Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 470-470-A.

DATED 17th June 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act, for the constitution of the Adirganchi block in the Kallakurchi taluk as a —, ordered to be published in Fort St. George and South Arcot Dt. Gazettes.

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Sending draft Notifn for the Constitution of Odaiyanachi block in the Kallakurchi taluk, S. Arcot Dt, as a reserved forest.

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Vizagapatam, June 17, 1897.

No. 241.— ~~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 a reserved forest.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Names of villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
South Arcot.	Kallakurchi.	Odaiyanachi Kuttakudi..	206	Odaiyanachi.	*North.*—Starting from a cairn on the south bank of Manimukta nadi (river) about five chains south-south-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 248 of Odaiyanachi, the line runs south-eastwards along the said bank of the river to a cairn in it about three chains south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 45 of the same village. *East.*—Thence a straight line south-south-westwards to the boundary stone at the south-west corner of survey No. 549 of Kuttakudi village; thence a straight line to the first khandam station from the north on the west side of survey No. 66 (Periya eri); thence a straight line to the khandam station at its southernmost point; thence north-north-eastwards to the khandam station at the south-west corner of survey No. 68; thence the south sides of survey Nos. 67 and 87 to the south-east corner of the latter; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 90; thence its west side to its south-west corner (all of Kuttakudi); thence a straight line to the boundary stone at the north-west corner of survey No. 269 of Adiyur. *South.*—Thence west-north-westwards the northern limit of Adiyur village to its trijunction with Kuttakudi and Kottanur Pa of the Vriddhachalam taluk. *West.*—Thence northwards the eastern limits of the said Kottanur Pa and Kongarayapalaiyam villages to the boundary stone at the north-east corner of survey No. 1162 of the latter village; and thence a straight line north-north-eastwards to the starting point.

REMARKS—A. The Local Fund road from Vriddhachalam to Kallakurchi as comprised in survey No. 473 of Odaiyanachi with an average width of forty-four yards is demarcated out free from reservation and retained as an enclosure. It enters the reserve in survey No. 549 (road itself) of Kuttakudi, runs north-west for about four-and-half furlongs and quits it at the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam.

B. Right of way over the undermentioned cart-track and foot-path is admitted, the former for men, cattle, and carts to a width of four yards and the latter for men and cattle to a width of four feet :—

1. *Foot-path from Odaiyanachi to Uchimedu, hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam.*—It branches from item A about a furlong south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam, runs north-north-west for about three furlongs and quits it on the east side of survey No. 1164 of the same village about two chains north of its south-east corner.

2. *Cart-track from Kuttakudi to Kottanur Pa.*—It enters the reserve at the south-east corner of survey No. 87 of Kuttakudi, runs west by south for about four-and-half furlongs and quits it at the boundary stone north-east of the north-east corner of survey No. 5 of Kottanur Pa.

(Signed) A. W. C. STANBROUGH,
District Forest-officer, South Arcot.

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

[illegible]
Ag. Secretary.

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 appended to this notification, will be constituted a Reserved Forest.

SCHEDULE.

~~District No.~~	~~Taluk District.~~	~~Name of Taluk~~ Village	No. and Name of block.	Situation and boundaries.	Remarks.
South Arcot	Kallakurchi	Odaiyanachi and Kuttakudi	206. Odaiyanachi	Situation :- About a furlong South of Alwarmalai Block No. 78. Boundaries - North :- Starting from a cairn on the South bank of the Mani = mukta Nadi (river) about five chains South South-east of the Southwest corner of Survey No. 248 of Odaiyanachi, the line runs Southeast along the said bank to a cairn about three chains Southwest of the Southwest corner of Survey No. 45 of the same Village. East :- Thence Southwest to a village boundary stones at the South west corner of Survey No. 549 of Kuttakudi, then ~~South~~ to a Khandam Station at the South = west corner of Survey No. 68, then the South sides of Survey No. 67 and 87 to the Southeast corner of the latter, then Southwest to the north = west corner of Survey No. 90, then its west side to its Southwest corner and then South to the Southwest corner of Survey No. 60 all of Kuttakudi. South :- Thence west along the north boundary of Adiyur village to its junction with Kuttakudi (Kallakurchi Taluk) and Kottamur Pa (Vriddhacha = lam Taluk). West :- Thence north along the eastern boundaries of Kotta = mur Pa and Hongarayapalai = yam Villages to the Starting point.	I Right on behalf of the Local Fund Board to the Local Fund Road from Vriddhachalam to Kallakur = chi ~~to the width~~ as demarcated to an average width of 22 yards is admitted. It enters the Reserve Survey No. 549 (road itself) of Kutta = kudi, runs northwest for about 4 1/2 furlongs and quits it at the South east corner of Survey No. 1179 of Hongarayapalaiyam. II Right of way over the under = mentioned cart track and foot paths is admitted. The former for men, cattle and carts to a width of 4 yards and the latter for men and cattle to a width of 4 feet. (1) Cart track from Kuttakudi to Kottamur (Pa). It enters the reserve at the Southeast corner of Survey No. 87 of Kuttakudi, runs westerly South for about 4 1/2 furlongs and quits it at the boundary stone northeast of the northeast corner of Survey No. 5 of Kottamur (Pa). (2) Foot paths from Odaiyanachi to reclaimed hamlet of Hongaraya = palaiyam. It branches from the Local Fund road about a furlong east of the Southeast corner of Survey No. 1179 of Hongarayapalai = yam, runs northwest for about 2 furlongs and quits it on the east sides of Survey No. 1164 of the same Village about 2 chains north of its Southeast corner.

Vellore
6th June 1895.

Forest Settlement Officer

Old Notifn

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	Names of village	No. of Block	Name of Block	Boundaries.
South Arcot	Kallakurichi	Adaiyanachi Kuttakudi	206.	Adaiyanachi	North Starting from a cairn on the south bank of Manimuktha nadi (river) about 5 chains south-east of the south-west corner of survey no. 248 of Adaiyanachi Kuttakudi village; thence south-eastwards along the said bank of the river to a cairn in it about 3 chains south-west of the south-west corner of survey no. 45 of the same village.

East Thence a straight line south south-westwards to the boundary stone at the south-west corner of survey no. 549 of Kuttakudi village; thence a straight line to the first Khandam station from the north on the west side of survey no. 66. (Periya Eri); thence a straight line to the Khandam station at its southernmost point; thence north north-eastwards to the Khandam station at the south-west corner of survey no. 68; thence the South sides of survey nos. 67 and 87 to the

Southeast corner of the latter; thence a straight line to the northwest corner of Survey no. 90; thence its west side to its southwest corner; (all of Kuttakudi); thence a straight line to the boundary stone at the northwest corner of Survey no. 269 of Adigus.

