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Submitting to Government Board's review of the work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending with 30th June 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—quarterly returns of Special Forest Settlement-officers showing the work done by them during the quarter ending 30th June 1897.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 369, dated 26th August 1897.

The Board submits to Government its review of the work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending 30th June 1897.

2. M.R.Ry. Singaravelu Pillai Avergal handed over charge of the office of the Forest Settlement-office, Trichinopoly, &c., districts, to the Treasury Deputy Collector on the 29th April, but Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz, who was appointed in his stead, was unable to assume charge of the office until the 10th May. The notification transferring the settlement of the blocks in the division to the latter officer was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 25th May 1897. In the meantime the Board directed Mr. Gompertz to arrange for a tour with M.R.Ry. Ganapayya Garu in order to enable him to gain some experience of the work. Mr. E. A. Smith was on privilege leave for one month from the 25th May.

3. The Board observes that there was no material improvement in the progress of work during the quarter under review, but although the number of blocks reported on was less, the area involved was much larger than in the preceding quarter, while the number of claims disposed of was practically the same in both quarters. The slow rate of progress is attributable to a certain extent to the change of one of the special officers (M.R.Ry. Singaravelu Pillai Avergal) and the absence of another (Mr. E. A. Smith) on leave. M.R.Ry. Ganapayya Garu experienced great difficulty in getting qualified hands for his office. Besides the work shown in the appended statements, this Forest Settlement-officer revised the papers relating to four blocks disposed of by his predecessor but returned by the Board. Mr. Lushington's outturn, as shown in the statements, was very small, and shows that he enquired into no fresh claims during the quarter. It is presumed, however, that the Forest Settlement-officer has omitted to show the work actually done by him, for it is impossible that no such enquiries were made. Mr. Lushington should report whether the Board's presumption is correct. It will be observed from Appendix C that, excepting three blocks in Kurnool, all the others in Mr. Lushington's charge are delayed for some reason beyond his control, and the Board has taken steps to have some other blocks, which are ready for disposal, transferred to him. It is noted that Mr. Gompertz enquired into fifty claims, did some perambulation work, and submitted final reports of four blocks which were settled by M.R.Ry. Singaravelu Pillai. Mr. Smith's work continued to be satisfactory. Mr. Mullins was again very active in inspecting boundaries, and Mr. Lushington's returns also show a creditable amount of work in this respect. Mr. Mullins has, of his own motion, drawn up a very clear report on the work done during the year ending with 30th June 1897. This is printed as an appendix to these Proceedings and shows that he has grasped the situation with considerable ability. The Board hopes that the outturn in the division will soon afford evidence of the zeal with which Mr. Mullins is organizing his work.

4. The number of blocks pending at the close of the quarter under review was 328 against 321 in the preceding quarter. The table on the margin shows the number of blocks pending with each Forest Settlement-officer and the causes of their pendency. The number of blocks awaiting inspection (*u*) is still large. They are under Messrs. Smith, Gompertz and Mullins. Mr. Gompertz proposes to inspect the Trichinopoly blocks (46) after finishing his work in Coimbatore and Tinnevelly; he should, at a very early date, take up the work in Trichinopoly after informing the Collector of his intended visit. The Board, as already noted, has recommended the transfer of some of Mr. Smith's work to Mr. Lushington, as the former officer is fully employed on some important reserves in Nellore.

Name of officer.	(*e*) Awaiting disposal of claims by the Forest Settlement-officer	(*i*) Awaiting submission of report by the Forest Settlement officer.	(*j*) Awaiting submission of A registers to District Forest-officers for answers.	(*u*) Awaiting inspection by the Forest Settlement-officer.	Total.
Mr. Lushington	3	..	..	..	3
,, E. A. Smith	2	..	..	34	36
M.R Ry. Ganapayya	2	..	8	..	10
Mr. Gompertz	15	1	..	48	64
,, Mullins	2	1	..	24	27
Total ..	24	2	8	106	140

