. and agri: Dept.

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From the Secy to Commissioner of Land Rev. Br. No. 163 of 1897

Dated. 23 April 1897
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SUBJECT.

Submitting draft Notifn for the Constitution of the Meltingamalai block, in the Melur Taluk, Madras St., as a reserved forest.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

REVISED 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.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
Madura.	Mélár.	No. 1 of No. 36, Nadumandalam reserved forest.	Methugamalai.	North.—Starting from the south-east corner of survey No. 1303 of Sirangattupatty village, a straight line to a point on the west side of survey No. 1243 where it turns south-eastwards for the second time from the north; thence its west and south sides to its south-east corner; thence a straight line to the southernmost point of survey No. 749 of Kottayur village; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 527; thence its south side to its south-east corner; thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 525; thence the east sides of survey Nos. 525, 524 and 523 to the north-east corner of the last; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 501; and thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 459; thence its south side to the north-west corner of survey No. 450; thence its west and south sides and the south sides of survey Nos. 449, 448, 446 and 445 to the south-east corner of the last; thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 324; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 319; and thence its south side to its south-east corner, all of Kottayur village. East.—From the last-named point a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 53 of Sirukudi village; thence a straight line to a point in its west side where it turns south-south-west for the first time from the north; thence that side till it turns south-south-east; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 67; thence a straight line west-north-west for sixteen chains to a cairn; thence a straight line south-westwards to the north-west corner of survey No. 73; thence a straight line south-westwards to a point on the north side of survey No. 81, one and one-fifth chains north-west of the point where the west side of survey No. 73 meets the north side of survey No. 81; thence the north and west sides of survey No. 81 to a point in the latter where it turns east-south-eastwards from the north; thence a straight line to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 79; thence a straight line to a point in its west side where it turns south a second time from the north; thence that side to a point in it where it turns east-south-eastwards; thence a straight line to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 159; thence its north and west sides to the north-east corner of survey No. 158, all of Sirukudi village. South.—From the last-named point the north side of survey No. 158 to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No. 114; thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No. 111; thence a straight line to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to a point in the north side of survey No. 97 where it turns south for the first time from the west; thence its north side to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 83; thence its north side to its north-west corner, all of Sirukudi village; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 8 of Nadumandalam; thence its north and west sides to its south-west corner; thence a straight line westwards for twenty-one chains to a cairn; thence a straight line south-westwards for fifteen and three-fifth chains to a cairn three chains north of the north-east corner of survey No. 33; thence a straight line to its northernmost point; thence a straight line to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 47; thence its north side to a point in it where it turns south from the east; thence a straight line to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 52; thence north-westwards its north side for two chains; thence a straight line to the easternmost point of survey No. 1447; thence a straight line to a point in the east side of survey No. 1448, six chains from its north-east corner, all of Nadumandalam. West.—Thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 1286 of Settur village; thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 1316; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 1342; thence its south side to its south-east corner, all of Settur; thence a straight line to the starting point of the northern boundary.

REMARKS.—The following temples have been excluded from reservation and left as enclosures within the block, and rights of way thereto are allowed each to a width of two yards open for people only:—

1. Pinchu Malayan koil covering a space of five cents (22 × 11 yards) approached by a path running northwards to it for a distance of five hundred and six yards from the northernmost point of survey No. 8 of Nadumandalam.
2. Parayankudai Karupu Theivam koil covering a space of about six cents (29 × 10 yards) and approached by a path running northwards to it for a distance of two hundred and ninety-three yards from the north-east corner of survey No. 47 of the said village.
3. Malayandi koil covering a space of about seven cents (20 × 17 yards) and approached by a path running to it for a distance of about hundred yards from the middle of the north side of survey No. 97 of Sirukudi.

(Signed) T. P. PEAKE,
District Forest-officer.

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

Secretary.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1

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No. 3		
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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

MADURA.