South Thence west northwestwards the northern limit of Adigus village to its trijunction with Kuttakudi and Kottamur Pa of the Vriddhachalam Taluk.

West Thence northwards the eastern limits of the said Kottamur Pa and Kongarayapalaiyam villages to the boundary stone at the northeast corner of Survey no. 1162 of the latter village; and thence a straight line northwestwards to the starting point.

Remarks

A. Right on behalf of the Local Fund Board to the Local Fund Road from Vriddhachellam to Kallakurichi as ~~demarcated~~ comprised within a width of 22 yards is admitted. It enters the reserve in Survey no. 549 (road itself) of Kuttakudi runs northwest for about 4½ furlongs and quits it at the southeast corner of Survey no. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam.

B. Right of way over the undermentioned cart-track and footpath is admitted, the former for men, cattle, and carts to a width of 16 yards and the latter for men and cattle to a width of 4 feet.

1. ✓ Footpath from Odaiyanaiki to Vilimedu hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam ~~th~~ branches from item A about a furlong ~~east~~ southeast of the southeast corner of Survey no. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam runs ~~north~~ northwest for about 3 furlongs and quits it on the east side of Survey no. 1164 of the

Same village about 2 chains north of its southeast corner.

2. Cart-track from Kuttakudi to Kottamur (Pa). It enters the reserve at the southeast corner of Survey no. 87 of Kuttakudi runs west by south for about 4½ furlongs and quits it at the boundary stone northeast of the northeast corner of Survey no. 5 of Kottamur Pa.

Sub Assistant
Forest Settlement Officer

District Forest Officer
South Arcot

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed June 3rd.

Proceedings, Forest No. 213, 1st June 1897.

JUNE.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of Odaiyanachi block in the Kallakurchi taluk, South Arcot 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. 1734, dated 15th November 1895:—

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 15th October 1895, Ref. on Cur. No. 1052-For.:—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Odaiyanachi reserved forest No. 206 in the Kallakurchi taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 261-S.A.—D., dated 6th June 1895, with its enclosures, viz.—

(1) B. Register of claims.
(2) Numerical statement.
(3) Sketch-map.
(4) Draft notification.

3. Further, in accordance with orders, I append my District Forest-officer's statement of area and condition.

STATEMENT of area and condition.

Taluk.	Number and name of block.		Total area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserve now submitted.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		Sketch-map.
	Number.	Name.		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Forest.	Grass.	
1	2		3	4		5	6	7	8		9
Kallakurchi.	206	Odaiyanachi.	ACS. 555,520	ACS. 160,564	ACS. 377,492	ACS. 29,282	ACS. 54,978	ACS. 708	ACS. 531	ACS. 177	One.

4. The area of the block, as notified under section 4, was 823 acres, but on account of the exclusions ordered at settlement, nearly 115 acres have been thrown out. The area of the block as it stands is therefore 708 acres, which is the area entered in the sketch and the statement given above.

5. Owing to a discrepancy in the numerical statement, the settlement papers were returned to the Forest Settlement-officer for rectification, and they were received back on the 1st instant.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 TO 5.—B. Register, &c.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 16th October 1895, No. 747.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1734, dated 15th November 1895.

The proposed Odaiyanachi block comprises within its limits a portion of the Periya eri (tank) of the Kuttakudi village. Besides, survey Nos 474 to 493 of Odaiyanachi lying south of the Kallakurchi-Vriddhachalam road and demarcated out on the sketch-map appear from the Revenue Settlement register to be dry assessed lands with the exception of survey Nos. 482, 483 and 487. Moreover, the block as it stands at present is 708 acres in extent, and if it is decided to revise the boundary so as to exclude the tank and the assessed lands alluded to above, its area may fall below the minimum and the block itself may not then be worth reserving on account of its irregular shape. The Collector is therefore requested to report *fully* on the point.

2. The following points are also noted:—

(i) *Claims I, II and III.*—These claims should have been presented by the headman of the village or by any one of the ryots representing the villagers as required by Rule 3 of the Forest Settlement rules.

(ii) *Claim X.*—The Local Fund road traversing the reserves is admitted to the width as demarcated out in the survey map, *i.e.*, an average of 22 yards. It should be stated definitely whether this width comprises the whole road with the necessary margin for avenues, &c., or whether it is intended that the usual width of 44 yards (reckoning 22 yards on either side from the centre) should be excluded.

(iii) *Claims XII and XIII.*—As the lands concerned have been already dealt with in claim IV, a reference by the Forest Settlement-officer to the previous decision would have been quite sufficient.

3. A very early reply is requested.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot, through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, with five enclosures.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 301, dated 28th February 1896:—

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 18th February 1896, Ref. on Ex. Cur. No. 499:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1734, dated 15th November 1895, I have the honour to state that the area of the portion of the Kuttakudi Periya eri (tank) and that of the assessed waste fields Nos. 474 to 493 of Odaiyanachi village included within the Odaiyanachi block is about 280 acres. Deducting this from the total area of the block as settled, which is 708 acres, the net area is about 428 acres, which is far below the prescribed minimum of one square mile, and is therefore a question if it is worth while to retain the block under reservation after excluding the portion of the tank and the assessed fields referred to.

2. The District Forest-officer reports that the block contains a very promising growth of *Acacia sundra* and *Acacia leucophlœa*, both of which are useful and much in demand in rural parts for domestic and agricultural purposes that the assessed lands, which are now covered with a fairly good forest growth, have been lying fallow for years together and that there is no probability of their being required for cultivation purposes. On these grounds my District Forest-officer urges the advisability of retaining the block. At the time of the settlement of this as well as other blocks in the taluk, the District Forest-officer on local inspection and enquiries made it a point to exclude, as far as practicable, assessed waste and other lands which might eventually be useful to the ryots, and it was on this principle that he altogether excluded the

portions of the Kottanur Pa. and Kongarayapalaiyam villages originally included within the block according to the initial notification, as will be seen from the sketch. Because the assessed waste lands of the Odaiyanachi village referred to by the Board were not likely to be needed for agricultural purposes, he says he did not propose their exclusion. Judging from the fact that the block is situated on both sides of the Kallakurchi-Vriddhachalam road and close to the Kuttakudi block, the final report on which has been submitted to the Board with my letter, Ref. on Cur. No. 1479, dated 22nd December 1895, and also considering that large exclusions have already been made to meet the eventual requirements of the adjoining agricultural population, I am disposed to think that the area would become a useful source of forest produce in the course of a few years, and would accordingly recommend its retention under reservation, by which course the almost adjoining Kuttakudi block would also be better protected and the conservancy of both would be secured.