5. The number of blocks pending with officers other than Forest Settlement-officers is 188, of which the District Forest-officers are responsible for 52 items (*b*), (*c*), (*h*), (*r*) and (*z*) of Appendix C. The number (16) pending under item (*f*) (awaiting receipt of information from Tahsildars) shows an increase over that in the preceding quarter; and 42 blocks (*l* and *p*) await publication of proclamation under section 6 or of the notification under section 4 in the District Gazettes. The only other items which call for notice are (*o*) and (*s*) and these relate to the Districts of Salem and Malabar. Settlement work in Salem has been temporarily suspended pending a decision on the advisability of reserving certain areas in taluks where it was alleged that reservation had been overdone. The Government has since passed orders on some reserves (*vide* Government Order, Mis. No. 4033, dated 3rd August 1897), and the Board is submitting proposals in regard to others. There should, therefore, be ample work for the Forest Settlement-officer in this district very shortly. As regards Malabar the Board has already in its Proceedings, Forest No. 188, dated 6th May 1897, intimated to the Collector that, in accordance with the Advocate-General's opinion and following the result of certain appeals, the notifications under section 4 in respect of the leased forests should be withdrawn, and has directed the Forest Settlement-officer to suspend all further proceedings unless the jenmdar is willing to withdraw the claim which he has preferred. The papers relating to the Attipadi valley blocks are reported by the Forest Settlement-officer to be pending with the Collector.

6. All Settlement-officers will again be requested to use every endeavour to push on the work as speedily as possible.

(True Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, all Collectors (except Madras).
,, all Conservators of Forests.
,, all Special Forest Settlement-officers.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

APPENDIX A.

Name of officers.	Number of days spent in travelling from camp to camp.		Distance travelled in miles.				Inspection and perambulation of boundaries, length in miles.	
			From camp to camp.		From camp to reserves.			
	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1897.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington ..	26	30	1,558	1,813	89	69	83	117
Mr. E. A. Smith	37	10	1,754	187	105	39	105	42
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya ..	35	25	1,060	684	85	144	58	51
Mr. F. V. Gompertz ..	..	10	..	329	..	116	..	48
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai	27	10	1,501	912	130	..	56	3
Mr. H. S. Mullins	14	15	287	186	283	260	126	155
Total ..	139	100	6,160	3,511	692	628	428	416

Name of officers.	Number of claims enquired into.		Number of claims disposed of.		Blocks reported on			
					Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.		Quarter ending with 30th June 1897.	
	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1897.	Quarter ending with 31st March 1897.	Quarter ending with 30th June 1897.	Number.	Area in square miles.	Number.	Area in square miles.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington ..	..	..	16	(c) 96	3	27·15	(d) 3	59·15
Mr. E. A. Smith	149	113	147	162	15	53·96	9	88·12
M.R.Ry. K. Ganapayya ..	91	86	179	139	(a) 10	19·94	(e) 11	51·93
Mr. F. V. Gompertz ..	..	50	..	..	..	..		
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai	37	3	64	47	9	12·57	4	5·44
Mr. H. S. Mullins	1	..	(b) 58	(f) 16	3	0·29	4	10·82
Total ..	278	252	464	460	40	113·91	81	215·46

(a) Includes six blocks of about 16·82 square miles cancelled during the quarter in the Salem district.
(b) According to the monthly diaries. The total number disposed of is, on the other hand, only two according to the weekly diaries.
(c) This figure is according to the weekly diaries. According to the monthly diaries it is 125.
(d) Includes one block cancelled during the quarter.
(e) Includes six blocks of 2·34 square miles cancelled during the quarter.
(f) According to the weekly diaries. The total number disposed of is 60 according to the monthly diaries.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the progress of work done by the Special Forest Settlement-officers during the quarter ending 30th June 1897.