Ref. No. 1884

Dated

29-1-

1896

old

Draft notification
of Muthunamalai
block. in Melur Taluk

Enc to Ref no 19

Dated 5-12-96

Revised Draft forest notification

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Schedule

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		Metthuganalai	

where it turns southeasterly for the 2nd time from the north; thence its west and south sides to its southeast corner; thence a straight line to the southermost point of Survey No. 749 of Kotta village; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of Survey no. 527; thence its south side to its southeast corner; thence a straight line to the southeast corner of Survey no. 525; thence its east sides of Survey nos 525, 524, 523, 522; thence the northeast corner of the last, thence for 2 chains straight line to the southeast corner of Survey no. 501, and thence a straight line to the southwest corner of Survey no. 501, and thence its south side to the north

its north and south sides and the south sides of survey nos 449, 448, 446, and 445 to the southeast corner of the last; thence a straight line to the southeast corner of survey No 324; thence a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no 319 and thence its south side to its southeast corner, all of Kakhajia village.

East From the last named point a straight line to the northwest corner of survey no 53 of Sirukudi village; thence a straight line to a point in its west side where it turns south continuous for the first time from the north; thence that side till it turns south southeast; thence a straight line to the northwest corner of survey No 67; thence a straight line west north-west for 16 chains to a cairn; thence a straight line south westwards to the northwest corner of survey No 73; thence a straight line south westwards to a point on the north side of survey No 81, $1\frac{1}{2}$ chains northwest of the point where the west side of survey no 73 meets the north side of survey No 81; thence the north and west sides of survey No 81 to a point in the latter where it turns east southeastwards from

thence a straight line to its southwest corner; a straight line to the northwest corner of survey No 79; thence a straight line to west side where it turns south from the north; thence that side till where it turns east south-

thence a straight line to its southwest corner of survey no 159; thence

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its north and south sides and the south sides of survey no 158, all of Sirukudi village. South From the last named point the north side of survey no 158 to its northwest corner; thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No 114; thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No 111; thence a straight line to its northwest corner; thence a straight line to a point in the north side of survey No 97 where it turns south for the first time from the west; thence its north side to its northwest corner; thence a straight line to the northeast corner of survey no 83; thence its north side to its northwest corner; all of Sirukudi village; thence a straight line to the northeast corner of survey No 80 of Nadevandaalam; thence its north and west sides to its southwest corner; thence a straight line westwards for 21 chains to a cairn; thence a straight line south westwards for $15\frac{3}{5}$ chains to a cairn 3 chains north of the northeast corner of survey No 33; thence a straight line to its northernmost point; thence a straight line to its northwest corner; thence a straight line to the northeast corner of survey No 47; thence its north side to a point in it where it turns south from the East; thence a straight line to its northwest corner; thence a straight line to the northeast corner of survey no 52; thence north westwards its north side for 2 chains; thence a straight line to the easternmost point of survey no 1447; thence a straight line to a point in the east side of survey no 1448, 6 chains from its north side all of Nadevandaalam

Survey no. 121 bis to H. 12; thence in a straight line to the Southeast corner of survey no. 1316; thence a straight line to the Southeast corner of survey no. 1342; thence along its South side to its Southeast corner; thence in a straight line to the starting point of the northern boundary.

Remarks:- The following temples have been excluded from reservation and left as enclosures within the block, and rights of way thereto are allowed each to a width of 2 yards open for people only:-

Pinchumalayan Koil, covering a space of 5 cents, approached by a path running northwards to it for a distance of 506 yards or a distance of 6 furlongs from the north side of survey no. 8 of Madumandalam.

Parayan Kudai Karuppu Theivan Koil, covering a space of 6 cents approached by a path running northwards to it for a distance of 293 yards or a distance of 6 furlongs from the north side of survey no. 47 of Madumandalam.

gandi Koil, covering a space of 7 cents, approached by a path running northwards to it for a distance of 100 yards from the north side of survey no. 100 of Madumandalam.

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Forest Settlement Officer.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed May 13th.

Proceedings, Forest No. 163, 23rd April 1897.

APRIL.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 882, dated 19th June 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from C. RAJU SASTRI, Esq., Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., districts, to the Collector of Madura, dated Ginjee, 5th February 1894, Ref. on No. 244 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of Methugamalai block, Melur taluk, the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882 having been complied with.