3. With regard to the Kuttakudi Periya eri (tank), the District Forest-officer states that the portion included within the block forms the major portion of only the water-spread, and that in consequence no great hardship is likely to accrue to the people. He, however, suggests that the boundary be altered as indicated in the sketch with blue pencil so as to throw out nearly the whole of the water-spread.

4. If the Board approves of my recommendation in paragraph 2, the suggestion of the District Forest-officer with regard to the tank will be carried out and the settlement records amended.

5. The other points noticed by the Board in paragraph 2 of its Proceedings under reply will be attended to, on receipt of Board's orders on this reference.

6. The sketch of the block is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Kallakurchi, 21st February 1896, No. 1504.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 301, dated 28th February 1896.

The block as now revised being below the minimum area prescribed by Government, the Board does not consider that the grounds adduced for its reservation are sufficient to justify a recommendation to Government to that effect.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot
(through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle).
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with map.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 654, dated 5th May 1896 :—

Read—the following Government Order, Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896 :—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 301, dated 28th February 1896.

Order—Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896.

In his letter, dated the 18th February 1896, contained in the Board's Proceedings read above, the Collector writes that the Odaiyanachi block is close to and almost adjoining the Kuttakudi reserve of 1,285 acres in area and that by the retention of the former, the latter would be better protected and the conservancy of both secured. If the two reserves are so near together that they can be controlled as one, it may be worth while to retain the Odaiyanachi block. The Board is accordingly to report the distance between the two blocks, marking their relative positions on a copy of the taluk map.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Ag. Under Secy. to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with two maps
of the Odaiyanachi and Kuttakudi blocks.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 654, dated 5th May 1896.

Forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot who is requested to submit at an early date a copy of the taluk map of the Kallakurchi taluk, marking therein exactly the respective positions of the two blocks referred to in the foregoing order.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot, with one map (to be returned).
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 817, dated 8th June 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from G. W. DANCE, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 29th May 1896, Forest Ex. Cur. No. 499 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 654, dated 5th May 1896, I have the honour to submit, herewith, the portion of the Kallakurchi taluk map indicating the Odaiyanachi and Kuttakudi blocks. As notified under section 4, these two blocks were separated by the Manimuktanadi river, but, owing to certain exclusion of lands effected in the areas during the forest settlement enquiry, the distance now between them is within quarter of a mile.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Maps.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 817, dated 8th June 1896.

Submitted to Government with reference to its order, Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896.

2. If Government is disposed to sanction the retention of the block the Board has no objection to offer.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two maps (to be returned).

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 995, dated 15th July 1896:—

Read—the following Government Order, Mis. No. 2583, Revenue, dated 2nd July 1896:—

Read—Government Order, Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896.

Read—Government Order No. 1034-R., Revenue, dated 18th May 1896, recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 654, dated 5th May 1896.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 817, dated 8th June 1896.

Order—Mis. No. 2583, Revenue, dated 2nd July 1896.

The Government considers that the Odaiyanachi block may be retained in view of its proximity to the Kuttakudi reserve. The necessary draft notification under section 16 should be submitted.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with maps of the Odaiyanachi block.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 995, dated 15th July 1896.

Forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot for early compliance.

2. The draft notification called for should be amended in accordance with the District Forest-officer's suggestion in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter disposed of in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 301, dated 28th February 1896, and the settlement records resubmitted after necessary rectification as promised in paragraph 5 of the same letter.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot, with two maps, and with copy of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 817, dated 8th June 1896.

READ—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 15th March 1897, Ref. on Forest Dis. No. 499:—

With reference to correspondence ending with Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 995, dated 15th July 1896, I have the honour to resubmit the settlement records of Odaiyanachi block No. 206 in the Kallakurchi taluk of this district, and to enclose, in original, the letter from the Forest Settlement-officer, Ref. on No. 290, dated 23rd February 1897, which explains the discrepancies noticed by the Board.

2. In regard to paragraph 4 of the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, the District Forest-officer suggests that, under the circumstances represented, a concession order

may, after the block becomes reserved, be issued under section 21 of the Forest Act in favour of the Local Fund Board, allowing the use of the road to a width of 22 yards from the centre to either side.

3. A revised statement of area and condition is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SINGARAVELU PILLAI Avergal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., Districts, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Tyagadrug, 23rd February 1897, Ref. No. 290:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 995, dated 15th July 1896, I have the honour to resubmit the settlement records of the Odaiyanachi block, Kallakurchi taluk. They were originally returned by the Board with its Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1734, dated 15th November 1895. I subjoin categorical replies to the remarks in the latter proceedings.

2. *Paragraph* 1.—Almost the whole of the water-spread of Periya eri of Kuttakudi has been excluded by a revision of boundary proposed by the District Forest-officer.

3. *Paragraph* 2 (*i*).—Noted for future guidance.

4. *Paragraph* 2 (*ii*).—The wording of Mr. McMurray's order is not only obscure but even somewhat incoherent He records an exclusion of 22 yards—apparently with reference to the Board's standing orders prescribing a width of 22 yards from the centre to either side. Clearly put, the order should be for a total width of 44 yards. Again he defines the exclusion as "the road as demarcated in the survey map." As marked on the survey map, the road has only a width of 10 yards. It would be appropriate if the whole field, survey No. 473 of Odaiyanachi, were excluded—its average breadth being 44 yards. This may, however, be done by a departmental order.

5. *Paragraph* 2 (*iii*).—Necessary entry has now been made in the remark column.

6. I beg to add that in revising the notification, a few obvious errors and omissions have been set right without interfering with the sense of the orders already recorded.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Odaiyanachi reserved forest, No. 206, Kallakurchi taluk, South Arcot 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.
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11 and 12 I and II.	The ryots of Uchimedu, hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam.	20th Mar. 1895.	Urge that the lands of Kongarayapalaiyam be not reserved and a right of way through the said lands be allowed them to water cattle at the river.	....	Proposes the exclusion by revising the boundary of lands appertaining to the village of Kongarayapalaiyam.	Both the claims are rejected. The first because all land that is not covered by patta or inam is at the disposal of Government and can be utilized as it deems fit. The right of way is rejected because there are ample means outside the reserve to reach the river. There is no necessity to pass through the reserve. It is however noted that all the lands of Kongarayapalaiyam will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 4th May 1895.
13 III.	The ryots of Kuttakudi.	23rd Mar. 1895.	Advance their right to the thatching grass in the Kuttakudi eri (tank) on the score of having enjoyed same from time immemorial and produce a patta in support of their claim.	....	....	The patta in question is no patta whatever but an order to the village officers to see that the grass was equally divided among the ryots. The payment of Rs. 7 annually for the grass confers no right as the item is entered in the sivoijama account and consequently the claimants can have no proprietary interest in same, it being apparently treated as an annual lease. What claimants have really been enjoying is a privilege revocable at the pleasure of Government. The claimants having no legal right to the grass the claim to same is invalid and accordingly rejected. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 4th May 1895.