Name of Forest Settlement-officers.	Districts.	Blocks at the beginning of the quarter.		Blocks added during the quarter.		Total.		Blocks disposed of during the quarter.		Blocks at the end of the quarter.	
		No.	Area in square miles.	No.	Area in square miles.	No.	Area in square miles.	No.	Area in square miles.	No.	Area in square miles.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington.	Ganjám ..	14	340·71	(d) 1	3·75	15	344·46	(g) 3	59·15	12	285·31
	Vizagapatam ..	11	2·00	..	..	11	2·00	..	..	11	2·00
	Gódávari ..	6	105·94	..	..	6	105·94	..	..	6	105·94
	Kurnool ..	3	116·55	..	..	3	116·55	..	..	3	116·55
	Total ..	34	565·20	1	3·75	35	568·95	3	59·15	32	509·80
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Kistna	35	91·42	..	..	35	91·42	2	8·35	33	83·07
	Nellore	14	50·50	11	11·01	25	61·51	3	3·95	22	57·56
	Bellary	13	27·00	1	2·25 + (e) 1·08	14	30·33	..	..	14	30·33
	Kurnool ..	9	(a) 151·06	1	6·82	10	157·88	3	64·67	7	93·21
	Anantapur ..	12	69·80	..	..	12	69·80	1	11·15	11	58·65
	Total ..	83	(a) 389·78	13	21·16	96	410·94	9	88·12	87	322·82
M.R.Ry. K. Ganappaya.	Cuddapah ..	14	231·43	7	31·06	21	262·49	3	47·94	18	214·55
	North Arcot ..	13	76·35	..	..	13	76·35	1	0·46	12	75·89
	Salem	12	71·45	..	..	12	71·45	..	..	12	71·45
	Chingleput ..	14	12·75	(h) 2	..	16	12·75	(f) 7	3·53	9	9·22
	South Arcot ..	..	..	7	13·21	7	13·21	..	..	7	13·21
	Total ..	53	391·98	16	44·27	69	436·25	11	51·93	58	384·32
Mr. F. V. P. Gompertz.	South Arcot ..	1	9·28	(c)—1	— 9·28	..	..	..	..	..	..
M.R.Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai. (b)	Tanjore ..	1	0·16	..	..	1	0·16	1	0·16	..	..
	Trichinopoly ..	46	81·22	..	..	46	81·22	..	..	46	81·22
	Madura ..	8	31·37	..	..	8	31·37	..	..	8	31·37
	Tinnevelly ..	8	11·57	5	0·31	13	11·88	2	3·40	11	8·48
	Coimbatore ..	16	316·24	..	..	16	316·24	1	1·88	15	314·36
	Total ..	80	449·84	5 — 1	0·31 — 9·28	84	440·87	4	5·44	80	435·43
	Malabar ..	22	375·21	..	..	22	375·21	..	..	22	375·21
	South Canara ..	49	(a) 408·06	4	9·19	53	417·25	4	10·82	49	406·43
	Total ..	71	783·27	4	9·19	75	792·46	4	10·82	71	781·64
	Grand Total ..	321	(a) 2,580·07	38	69·40	359	2,649·47	31	215·46	328	2,434·01

(a) Revised figure.
(b) The blocks standing on this officer's name were transferred to Mr. Gomperts by a notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 25th May 1897.
(c) Transferred to M.R.Ry. K. Ganappaya.
(d) Dowgam notified in 1884–85 and disposed of was restored to the file having been re-notified.
(e) Area of the block reported in the previous quarter as not known.
(f) Includes six blocks of 2·34 square miles cancelled during the quarter.
(g) Includes one block cancelled during the quarter.
(h) By rectification.

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT showing the period and causes of pendency of the several blocks pending with the Special Forest Settlement-officers on 30th June 1897.