2. This block comprises portions of Sirangattupatty, Kottayur, Sirukudi, Nadu-mandalam and Settur villages. The notification under section 4, proposing the constitution of the block into a reserved forest, appeared in the *Fort. St. George Gazette*, dated 17th May 1892, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on 28th idem, fixing 1st October 1892 as the date within which claims should be preferred in respect of it. The settlement of the block was completed on 31st August 1893, and the appeal time expired on 30th September 1893, without any appeal being preferred. The District Forest-officer's proposal for the exclusion of a bit of land thrown out by demarcation was received to-day, and the land excluded accordingly as indicated in the sketch.

3. Five claims were preferred in respect of this block, of which one was a proposal by the District Forest-officer for the exclusion of another bit of land thrown out by the cleared boundary, and it was agreed to. The rest related to three temples, and they were all admitted, with the exception of that relating to wood-cutting, which was dismissed as not based on right.

4. I beg that three months' time may be allowed for promulgation of the final notification under section 16 from the probable date of its appearance in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

P.S.—The papers of this block, which were forwarded on 5th February 1894, were received back from the District Forest-officer on the 24th instant. The distances of two paths were stated by him to be incorrect. The correct distances, as now reported, are entered in the notification and the B. register and the papers re-submitted.

Certain land thrown out in demarcation was excluded by revision of boundary on the proposal of the District Forest-officer, which was treated and entered as a claim (No. 5) in the B. register, before receipt of the Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1519, dated 1st December 1893. The District Forest-officer now states that the proposal for the said exclusion was made under a mistake, and wishes to withdraw it, and asks that, if I do not feel competent to recall the order on it, the attention of the Board and the Government may be drawn to the matter so that they may, if they see fit, alter the boundary description in accordance with the initial notification. But I am still of opinion that I am not competent to alter an order once passed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—B. Register.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by the Collector of Madura, dated 29th January 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 1884.

Forest Settlement-officer's report, boundary description, &c., submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, with the area statement. The papers had lain over on account of the arrears in the Forest Branch.

ENCLOSURE.—Area statement.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 6th February 1896, R. C. No. 2530.

Forwarded. The Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1519, dated 1st December 1893, quoted in the P. S. of the Forest Settlement-officer's letter were not communicated to this office.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 882, dated 19th June 1896.

It is observed from column 9 of the area statement that the reservation of the proposed Methugamalai block would prejudicially curtail the area available for free grazing. The Collector is requested to report with reference to the above and with reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 164, dated 11th April 1896, whether adequate provision exists outside the reserve for grazing and other purposes. He is also requested to report whether the block will be really useful and how it is proposed to get over the difficulty of supervision referred to in paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 108, dated 14th March 1892.

2. As regards the bit of land wrongly thrown out in demarcation and excluded at settlement on the motion of the District Forest-officer, the Board considers that the only way of setting things right would be to re-notify the exclusion if such a step were really necessary.

3. The following points should also be attended to during revision :—

(i) The marginal space allowed to the temples has not been described with reference to the instructions embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 628, dated 7th November 1895.

(ii) The boundary description from the south-west corner of survey No. 79 to the north-east corner of 158 does not tally with that in the initial notification.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Madura, through the Conservator of Forests,
Southern Circle, with four enclosures.

READ—also the following letter from J. TWIGG, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated Coimbatore, 5th December 1896, Ref. on No. 19, Forest:—

[Reference.—Board's Proceedings, Forest, Mis. No. 882, dated 19th June 1896.]

In reply I have the honour to report as follows:—

Paragraph 1.—There is adequate provision for free grazing owing to the reservation of the neighbouring blocks, Chitrakuttu and Setturnedumalai, having been cancelled.

It is not ascertainable on what grounds the block was considered useless and difficult of supervision; it is as useful as some other blocks and there is no greater difficulty in supervising this than others.

Paragraph 2.—I do not wish to include the bit within the block and therefore submit that no notification is necessary.

Paragraph 3 (i).—The instructions have been attended to.