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

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
1 to 3 IV to VI.	Govinda Row, karnam of Kongarayapalaiyam.	20th Mar. 1895.	(1). Brings to notice the existence of the following patta and inam lands of his village :—	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest claims Nos. 1 and 3 but contests No. 2 not being based on any right. The lands have since been excluded by revision of boundary.	*Claim No* 1.—The claim being valid according to the village accounts it is admitted. The lands will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits.

—	Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.
		ACS.	RS. A. P.
Patta	1184	0·25	0 6 0
Inam	1199	4·16	5 3 0
Total ..	..	4·41	5 9 0

(2). Brings to notice the existence of the following sivoijama lands of his village :—

Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.	Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACS.	RS. A. P.		ACS.	RS. A. P.
1190 ..	1·18	1 8 0	1198 ..	0·69	0 14 0
1197 ..	0·62	0 12 0	1198 ..	0·75	0 15 0
1197 ..	0·69	0 14 0	1201-B ..	0·54	0 11 0
1197 ..	2·50	3 2 0	1209 ..	3 09	3 14 0
1197 ..	0·96	1 3 0			
1197 ..	0·62	0 12 0			
1198 ..	0·33	0 7 0	Total ..	11·97	15 0 0

Claim No. 2 —The claim being to lands held on sivoijama tenure, the same is invalid and accordingly rejected.

(3). Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from the local fund road to Palaiyanchimedu, hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam. It branches south of the boundary stone at the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 runs south-west for about seven and a half furlongs and quits it at the south-east corner of survey No. 1209, both of Kongarayapalaiyam.

Long use.

Claim No. 3.—The claim being valid it is accordingly admitted. The cart-track will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits.

(Signed) W. C. McMURRAY,
Forest Sett.-officer.

6th May 1895.

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

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
4 to 6 / VII to IX.	Atchutha Iyer, acting karnam of Kuttagudi.	20th Mar. 1895.	(4) Brings to notice the existence of the following sivoijama lands of his village. Survey number 63 .. .. — Extent Acs. 0·05 — Assessment Rs. A. P. 0 1 0 Survey number 62 .. .. — Extent Acs. 0·15 — Assessment Rs. A. P. 0 2 0 Total .. — Extent Acs. 0·20 — Assessment Rs. A. P. 0 3 0 (5) Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Kuttakudi to Kottanur (*Pa*).—It enters the reserve at the south-east corner of survey No. 87 of Kuttakudi, runs west by south for about four and a half furlongs and quits it at the boundary stone north-east of the north-east corner of survey No 5 of Kottanur (*Pa*). (6) Advances on behalf of the ryots of his village right to fish and to the thatching grass in the Periya eri (tank) Rs. 7-3-6 is paid annually for same.	Long use. Long custom.	Does not contest claim No. 5 but contest claims 4 and 6 as they are not supported by patta right.	*Claim No.* 4.—The claim being to lands held on sivoijama tenure and not on patta, the claim to same is invalid and accordingly rejected. *Claim No.* 5.—The claim being valid, it is accordingly admitted. It will be open for men, cattle and carts to a width of four yards. *Claim No.* 6.—The claim not being supported by patta it is invalid and accordingly rejected. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, 6th May 1895. Forest Sett.-officer.
7 and 8 / X and XI.	Muthuswami Pillai, karnam of Odaiyanachi.	20th Mar. 1895.	(7) Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the Local Fund road from Vriddachalam to Kullakurchi. It enters the reserve in survey No. 549 (road itself) of Kuttakudi, runs north-west for about four and a half furlongs and quits it at the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam. (8) Right of way over the foot-path from Odaiyanachi to Uchimedu hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam. It branches from the Local Fund road about a furlong east † of the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam, runs north-west ‡ for about three furlongs and quits it on the east side of survey No. 1164 of the same village about two chains north of its south-east corner.	Long use.	Does not contest the claims.	*Claim No.* 7.—The claim being valid, it is accordingly admitted. The road to the width as demarcated in the survey map (*i.e.*, average 22 yards), will be demarcated out free from reservation and be retained as an enclosure.
9 / XII.*	Chinnaswami Achari, ryot of Kongarayapalaiyam.	20th Mar. 1895.	Advances on behalf of himself. Inam rights over the following land of Kongarayapalaiyam:— Survey number 1199 .. — Extent Acs. 4·16 — Assessment Rs. A. P. 5 3 0	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest the claim and states that the land lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	*Claim No.* 8.—The claim being valid, it is accordingly admitted. The path will be open for men and cattle to a width of four feet. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th May 1895. The claim being valid according to the village accounts, it is admitted. The land will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th May 1895.

* The field mentioned in claim XII has already been dealt with in claim No. IV. † South-east. ‡ North-north-west.

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

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
10 / XIII.	Muniyan, ryot of Kongarayapalaiyam.	20th Mar. 1895.	Advances on behalf of himself Government patta rights over the following land of Kongarayapalaiyam:— Survey number 1184 .. .. — Extent Acs. 0·25 — Assessment Rs. A. P. 0 6 0	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest the claim and states that the land lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The claim being valid according to the village accounts it is admitted. The land will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th May 1895.

* The field mentioned in claim XIII has already been dealt with in claim No. IV.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

STATEMENT showing the number of claims filed and their disposal.

Number and name of block.	Claims to rights of way.			Claims to grazing rights and to water cattle.			Claims of patta and inam rights over lands.						Miscellaneous claims.			Total of all claims.		
							Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.							
	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
206. Odaiyanachi	5	4	1	..	..	..	5	Acs. 16·58	3	Acs. † 4·41	2	Acs. 12·17	3	..	3	13	7	6

† The whole of this extent will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Revised draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Old notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Forest Settlement-officer's letter, dated 6th June 1895.

ENCLOSURE No. 7.—Sketch-map.

ENCLOSURE No. 8.

REVISED statement of area and condition.

Taluk.	Number and name of block.		Total area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserve now submitted.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		Sketch-map.
	No.	Name.		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Forest.	Grass.	
1	2		3	4		5	6	7	8		9
Kallakurchi.	206	Odaiyanachi.	ACS. 558,913	ACS. 182,242	ACS. 376,671	ACS. 59,022	ACS. 19,206	ACS. 663	ACS. 531	ACS. 132	One.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 22nd March 1897, No. 1416.

Forwarded.