Name of the Forest Settlement-officer.	District.	1884–85.	1885–86.	1886–87.	1887–88.	1888–89.	1889–90.	1890–91.	1891–92.	1892–93.	1893–94.	1894–95.	1895–96.	1896–97.	Total.	Remarks.
Mr. R. H. L. Lushington.	Ganjám	(b) 1 (c) 5 (d) 1 (e) 1 (f) 1	(f) 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	(c) 2	..	..	..	..	12	(a) Final report submitted subsequent to the quarter. (b) Awaiting survey of boundaries. (c) Awaiting receipt of sketch map from the District Forest-officer. (d) Awaiting disposal of appeals. (e) Awaiting disposal of claims by the Forest Settlement-officer. (f) Awaiting receipt of information called for from Tahsildars. (g) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for appeal. (h) Awaiting answers to claims from the District Forest-officer. (i) Awaiting submission of the report by the Forest Settlement-officer. (j) Awaiting submission of A Registers to District Forest-officer for answers. (k) Awaiting expiry of time prescribed for presenting claims. (l) Awaiting publication of proclamation under section 6. (m) Awaiting grant of compensation or exchange of lands. (n) Awaiting inspection by the Forest Settlement-officer. (o) Settlement suspended (p) Awaiting republication of notification under section 4. (q) Awaiting cancellation of initial notification. (r) Awaiting re-notification of the block owing to the inaccuracy of the original boundary description. (s) Pending with Collector or Revenue Department. (t) Awaiting receipt of information from the District Forest-officer.
	Vizagapatam.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(k) 11	11	
	Gódávari	:	:	:	:	:	:	(s) 1	:	:	:	:	:	:	6	
Mr. E. A. Smith.	Kurnool	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(d) 1	(s) 2	:	:	:	(e) 2 (k) 6 (l) 1 (n) 1 (q) 1 (s) 1	16	
	Kistna	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(e) 1 (k) 1 (n) 1	(n) 3	(k) 7 (l) 1 (n) 1 (q) 1 (s) 2	33	
	Nellore	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(e) 2	(k) 2 (l) 1 (n) 1 (q) 1 (s) 2	22	
	Kurnool	:	:	:	:	:	:	(m) 2	:	:	:	:	:	(k) 6 (l) 1 (n) 1 (q) 1 (s) 1	7	
	Bellary	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(m) 1 (n) 3	(l) 1 (n) 8 (p) 1	14	
	Anantapur	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(n) 2	(l) 7	11	
	Cuddapah	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(l) 7	13	
M.R.Ry. K. Ganappaya.	North Arcot.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(e) 1 (n) 1	(n) 2 (n) 2	(l) 6 (n) 1 (p) 1 (s) 4	12	
	Salem Chingleput	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(e) 1 (n) 1 (n) 1 (n) 1 (n) 1 (n) 1 (n) 1 (n) 1 (n) 1	(n) 1 (n) 9 (n) 3 (n) 1 (n) 1	(p) 6	12 9	
	South Arcot.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(s) 4	:	
Mr. F. V. P. Gomperts.	Trichinopoly.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(e) 2 (n) 1 (n) 1	(p) 6	7	
	Madura	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(n) 1	(m) 46	46	
	Tinnevelly	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	8	
	Coimbatore	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(e) 4 (n) 1 (n) 1 (n) 1	(e) 1	(e) 2 (k) 6	13	
Mr. H. S. Mullins.	Malabar	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(s) 1	:	(e) 1	(e) 1	(e) 1	11	
	South Canara.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	(e) 2 (n) 1 (n) 6 (n) 2	(n) 2 (n) 6	(e) 1 (n) 3 (n) 3 (n) 2	22	
Total ..		11	2	1	10	5	7	2	11	4	22	47	44	163	328	Total .. 328

APPENDIX.

From H. S. MULLINS, Esq., Special Forest Settlement-officer, Malabar and South Canara, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (Forests), dated Camp, Manantoddy, 4th August 1897, Perl. No. 69-F.S.

I have the honour to submit a short report on the progress and the chief points effecting the progress of Forest Settlement operations in Malabar and South Canara during the year ending 30th June 1897.

2. In July 1896 I was transferred to the West Coast Forest Settlement division, and during that month and the portion of August prior to my going on leave I took the necessary steps for collecting, from the Divisional officers in charge, the records of Forest Settlement in their offices.

3. In August I went home returning in November when I practically took charge of Forest Settlement operations in the two districts allotted to me.

4. My first visit, in December, was to the North Malabar division in which I found seven reserves remained to be disposed of, details of operations in which I give:—

(*a*) *Kannoth.*—Notified on 12th May 1885; settlement commenced by Mr. A. E. Castle-Stuart Stuart; orders passed by Mr. A. Thompson. Appeals three settled by the District Court, one in favour of the appellant-claimant reversing decision of Forest Settlement Court, the remaining two confirming the decision of the Court of first instance. The orders of Board as to final notification were passed in Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1265, dated 21st November 1892, so that all that remained for me to do was to perambulate a portion of the reserve boundary omitted in the section 4 notification and draw up the final report in accordance with the Board's Proceedings mentioned above. I did the perambulation in December 1896, and applied to the District Forest-officer for the section 16 plan on 7th December 1896. This up to the end of the year had not been received.