(ii) This was because the original notification under section 4 was full of errors when compared with the line marked on the ground, but they were not such as to vitiate the subsequent action, as no fresh ground has been included the details of boundary now furnished are accurate.

Enclosures are returned with a revised final draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Methugamalai reserved forest, Block No. I of No. 36 Nadumandalam Reserved Forest, Mélar taluk, Madura District.

Number of claim.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claim.	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		3	4	5	6	7
4	Alangaram Asari, kar-nam of Sirukudi.	28th Mar. 1893.	Prays that a path may be allowed from survey No. 97 of Sirukudi northwards to the temple claimed in claim No. 3.		The District Forest-officer does not object to the claim.	The right of way claimed is admitted and recorded to a width of two yards for people only. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer.
2	Lakshmanambalam and two others of Uttampatti attached to Nadumandalam.	8th Dec. 1892.	Claim the following rights:— (1) Right of way to Pinchumalayam koi (from survey No. 8 of Nadumandalam northwards to a width of two yards for people only for a distance of six furlongs). (2) Right of way to Parayankudai Karuppu Theivam koi (from the north-east corner of survey No. 47 of Nadumandalam northwards for six furlongs to a width of two yards for people only). (3) Right to cut wood for agricultural implements in the proposed reserved forest.		The District Forest-officer does not object to the paths to the two temples.	The rights of way claimed are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. The claim to cut wood not being based on right is rejected. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer.
1	Lakshmanambalam and two others of Uttampatti attached to Nadumandalam.	8th Dec. 1892.	Prays that the following temples may be excluded from reservation:— (1) Pinchumalayam koi situated north of survey No. 8 of Nadumandalam at a distance of six furlongs covering a space of 6 cents. (2) Parayankudai Karuppu Theivam koi situated north of the north-east corner of survey No. 47 of Nadumandalam at a distance of six furlongs covering a space of about 6 cents.		The District Forest-officer does not object.	The claim is admitted under section 10 of the Forest Act, and the temples as claimed will be excluded from reservation and left as an enclosure with access as provided in claim No. 2. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer.
3	Alangaram Asari, kar-nam of Sirukudi.	28th Mar. 1893.	Prays that the temple called Malayandi koi situated north of survey No. 97 of Sirukudi, one hundred yards from it, may be excluded from reservation with a space of about 7 cents.		The District Forest-officer does not object.	The claim is admitted under section 10 of the Forest Act, and the temple as claimed will be excluded from reservation and left as an enclosure with access as provided in claim No. 4. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer.
5	District Forest-officer, Madura.	Letter No. 872, dated 3rd Sept. 1893, received on the 6th.	Proposes the exclusion from the reserve of the bits of land thrown out by demarcation:— From the south-west corner of survey No. 8 of Nadumandalam, a straight line westwards for twenty-one chains; thence a straight line south-westwards for fifteen and three-fifths chains to a point marked by pillar and cairn, three chains north of the north-east corner of survey No. 33.			KOLLEGAL, 31st August 1893. Ordered accordingly: (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer.

Class No. 4.—The path runs from the middle of the north side of survey No. 97 to the temple for 100 yards. † 293 yards. ‡ 506 yards.
Class No. 2.—Item No. 1 enters the block from the northernmost point of survey No. 8. † (29 X 10 yards.) ‡ (20 X 17 yards.) (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Revised draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

STATEMENT of Area and Condition.

Total area of the taluk.	Extent of Government lands in the taluk.		Area of reserves already notified under sections 16 and 25.	Area of reserve submitted under settlement.	Area of reserve submitted for notification under section 16.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		Probable extent of land left for grazing purposes.	Sketch-map.
	Occupied.	Unoccupied.				How much forest.	How much grass land.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mélur taluk .. 809,760 acres.	129,125 acres.	146,923 acres.	62,695-26 acres.	11,571-72 acres.	Methugamalai .. 1,500 acres.	Is well covered with Usil, Sale, &c., trees.		The area left for grazing will be a good deal curtailed by the reservation and for the most part be left available for grazing purposes.	Sent herewith.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Sketch-map.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Paper (old draft notification) returned with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 882, dated 19th June 1896.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 8th December 1896, Ref. on C. No. 2140.