Memorandum No. 96.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to the communication noted on the margin and to request that the submission of the notification called for in Government Order, No. 2583, dated 2nd July 1896, may be expedited.

Board's Proceedings, No. 167, Routine, dated 25th February 1897.

OOTACAMUND,
1st May 1897.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
„ Forest Branch.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 213, dated 1st June 1897.

In the first of the Proceedings read above, the Collector of South Arcot was requested to report whether the Odaiyanachi block, the settlement of which was complete, was worth reserving if certain assessed fields and the portion of the Kuttakudi Periya eri (tank) comprised within the reserve limits were to be thrown out for the exercise of the communal privileges of the adjoining villagers. The Collector reported in reply that he had no objection to exclude the whole of the water-spread of the tank, and recommended the reservation of the remaining portion on the grounds detailed in his letter disposed of in the above Proceedings, especially on account of its proximity to the Kuttakudi reserve since finally notified under Government Order, No. 140, Revenue, dated 23rd March 1896. But, as the area of the block as revised by the Collector, fell below the prescribed minimum, the Board in the second of its Proceedings considered that the grounds adduced for its reservation were not sufficient to justify a recommendation to Government to that effect.

2. The Government, on the other hand, to whom a copy of the Proceedings was submitted, called for a taluk map in its order, Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896, showing the relative positions of the two reserves in view to decide whether both the blocks could be controlled as one and their conservancy secured. A map was accordingly submitted to Government with an expression of opinion that, if Government were disposed to sanction the reservation of the block, the Board had no objection to offer; and Government in its order, Mis. No. 2583, Revenue, dated 2nd July 1896, called upon the Board to submit the draft final notification of the Odaiyanachi block for approval. The Collector was accordingly requested to forward the settlement records after necessary rectification.

3. The records received with the last of the papers read above, will now be submitted to Government with the request that the draft notification, as finally revised, may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the reservation to take effect from 15th September next.

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter read above, the Board considers that the Local Fund road, as comprised in survey No. 473 of Odaiyanachi village, should, as usual, be excluded free from reservation and demarcated out as an enclosure. The necessary entry has accordingly been made in the register and notification.

5. The assessed waste fields of the Odaiyanachi village have not been thrown out of the reserve, as they are not likely to be needed for agricultural purposes. Consequently the area of the block, as now finally settled, is 663 acres or falls short of the area previously reported by only 45 acres, being the extent of the water-spread of the Kuttakudi tank ordered at settlement to be excluded.

(True Copies and Extract.)

W. W. Wodie
Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (two original and two printed),
Forest Settlement-officer's letter, dated 6th June 1895,
in original, and a map to be returned.
„ Collector of South Arcot.
„ Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
„ Forest Settlement-officer, South Arcot, &c., districts.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

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REVENUE.

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Regd.		*Spare copies*

G.O., Nos. 470, 470A, 17th June 1897.

JUNE.

Reserved Forest.

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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 213, dated 1st June 1897 :—

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1734, dated 15th November 1895 :—

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 15th October 1895, Ref. on Cur. No. 1052-For. :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Odaiyanachi reserved forest No. 206 in the Kallakurchi taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 264-S.A.—D., dated 6th June 1895, with its enclosures, viz. —

(1) B. Register of claims.
(2) Numerical statement.
(3) Sketch-map.
(4) Draft notification.

3. Further, in accordance with orders, I append my District Forest-officer's statement of area and condition.

Statement of area and condition.

Taluk.	Number and name of block.		Total area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserve now submitted.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		Sketch-map.
	Number.	Name.		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Forest.	Grass.	
1	2		3	4		5	6	7	8		9
Kallakurchi .	206	Odaiyanachi.	ACS. 555,520	ACS. 160,564	ACS. 377,492	ACS. 29,282	ACS. 54,978	ACS. 708	ACS. 531	ACS. 177	One.

4. The area of the block, as notified under section 4, was 823 acres, but on account of the exclusions ordered at settlement, nearly 115 acres have been thrown out. The area of the block as it stands is therefore 708 acres, which is the area entered in the sketch and the statement given above.

5. Owing to a discrepancy in the numerical statement, the settlement papers were returned to the Forest Settlement-officer for rectification, and they were received back on the 1st instant.

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 5.—B. Register, &c.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 16th October 1895, No. 747.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1734, dated 15th November 1895.

The proposed Odaiyanachi block comprises within its limits a portion of the Periya eri (tank) of the Kuttakudi village. Besides, survey Nos. 474 to 493 of Odaiyanachi lying south of the Kallakurchi-Vriddhachalam road and demarcated out on the sketch-map appear from the Revenue Settlement register to be dry assessed lands with the exception of survey Nos. 482, 483 and 487. Moreover, the block as it stands at present is 708 acres in extent, and if it is decided to revise the boundary so as to exclude the tank and the assessed lands alluded to above, its area may fall below the minimum and the block itself may not then be worth reserving on account of its irregular shape. The Collector is therefore requested to report *fully* on the point.

2. The following points are also noted :—

(i) *Claims I, II and III.*—These claims should have been presented by the headman of the village or by any one of the ryots representing the villagers as required by Rule 3 of the Forest Settlement rules.

(ii) *Claim X.*—The Local Fund road traversing the reserves is admitted to the width as demarcated out in the survey map, *i.e.*, an average of 22 yards. It should be stated definitely whether this width comprises the whole road with the necessary margin for avenues, &c., or whether it is intended that the usual width of 44 yards (reckoning 22 yards on either side from the centre) should be excluded.

(iii) *Claims XII and XIII.*—As the lands concerned have been already dealt with in claim IV, a reference by the Forest Settlement-officer to the previous decision would have been quite sufficient.

3. A very early reply is requested.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. M. WYNCH,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot, through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, with five enclosures.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 301, dated 28th February 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 15th February 1896, Ref. on Ex. Cur. No. 499 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1734, dated 15th November 1895, I have the honour to state that the area of the portion of the Kuttakudi Periya eri (tank) and that of the assessed waste fields Nos. 474 to 493 of Odaiyanachi village included within the Odaiyanachi block is about 280 acres. Deducting this from the total area of the block as settled, which is 708 acres, the net area is about 428 acres, which is far below the prescribed minimum of one square mile, and it is therefore a question if it is worth while to retain the block under reservation after excluding the portion of the tank and the assessed fields referred to.