Note.—I am under instructions from the Collector of Malabar not to proceed with the settlement of this block pending a reference made by him to you regarding the final selection of the eastern boundary of the reserve.

(*b*) *Kannoth Extension A.*—This block was notified under section 4 on 19th June 1894, the settlement was commenced by Mr. J. K. Batten. When the records were submitted to me all orders on claims had been passed and only one reference, viz., for the recording of further evidence in an appeal suit filed in the District Court, North Malabar, by certain Kurichar claimants remained to be disposed of. This evidence was recorded by me on 19th December 1896 and the papers returned to the District Court on 9th January 1897 which reversed the decision of the Court of first instance and returned the file to me on 30th March 1897 for an award of compensation in accordance with the Court's order. I being in South Canara at the time the Court's order was received, was unable to dispose of this matter until after the close of the year.

Note.—The award has since been made and I am awaiting the section 16 plan of the reserve from the District Forest-officer.

(*c*) *Peria.*—Notified in 1884; Settlement operations commenced and orders passed by Mr. A. E. C. Stuart; appeal to District and High Courts disposed of in 1892 in favour of appellants and reversing the decision of Forest Settlement and District Courts.

No settlement work other than the drawing up of the final report remained to be done in this reserve when I took charge of operations, and I suggested to the Board, through the Collector of Malabar, that the District Forest-officer should carry out the demarcation and survey of the reserve boundary in accordance with the order of the High Court and supply me with the section 16 plan of the block. This recommendation formed the basis of a confidential report by the Collector of Malabar to you and I am under instructions from the Collector not to proceed further with the settlement of this block pending orders from you on the reference made by him.

(*d*) *Peria Extension.*—This block was notified in April 1895 and no settlement work had been done when I took over charge. I am unable to make head or tail of the reason for its notification. As far as I can gather, the land comprising this extension was originally included in the section 4 notification of Peria reserve and at any rate a portion, if not the whole, thereof was excluded during the settlement of the latter reserve by the Forest Settlement-officer at that time conducting the Forest Settlement operations in the Wynaad taluk. I have referred to the former Forest Settlement-officer, the Deputy Collector of Wynaad, the District Forest-officer, North Malabar, and the Collector of Malabar for any information as to the reason for the re-notification of lands already decided to be other than Government property, but none of these officers have been able to enlighten me. I decided, pending replies to my enquiries, not to take up the settlement of the blocks which therefore remained untouched during the year.

Note.—I propose now to visit the block with the District Forest-officer and conduct the settlement of claims in the ordinary way being guided by the orders passed on the Peria block claims in cases in which the extension claims correspond with those against the originally notified block.

(*e*) *Dindimul* was notified in July 1896, and up to the date of my assuming charge, the settlement had not been proceeded with. I ascertained and perambulated the section 4 boundary in December 1896, since which owing to private information received regarding the land within the boundaries notified being private property, the owner neither resident nor represented locally, I have postponed settlement operations pending communication with the reputed proprietor of the quondam Kambanmalai estate.

(*f*) *Padri* was notified on 28th October 1884 and the settlement was conducted by Mr. A. E. C. Stuart, the one appeal being decided by the High Court reversing the decision of the Forest Settlement and District Courts.

Note.—All settlement operations in this block were completed before 30th June even up to the drawing up of the final report, but when I visited the block in January 1897 for the purpose of completing the perambulation and gaining a personal knowledge of the localities affected by the High Court decision above mentioned in company with the District Forest-officer, that officer proposed the postponement of the submission of the final draft notification pending the receipt of orders on his recommendation to abandon the block on the ground that it was very much cut up by enclosures and that the growth in the area remaining for reservation (under half that originally notified) was not sufficiently valuable to make reservation profitable or even necessary. The block awaits orders on this recommendation.