Forwarded.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 163, dated 23rd April 1897.

In the letter read above the Collector of Madura reports with reference to the Proceedings read above that the proposed block is as useful as some others and is not difficult of supervision; he adds that there is adequate provision for free grazing outside the block, the Chirakutta and Sethurnedumalai reserve in the neighbourhood having been already abandoned under the recent forest policy. The Collector also reports that it is unnecessary to re-notify the small area wrongly thrown out in demarcation and excluded at settlement. In these circumstances, the revised draft notification now forwarded by the Collector will be submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The points of entrance in the case of certain paths not being very specific, the Board has made the necessary corrections in the register and notification so as to correspond with the map.

3. The space allowed round the Malayandi temple is given as 7 cents in the claim register and as 9 cents in the notification. The entry in the latter document has been corrected.

4. The block lies in the Mélur taluk and covers an area of 1,500 acres as finally settled.

5. Effect may be given to the reservation of the block from the 31st ^{August} July next.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

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

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

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Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 6th February 1896, R. C. No. 2530.

Forwarded. The Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1519, dated 1st December 1893, quoted in the P. S. of the Forest Settlement-officer's letter were not communicated to this office.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 882, dated 19th June 1896.

It is observed from column 9 of the area statement that the reservation of the proposed Methugamalai block would prejudicially curtail the area available for free grazing. The Collector is requested to report with reference to the above and with reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 164, dated 11th April 1896, whether adequate provision exists outside the reserve for grazing and other purposes. He is also requested to report whether the block will be really useful and how it is proposed to get over the difficulty of supervision referred to in paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 108, dated 14th March 1892.

2. As regards the bit of land wrongly thrown out in demarcation and excluded at settlement on the motion of the District Forest-officer, the Board considers that the only way of setting things right would be to re-notify the exclusion if such a step were really necessary.

3. The following points should also be attended to during revision:—

(i) The marginal space allowed to the temples has not been described with reference to the instructions embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 628, dated 7th November 1895.

(ii) The boundary description from the south-west corner of survey No. 79 to the north-east corner of 158 does not tally with that in the initial notification.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Madura, through the Conservator of Forests,
Southern Circle, with four enclosures.

Enclosures are returned with a revised final draft notification.

Claim No. 4.—The path runs from the middle of the north side of survey No. 37 to the temple for 100 yards.
 † (32 × 11 yards.)
 ‡ 293 yards.
 • 506 yards.

Claim No. 2.—Item No. 1 enters the block from the northernmost point of survey No. 8.
 § (29 × 10 yards.)
 ¶ (20 × 17 yards.)

(Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI,
 Forest Sett. Officer.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Revised draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

STATEMENT of Area and Condition.

Total area of the taluk.	Extent of Government lands in the taluk.		Area of reserves already notified under sections 16 and 25.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserve submitted for notification under section 16.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		Probable extent of land left for grazing purposes.	Sketch-map.
	Occupied.	Unoccupied.				How much forest.	How much grass land.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mélur taluk .. 309,760 acres.	129,125 acres.	146,923 acres.	62,695-26 acres.	11,071-72 acres.	Methugamalai .. 1,500 acres.	Is well covered with Usil, Sale, &c., trees.		The area left for grazing will be a good deal curtailed by the reservation and for the most part be left available for grazing purposes.	Sent herewith.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Sketch-map.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Paper (old draft notification) returned with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 882, dated 19th June 1896.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 8th December 1896, Ref. on C. No. 2140.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 163, dated 23rd April 1897.

In the letter read above the Collector of Madura reports with reference to the Proceedings read above that the proposed block is as useful as some others and is not difficult of supervision; he adds that there is adequate provision for free grazing outside the block, the Chitrakutta and Sethurnedumalai reserve in the neighbourhood having been already abandoned under the recent forest policy. The Collector also reports that it is unnecessary to re-notify the small area wrongly thrown out in demarcation and excluded at settlement. In these circumstances, the revised draft notification now forwarded by the Collector will be submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The points of entrance in the case of certain paths not being very specific, the Board has made the necessary corrections in the register and notification so as to correspond with the map.