2. The District Forest-officer reports that the block contains a very promising growth of *Acacia sundra* and *Acacia leucophlœa*, both of which are useful and much in demand in rural parts for domestic and agricultural purposes that the assessed lands, which are now covered with a fairly good forest growth, have been lying fallow for years together and that there is no probability of their being required for cultivation purposes. On these grounds my District Forest-officer urges the advisability of retaining the block. At the time of the settlement of this as well as other blocks in the taluk, the District Forest-officer on local inspection and enquiries made it a point to exclude, as far as practicable, assessed waste and other lands which might eventually be useful to the ryots, and it was on this principle that he altogether excluded the

portions of the Kottanur Pa. and Kongarayapalaiyam villages originally included within the block according to the initial notification, as will be seen from the sketch. Because the assessed waste lands of the Odaiyanachi village referred to by the Board were not likely to be needed for agricultural purposes, he says he did not propose their exclusion. Judging from the fact that the block is situated on both sides of the Kallakurchi-Vriddhachalam road and close to the Kuttakudi block, the final report on which has been submitted to the Board with my letter, Ref. on Cur. No. 1479, dated 22nd December 1895, and also considering that large exclusions have already been made to meet the eventual requirements of the adjoining agricultural population, I am disposed to think that the area would become a useful source of forest produce in the course of a few years, and would accordingly recommend its retention under reservation, by which course the almost adjoining Kuttakudi block would also be better protected and the conservancy of both would be secured.

3. With regard to the Kuttakudi Periya eri (tank), the District Forest-officer states that the portion included within the block forms the major portion of only the water-spread, and that in consequence no great hardship is likely to accrue to the people. He, however, suggests that the boundary be altered as indicated in the sketch with blue pencil so as to throw out nearly the whole of the water-spread.

4. If the Board approves of my recommendation in paragraph 2, the suggestion of the District Forest-officer with regard to the tank will be carried out and the settlement records amended.

5. The other points noticed by the Board in paragraph 2 of its Proceedings under reply will be attended to, on receipt of Board's orders on this reference.

6. The sketch of the block is enclosed.

Enclosure No. 1.—Map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Kallakurchi, 21st February 1896, No. 1504.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 301, dated 28th February 1896.

The block as now revised being below the minimum area prescribed by Government, the Board does not consider that the grounds adduced for its reservation are sufficient to justify a recommendation to Government to that effect.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot
(through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle).
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with map.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 654, dated 5th May 1896 :—

Read—the following Government Order, Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896 :—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 301, dated 28th February 1896.

Order—Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896.

In his letter, dated the 18th February 1896, contained in the Board's Proceedings read above, the Collector writes that the Odaiyanachi block is close to and almost adjoining the Kuttakudi reserve of 1,285 acres in area and that by the retention of the former, the latter would be better protected and the conservancy of both secured. If the two reserves are so near together that they can be controlled as one, it may be worth while to retain the Odaiyanachi block. The Board is accordingly to report the distance between the two blocks, marking their relative positions on a copy of the taluk map.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Ag. Under Secy. to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with two maps
of the Odaiyanachi and Kuttakudi blocks.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 654, dated 5th May 1896.

Forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot who is requested to submit at an early date a copy of the taluk map of the Kallakurchi taluk, marking therein exactly the respective positions of the two blocks referred to in the foregoing order.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot, with one map (to be returned).
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 817, dated 8th June 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from G. W. DANCE, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 29th May 1896, Forest Ex. Cur. No. 499 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 654, dated 5th May 1896, I have the honour to submit, herewith, the portion of the Kallakurchi taluk map indicating the Odaiyanachi and Kuttakudi blocks. As notified under section 4, these two blocks were separated by the Manimuktanadi river, but, owing to certain exclusion of lands effected in the areas during the forest settlement enquiry, the distance now between them is within quarter of a mile.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.—Maps.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 817, dated 8th June 1896.

Submitted to Government with reference to its order, Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896.

2. If Government is disposed to sanction the retention of the block the Board has no objection to offer.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two maps (to be returned).

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 995, dated 15th July 1896 :—

Read—the following Government Order, Mis. No. 2583, Revenue, dated 2nd July 1896 :—

Read—Government Order, Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896.

Read—Government Order No. 1034-R., Revenue, dated 18th May 1896, recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 654, dated 5th May 1896.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 817, dated 8th June 1896.

Order—Mis. No. 2583, Revenue, dated 2nd July 1896.

The Government considers that the Odaiyanachi block may be retained in view of its proximity to the Kuttakudi reserve. The necessary draft notification under section 16 should be submitted.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with maps of the Odaiyanachi block.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 995, dated 15th July 1896.

Forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot for early compliance.

2. The draft notification called for should be amended in accordance with the District Forest-officer's suggestion in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter disposed of in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 301, dated 28th February 1896, and the settlement records resubmitted after necessary rectification as promised in paragraph 5 of the same letter.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot, with two maps, and with copy of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 817, dated 8th June 1896.

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 15th March 1897, Ref. on Forest Dis. No. 499 :—

With reference to correspondence ending with Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 995, dated 15th July 1896, I have the honour to resubmit the settlement records of Odaiyanachi block No. 206 in the Kallakurchi taluk of this district, and to enclose, in original, the letter from the Forest Settlement-officer, Ref. on No. 290, dated 23rd February 1897, which explains the discrepancies noticed by the Board.

2. In regard to paragraph 4 of the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, the District Forest-officer suggests that, under the circumstances represented, a concession order

may, after the block becomes reserved, be issued under section 21 of the Forest Act in favour of the Local Fund Board, allowing the use of the road to a width of 22 yards from the centre to either side.

3. A revised statement of area and condition is enclosed.

Enclosure No. 1

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SINGARAVELU PILLAI Avergal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., Districts, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Tyagadrug, 23rd February 1897, Ref. No. 290 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 995, dated 15th July 1896, I have the honour to resubmit the settlement records of the Odaiyanachi block, Kallakurchi taluk. They were originally returned by the Board with its Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1734, dated 15th November 1895. I subjoin categorical replies to the remarks in the latter proceedings.

2. *Paragraph* 1.—Almost the whole of the water-spread of Periya eri of Kuttakudi has been excluded by a revision of boundary proposed by the District Forest-officer.

3. *Paragraph* 2 (*i*).—Noted for future guidance.

4. *Paragraph* 2 (*ii*).—The wording of Mr. McMurray's order is not only obscure but even somewhat incoherent. He records an exclusion of 22 yards—apparently with reference to the Board's standing orders prescribing a width of 22 yards from the centre to either side. Clearly put, the order should be for a total width of 44 yards. Again he defines the exclusion as "the road as demarcated in the survey map." As marked on the survey map, the road has only a width of 10 yards. It would be appropriate if the whole field, survey No. 473 of Odaiyanachi, were excluded—its average breadth being 44 yards. This may, however, be done by a departmental order.

5. *Paragraph* 2 (*iii*).—Necessary entry has now been made in the remark column.