(*g*) *Woods ock.*—Notified in June 1896; settlement untouched when I took charge. Perambulated in December 1896. No claims were received against this block which was a private estate excluded from reservation at the settlement of the Tirunelli block but subsequently purchased by the Forest Department; at the end of the year I was awaiting the receipt of the section 16 plan of the reserve.

Note.—The final report on this block has since been submitted to the Board.

5. The following table shows the actual state of progress in North Malabar on 30th June:—

(1) *Kannoth.*—Complete up to final draft notification. Hung up by order of the Collector.

(2) *Kannoth extension A.*—Awaiting disposal of appeal in the District Court, North Malabar.

(3) *Peria.*—Complete up to final draft notification. Hung up by order of Collector.

(4) *Peria extension.*—Awaiting perambulation and disposal of claims.

(5) *Dindimul.*—Complete up to final draft notification; awaiting receipt of claim from reputed owner absent from India and unrepresented.

(6) *Padri.*—Complete; awaiting final orders on recommendation of abandonment by the District Forest-officer.

(7) *Woodstock.*—Awaiting receipt of plan, section 16, from the District Forest-officer.

6. As regards South Malabar when I took charge, sixteen reserves were on my list; of these, four * have been notified under section 16 by Government during the year, whilst on the remaining twelve no progress was made during the year. I am sorry to say, owing to the state of records of this division, I am unable at present to definitely report to what stage the settlement operations have been advanced. It would appear that, prior to my taking over charge of the settlement operations, considerable laxity was displayed in keeping track of the movement of the block records, files being forwarded to other officers on requisition and no record of the transaction being made. I had intended proceeding first to South Malabar, but on my return from home in November, Mr. Hadfield, the District Forest-officer, was on short leave so I postponed my visit until his return. His leave, however, being extended and a native being put in temporary charge of the division, I thought it well to proceed to South Canara where I had plenty of work until a Forest officer should be put in charge of the division. Mr. Jackson having now been appointed, I propose during the current forest year to visit his division and endeavour to ascertain in what state the work there is and proceed with such reserves as I find are not under reference to other authorities. All settlement work had been completed before I took charge of the four reserves notified under section 16 during the year and the draft notifications only were submitted by me.

* 1. Beypore tope.
2. Thamburatti Pottai *alias* Pillacheri Pallam.
3. Dhoni *alias* Slakatampalli Paramba.
4. Palliampalli tope.

7. It would appear that the settlement operations in the Nilambur leased forests, ten in number, are, at present, suspended pending orders from the Board (Beard's Proceedings, Forest No. 188, dated 6th May 1897) which leaves only two reserves in hand.

8. These are (1) Attapadi valley, the records of which have throughout the year been, for some reason, unascertained in the Collector's office whilst in (2) Amarampalam, settlement operations were completed in the field before I took charge and the map only is, I believe, required to enable me to submit the final report. This was not forthcoming before the end of June.

9. *South Canara.*—In South Canara the progress of forest settlement has been more satisfactory, though the large number of reserves requiring perambulation by the Forest Settlement-officer has rendered it impossible for me to clear off as many from the list as I would have wished. The chief obstacles to progress have been the want of cleared lines for perambulation, indifferent demarcation and selection, the cairns being invisible the one from the other and the boundaries running up and down over very steep and often precipitous hills, the constant transfers and suspensions of the forest subordinates which removed men knowing where to look for cairns, replacing them by men whose knowledge of the boundaries was less than my own and the necessity of visiting almost every cairn owing to kumakki or "aid to cultivation", 100 yards, claims being general in Coondapoor taluk, that in which I was working.

10. Even such work as has been done, viz., the perambulation of twelve reserves meaning 252 miles of very arduous walking I have been unable to credit to the column "work disposed of" owing to its being necessary on account of the inaccuracy of the section 4 plans and the carelessness shown in the original demarcation of the rights of the cultivators. Every single reserve perambulated has consequently had to be returned to the District Forest-officer, not only for specified corrections but for resurvey.