3. The space allowed round the Malayandi temple is given as 7 cents in the claim register and as 9 cents in the notification. The entry in the latter document has been corrected.

4. The block lies in the Mélur taluk and covers an area of 1,500 acres as finally settled.

5. Effect may be given to the reservation of the block from the 31st August next.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

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

„ Collector of Madura.
„ Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
„ Forest Settlement-officer, Madura, &c., districts.

ORDER—No. 435, Revenue, dated 4th June 1897.

Forest No. 95.

The draft notification will be published in the Fort St. George and Madura District Gazettes, the 31st August 1897

being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Endorsement No. 435A.

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

(Signed) G. STOKES,
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 31st August 1897, the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule annexed to this notification, shall be constituted reserved forest.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
Madura.	Mélur.	No. 1 of No. 36, Nadumandalam reserved forest.	Methugamalai.	<i>North.</i>—Starting from the south-east corner of survey No. 1303 of Sirangattupatty village, a straight line to a point on the west side of survey No. 1243 where it turns south-eastwards for the second time from the north; thence its west and south sides to its south-east corner; thence a straight line to the southernmost point of survey No. 749 of Kottayur village; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 527; thence its south side to its south-east corner; thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 525; thence the east sides of survey Nos. 525, 524 and 523 to the north-east corner of the last; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 458; thence its south side to the north-west corner of survey No. 450; thence its west and south sides and the south sides of survey Nos. 449, 448, 446 and 445 to the south-east corner of the last; thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 324; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 319; and thence its south side to its south-east corner, all of Kottayur village. <i>East.</i>—From the last-named point a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 53 of Sirukudi village; thence a straight line to a point in its west side where it turns south-south-east; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 67; thence a straight line west-north-west for sixteen chains to a cairn; thence a straight line south-westwards to the north-west corner of survey No. 73; thence a straight line south-westwards to a point on the north side of survey No. 81, one and one-fifth chains north-west of the point where the west side of survey No. 73 meets it turns east-south-eastwards from the north; thence a straight line to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 79; thence a straight line to a point in its west side where it turns south a second time from the north; thence that side to a point in it where it turns east-south-eastwards; thence a straight line to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 158, all of Sirukudi village. <i>South.</i>—From the last-named point the north side of survey No. 158 to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No. 114; thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No. 111; thence a straight line to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to a point in the north side of survey No. 97 where it turns south for the first time from the west; thence its north side to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 83; thence its north side to its north-west corner, all of Sirukudi village; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 8 of Nadumandalam; thence its north and west sides to its south-west corner; thence a straight line westwards for twenty-one chains north of the north-east corner of survey No. 33; thence a straight line to its northernmost point; thence a straight line to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 47; thence its north side to a point in it where it turns south from the east; thence a straight line to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 52; thence north-westwards its line to a point in the east side of survey No. 1448, six chains from its north-east corner, all of Nadumandalam. <i>West.</i>—Thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 1286 of Settur village; thence a straight line to the south-east corner of survey No. 1316; thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 1342; thence its south side to its south-east corner, all of Settur; thence a straight line to the starting point of the northern boundary.

REMARKS.—The following temples have been excluded from reservation and left as enclosures within the block, and rights of way thereto are allowed each to a width of two yards open for people only:—

1. Pinchu Malayan koil covering a space of five cents (22 × 11 yards) approached by a path running northwards to it for a distance of five hundred and six yards from the northernmost point of survey No. 8 of Nadumandalam.
2. Parayankudai Karupu Theivam koil covering a space of about six cents (29 × 10 yards) and approached by a path running northwards to it for a distance of two hundred and ninety-three yards from the north-east corner of survey No. 47 of the said village.
3. Malayandi koil covering a space of about seven cents (20 × 17 yards) and approached by a path running to it for a distance of about hundred yards from the middle of the north side of survey No. 97 of Sirukudi.

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