6. I beg to add that in revising the notification, a few obvious errors and omissions have been set right without interfering with the sense of the orders already recorded.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Odaiyanachi reserved forest, No. 206, Kallakurchi taluk, South Arcot 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
11 and 12 I and II.	The ryots of Uchimedu, hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam.	20th Mar. 1895.	Urge that the lands of Kongarayapalaiyam be not reserved and a right of way through the said lands be allowed them to water cattle at the river.	....	Proposes the exclusion by revising the boundary of lands appertaining to the village of Kongarayapalaiyam.	Both the claims are rejected. The first because all land that is not covered by patta or inam is at the disposal of Government and can be utilized as it deems fit. The right of way is rejected because there are ample means outside the reserve to reach the river. There is no necessity to pass through the reserve. It is however noted that all the lands of Kongarayapalaiyam will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 4th May 1895.
13 III.	The ryots of Kuttakudi.	23rd Mar. 1895.	Advance their right to the thatching grass in the Kuttakudi eri (tank) on the score of having enjoyed same from time immemorial and produce a patta in support of their claim.	....	....	The patta in question is no patta whatever but an order to the village officers to see that the grass was equally divided among the ryots. The payment of Rs. 7 annually for the grass confers no right as the item is entered in the sivoijama account and consequently the claimants can have no proprietary interest in same, it being apparently treated as an annual lease. What claimants have really been enjoying is a privilege revocable at the pleasure of Government. The claimants having no legal right to the grass the claim to same is invalid and accordingly rejected. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 4th May 1895.

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

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
1 to 3 IV to VI.	Govinda Row, karnam of Kongarayapalaiyam.	20th Mar. 1895.	(1) Brings to notice the existence of the following patta and inam lands of his village :—	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest claims Nos. 1 and 3 but contests No. 2 not being based on any right. The lands have since been excluded by revision of boundary.	*Claim No* 1.—The claim being valid according to the village accounts it is admitted. The lands will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits.

—	Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.
		ACS.	RS. A. P.
Patta	1184	0·25	0 6 0
Inam	1199	4·16	5 3 0
Total ..	..	4·41	5 9 0

(2) Brings to notice the existence of the following sivoijama lands of his village :—

Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.	Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACS.	RS. A. P.		ACS.	RS. A. P.
1190 ..	1·18	1 8 0	1198 ..	0·69	0 14 0
1197 ..	0·62	0 12 0	1198 ..	0·75	0 15 0
1197 ..	0·69	0 14 0	1201-B ..	0·54	0 11 0
1197 ..	2·50	3 2 0	1209 ..	3·09	3 14 0
1197 ..	0·96	1 3 0			
1197 ..	0·62	0 12 0			
1198 ..	0·33	0 7 0	Total ..	11·97	15 0 0

Claim No. 2 —The claim being to lands held on sivoijama tenure, the same is invalid and accordingly rejected.

(3) Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from the local fund road to Palaiyanchimedu, hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam. It branches south of the boundary stone at the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 runs south-west for about seven and a half furlongs and quits it at the south-east corner of survey No. 1209, both of Kongarayapalaiyam.

Long use.

Claim No. 3.—The claim being valid it is accordingly admitted. The cart-track will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits.

(Signed) W. C. McMURRAY,
Forest Sett.-officer.

6th May 1895.

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

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
4 to 6 VII to IX.	Atchutha Iyer, actin karnam of Kuttagudi.	20th Mar. 1895.	(4) Brings to notice the existence of the following sivoijama lands of his village. Survey number 63 .. .. — Extent ACS. 0·05 — Assessment RS. A. P. 0 1 0 Survey number 62 .. .. — Extent ACS. 0·15 — Assessment RS. A. P. 0 2 0 Total .. — Extent ACS. 0·20 — Assessment RS. A. P. 0 3 0 (5) Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Kuttakudi to Kottanur. (*Pa*).—It enters the reserve at the south-east corner of survey No. 87 of Kuttakudi, runs west by south for about four and a half furlongs and quits it at the boundary stone north-east of the north-east corner of survey No 5 of Kottanur (*Pa*). (6) Advances on behalf of the ryots of his village right to fish and to the thatching grass in the Periya eri (tank) Rs. 7-3-6 is paid annually for same.	Long use. Long custom.	Does not contest claim No. 5 but contest claims 4 and 6 as they are not supported by patta right.	*Claim No.* 4.—The claim being to lands held on sivoijama tenure and not on patta, the claim to same is invalid and accordingly rejected. *Claim No.* 5.—The claim being valid, it is accordingly admitted. It will be open for men cattle and carts to a width of four yards. *Claim No.* 6.—The claim not being supported by patta it is invalid and accordingly rejected. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, 6th May 1895. Forest Sett.-officer.
7 and 8 X and XI.	Muthuswami Pillai, karnam of Odaiyanachi.	20th Mar. 1895.	(7) Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the Local Fund road from Vriddhachalam to Kallakurchi. It enters the reserve in survey No. 549 (road itself) of Kuttakudi, runs north-west for about four and a half furlongs and quits it at the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam. (8) Right of way over the foot-path from Odaiyanachi to Uchimedu hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam. It branches from the Local Fund road about a furlong east † of the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam, runs north-west ‡ for about three furlongs and quits it on the east side of survey No. 1164 of the same village about two chains north of its south-east corner.	Long use.	Does not contest the claims.	*Claim No.* 7.—The claim being valid, it is accordingly admitted. The road to the width as demarcated in the survey map (*i.e.*, average 22 yards), will be demarcated out free from reservation and be retained as an enclosure. *Claim No.* 8.—The claim being valid, it is accordingly admitted. The path will be open for men and cattle to a width of four feet. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th May 1895.
9 XII.*	Chinnaswami Achari, ryot of Kongarayapalaiyam.	20th Mar. 1895.	Advances on behalf of himself. Inam rights over the following land of Kongarayapalaiyam:— Survey number 1199 .. — Extent ACS. 4·16 — Assessment RS. A. P. 5 3 0	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest the claim and states that the land lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The claim being valid according to the village accounts it is admitted. The land will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th May 1895.

* The field mentioned in claim XII has already been dealt with in claim No. IV.

† South-east.

‡ North-north-west.

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

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
10 XIII.	Muliyan, ryot of Kongarayapalaiyam,	20th Mar. 1895.	Advances on behalf of himself Government patta rights over the following land of Kongarayapalaiyam:—. Survey number 1184 .. .. — Extent ACS. 0·25 — Assessment RS. A. P. 0 6 0	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest the claim and states that the land lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The claim being valid according to the village accounts it is admitted. The land will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. (Signed) W. C. McMURRAY, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th May 1895.

* The field mentioned in claim XIII has already been dealt with in claim No. IV.

Enclosure No. 3.