11. The state of records when I took charge, my inability for nearly eight months to obtain office hands and the exceptional unhealthiness of the season have combined with the above causes to impede me in my work in the forest divisions in my charge.

12. I submit three forms showing the reason for delay in each division of my charge, the large number of reserves in South Canara pending with me being, except those treated of above, those requiring perambulation.

13. It will be noted that some reserves at the end of the year were all completed as regards settlement, but the submission of the final report was delayed by me, (my) reason for so delaying them was that I was doing as much as I could the whole field season to clear off the heavy arrears of perambulation keeping the mere office work on reserves until the rainy season when out-door work would be nearly impossible. The year 1897-98 will therefore gain in outturn what the year under report loses.

STATEMENT showing the stage at which each block is pending. District—Malabar (North).

Consecutive number.	Block No.	Name of reserve.	Date of notification under section 4 in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*	Stage to which advanced.	Pending.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	Kannoth forests ...	12th May 1885.	Complete up to final report.	Hung up by order of Collector.	....
2	22	Kannoth A. extension.	19th June 1894.	Awaiting disposal of appeal in the District Court.	District Court, North Malabar.	....
3	4	Peria	28th Oct. 1884.	Complete up to final draft notification.	Hung up by order of Collector.	....
4	24	Peria extension ..	2nd April 1895.	Awaiting perambulation and disposal of claims.	Forest Settlement-officer.	....
5	25	Dindimul	7th July 1896.	Complete up to final draft notification. Awaiting receipt of claim from reputed owner.	Claimant ..	....
6	2	Padri	28th Oct. 1884.	Complete. Awaiting final orders on recommendation of abandonment by District Forest-officer.	Board of Revenue.	....
7	25	Woodstock	9th July 1896.	Awaiting receipt of plan, section 16, from District Forest-officer.	District Forest-officer.	Final report since submitted in July.

STATEMENT showing the stage at which each block is pending. District—South Malabar.

Consecutive number.	Block No.	Name of reserve.	Date of notification under section 4 in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*	Stage to which advanced.	Pending with	Remarks.
1	8	Thamburatti Pottai *alias* Pillacheri Pallam.	19th June 1894.	Completed	....	....
2	24	Dhoni *alias* Pallakattampalli paramba.	Do.	Do.	....	....
3	25	Pulliampalli tope ..	Do.	Do.	....	....
4	1	Nilambur block ..	24th Jan. 1888.	Hung up by order of Board.	Revenue Board.	....
5	2	Pokote ..	Do.	Do.	Do.	....
6	3	Kanakut	Do.	Do.	Do.	....
7	4	Erambadam	Do.	Do.	Do.	....
8	5	Ambalakandi ..	Do.	Do.	Do.	....
9	6	Arambrakattamala ..	Do.	Do.	Do.	....
10	7	Mangala Sheriparamba.	Do.	Do.	Do.	....
11	8	Puttalatha and Chittarikal paramba.	Do.	Do.	Do.	....
12	9	Muriat		Do.	Do.	....
13	10	Karien	Do.			....
			Do.	Do.	Do.	....
14	11	Amarampalam ..	19th June 1888.	Complete up to final report. Awaiting map, section 16, from District Forest-officer.	District Forest-officer.	....
15	..	Attapadi valley ..	29th May 1888.	Records not received from Collector.	Collector ..	....
16	..	Beypore tope ..	17th Oct. 1893.	Completed	....	....

STATEMENT showing the stage at which each block is pending. District—South Canara.