Statement showing the number of claims filed and their disposal.

Number and name of block.	Claims to rights of way.			Claims to grazing rights and to water cattle.			Claims of patta and inam rights over lands.						Miscellaneous claims.			Total of all claims		
							Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.							
	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
206. Odaiyanachi	5	4	1	..	..	..	5	ACS. 16·58	3	ACS. † 4·41	2	ACS. 12·17	3	..	3	13	7	6

† The whole of this extent will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits.

Enclosure No. 4.—Revised draft notification.

Enclosure No. 5.—Old notification.

Enclosure No. 6.—Forest Settlement-officer's letter, dated 6th June 1895.

Enclosure No. 7.—Sketch-map.

Enclosure No. 8.

Revised statement of area and condition

Taluk.	Number and name of block.		Total area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserve now submitted.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		Sketch-map.
	No.	Name.		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Forest.	Grass.	
1	2		3	4		5	6	7	8		9
Kallakurchi.	206	Odaiyanachi.	ACS. 558,913	ACS. 182,242	ACS. 376,671	ACS. 59,022	ACS. 19,206	ACS. 663	ACS. 531	ACS. 132	One.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 22nd March 1897, No. 1416.

Forwarded.

Memorandum No. 96.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to the communication noted on the margin and to request that the submission of the notification called for in Government Order, No. 2583, dated 2nd July 1896, may be expedited.

Board's Proceedings, No. 167, Routine, dated 25th February 1897.

Ootacamund, 1st May 1897.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
„ Forest Branch.

Resolution—Forest No. 213, dated 1st June 1897.

In the first of the Proceedings read above, the Collector of South Arcot was requested to report whether the Odaiyanachi block, the settlement of which was complete, was worth reserving if certain assessed fields and the portion of the Kuttakudi Periya eri (tank) comprised within the reserve limits were to be thrown out for the exercise of the communal privileges of the adjoining villagers. The Collector reported in reply that he had no objection to exclude the whole of the water-spread of the tank, and recommended the reservation of the remaining portion on the grounds detailed in his letter disposed of in the above Proceedings, especially on account of its proximity to the Kuttakudi reserve since finally notified under Government Order, No. 140, Revenue, dated 23rd March 1896. But, as the area of the block as revised by the Collector, fell below the prescribed minimum, the Board in the second of its Proceedings considered that the grounds adduced for its reservation were not sufficient to justify a recommendation to Government to that effect.

2. The Government, on the other hand, to whom a copy of the Proceedings was submitted, called for a taluk map in its order, Mis. No. 1547, Revenue, dated 23rd April 1896, showing the relative positions of the two reserves in view to decide whether both the blocks could be controlled as one and their conservancy secured. A map was accordingly submitted to Government with an expression of opinion that, if Government were disposed to sanction the reservation of the block, the Board had no objection to offer; and Government in its order, Mis. No. 2583, Revenue, dated 2nd July 1896, called upon the Board to submit the draft final notification of the Odaiyanachi block for approval. The Collector was accordingly requested to forward the settlement records after necessary rectification.

3. The records received with the last of the papers read above, will now be submitted to Government with the request that the draft notification, as finally revised, may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the reservation to take effect from 15th September next.

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter read above, the Board considers that the Local Fund road, as comprised in survey No. 473 of Odaiyanachi village, should, as usual, be excluded free from reservation and demarcated out as an enclosure. The necessary entry has accordingly been made in the register and notification.

5. The assessed waste fields of the Odaiyanachi village have not been thrown out of the reserve, as they are not likely to be needed for agricultural purposes. Consequently the area of the block, as now finally settled, is 663 acres or falls short of the area previously reported by only 45 acres, being the extent of the water-spread of the Kuttakudi tank ordered at settlement to be excluded.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (two original and two printed),
Forest Settlement-officer's letter, dated 6th June 1895,
in original, and a map to be returned.
„ Collector of South Arcot.
„ Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
„ Forest Settlement-officer, South Arcot, &c., districts.

Order—No. 470, Revenue, dated 17th June 1897.

Forest No. 102.

The draft notification will be published in the Fort St. George and South Arcot District Gazettes, the 15th September 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 and one enclosure.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

Endorsement No. 470A.

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 15th September 1897, the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule annexed to this notification, shall be constituted a reserved forest.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Names of villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
South Arcot.	Kallakurchi.	Odaiyanachi Kuttakudi.	206.	Odaiyanachi.	*North.*—Starting from a cairn on the south bank of Manimukta nadi (river) about five chains south south-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 248 of Odaiyanachi, the line runs south-eastwards along the said bank of the river to a cairn in it about three chains south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 45 of the same village. *East.*—Thence a straight line south-south-westwards to the boundary stone at the south-west corner of survey No. 549 of Kuttakudi village; thence a straight line to the first khandam station from the north on the west side of survey No. 66 (Periya eri); thence a straight line to the khandam station at its southernmost point; thence north-north-eastwards to the khandam station at the south-west corner of survey No. 68; thence the south sides of survey Nos. 67 and 87 to the south-east corner of the latter; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 90; thence its west side to its south-west corner (all of Kuttakudi); thence a straight line to the boundary stone at the north-west corner of survey No. 269 of Adiyur. *South.*—Thence west-north-westwards the northern limit of Adiyur village to its trijunction with Kuttakudi and Kottanur Pa of the Vriddhachalam taluk. *West.*—Thence northwards the eastern limits of the said Kottanur Pa and Kongarayapalaiyam villages to the boundary stone at the north-east corner of survey No. 1162 ofthe latter village; and thence a straight line north-north-eastwards to the starting point.

Remarks A.—The Local Fund road from Vriddhachalam to Kallakurchi as comprised in survey No. 473 of Odaiyanachi with an average width of forty-four yards is demarcated out free from reservation and retained as an enclosure. It enters the reserve in survey No. 549 (road itself) of Kuttakudi, runs north-west for about four-and-half furlongs and quits it at the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam.

B. Right of way over the undermentioned cart-track and foot-path is admitted, the former for men, cattle, and carts to a width of four yards and the latter for men and cattle to a width of four feet :—

1. *Foot-path from Odaiyanachi to Uchimedu, hamlet of Kongarayapalaiyam.*—It branches from item A about a furlong south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 1179 of Kongarayapalaiyam, runs north-north-west for about three furlongs and quits it on the east side of survey No. 1164 of the same village about two chains north of its south-east corner.

2. *Cart-track from Kuttakudi to Kottanur Pa.*—It enters the reserve at the south-east corner of survey No. 87 of Kuttakudi, runs west by south for about four-and-half furlongs and quits it at the boundary stone north-east of the north-east corner of survey No. 5 of Kottanur Pa.

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