Consecutive number.	Block No.	Name of reserve.	Date of notification under section 4 in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*	Stage to which advanced.	Pending with	Remarks.
1	3	Charmadi-Kanapadi.	24th Feb. 1886.	Awaiting receipt of section 16 plan.	District Forest-officer.	
2	24	Hulimishepare	12th Dec. 1893.	Under re-survey ..	Do.	
3	26	Menashinagudde ..	Do.	To be re-notified under section 4.	....	
4	27	Hullumurdibare ..	Do.	To be re-surveyed ..	District Forest-officer.	Re-survey completed and map sent to District Forest-officer in July.
5	29	Halakkihola	Do.	Awaiting perambulation.	Forest Settlement-officer.	
6	30	Balkattehola		Do. do.	Do.	
7	34	Vadanaberuhola ..	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
8	35	Jarkal Ane	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
9	36	Surtihola	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
10	37	Hulikuppana Ane ..	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
11	39	Mudgalpare	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
12	40	Nujina Ane	Do.	Pending disposal of one claim.	Do.	
13	41	Naganakalbare ..	Do.	Awaiting receipt of section 16 plan.	District Forest-officer.	Since submitted to Board on 17th July 1897.
14	44	Naravi	20th Nov. 1894.	To be re-surveyed ..	Do.	
15	45	Kamradihola ..	22nd May 1894.	Awaiting final report ..	Forest Settlement-officer.	Since submitted to Board on 15th July 1897.
16	46	Mettakallugudde ..	Do.	Under re-survey ..	District Forest-officer.	
				Awaiting perambulation.	Forest Settlement-officer.	

Statement showing the stage at which each block is pending. District—South Canara—*cont.*

Consecutive number.	Block No.	Name of reserve.	Date of notification under section 4 in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*	Stage to which advanced.	Pending with	Remarks.
17	47	Karkamadi	22nd May 1894.	To be re-notified under section 4.	....	
18	48	Neralmanekanu ..	Do.	Do. do.	....	
19	49	Sampekere	Do.	Do. do.	....	
20	52	Jarvattukadu ..	13th Feb. 1894.	Awaiting perambulation.	Forest Settlement-officer.	
21	53	Mathalgudde ..	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
22	58	Doddinamane ..	31st July 1894.	Do. do.	Do.	
23	59	Bakudihola	21st Aug. 1894.	Do. do.	Do.	
24	61	Haleshmeshwar ..	7th Aug 1894.	Do. do.	Do.	
25	62	Jettukattumale ..	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
26	63	Madibare	25th Sept. 1894.	To be re-surveyed ..	District Forest-officer.	
27	64	Koratikalbare ..	Do.	Do. ..	Do.	
28	65	Meganivalley ..	Do.	Awaiting perambulation.	Forest Settlement-officer.	
29	66	Kursegudde	16th Oct. 1894..	Under re-survey ..	District Forest-officer.	Re-survey completed and map sent to District Forest-officer in July.
30	67	Tombattu	9th April 1895.	Awaiting perambulation.	Forest Settlement-officer.	
31	68	Sunikodlu	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
32	69	Babimane	30th July 1895.	Do. do.	Do.	
33	71	Mavinakodlu ..	6th Aug. 1895.	Do. do.	Do.	
34	74	Someshwar	30th July 1895.	Do. do.	Do.	
35	75	New Someshwar ..	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
36	77	Baregundi	13th Aug. 1895.	Do. do.	Do.	Some portion of the boundary has been perambulated.
37	78	Baindur	5th May 1896.	Under re-survey ..	District Forest-officer.	
38	79	Mavinaguli	Do.	Do. ..	Do.	
39	80	Dottinaberu	30th June 1896.	Awaiting perambulation section 6 issued.	Forest Settlement-officer.	
40	81	Hurabe	7th July 1896.	Do. do.	Do.	
41	82	Karadka	15th Sept. 1896.	Do. do.	Do.	
42	83	Mulliar	24th Nov. 1896.	Section 6 issued	Do.	Not yet visited by Forest Settlement-officer.
43	84	Chenkramale extension.	10th Nov. 1896.	Do.	Do.	Do. do.
44	85	Savantagudde ..	5th Jan. 1897.	Under re-survey ..	District Forest-officer.	Re-survey completed and map sent to District Forest-officer in July.
45	86	Virakhamba	26th Jan. 1897.	Awaiting perambulation.	Forest Settlement-officer.	
46	87	Kodiamale	25th May 1897.	Awaiting issue of proclamation section 6 in the District Gazette.	Deputy Collector in charge of the District Press.	
47	88	Menasinakan ..	Do.	Do. do.	Do.	
48	89	Kalanjemale	15th June 1897.	Awaiting list of owners.	Tahsildar, Uppinangadi.	

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