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Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 487

Dated 24th June 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Forest.

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Forwarded with C.R.

From C. G. Douglas, Esqr.,
Dt. Forest officer,
Nilgiri Dt.

For Order

No.

Dated 2nd June 1897
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SUBJECT.

Reg. certain blocks proposed for reservation in Paranginad

H.E. remarks that the reasons given for reserving 8 small blocks in the Paranginad Beat of the Nilgiri Dist. were insufficient as it had been decided to reserve blocks containing sholas or other woodlands covering the heads of streams the banks of rivers hill slopes and it did not appear that these selections were taken with that character. Mr Douglas in answer D.O. He replies that it was not decided to reserve blocks alone. This is no doubt strictly correct but it was understood that

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the reasons for the proposed selection other than the shekaloy ones given in his memorandum. In the circumstances it is submitted that the matter had better be dealt with finally with the ordinary G.O. submitted for approval.

Forest No 103

Read again Ex. 673 11-5-96
Con No 102

F.C. No. 487 of 24th June 1897.

The Govt observe that in G.O. 1173 Rev & 17 Sept 1896 ~~was~~ were as far as they relate to the Paraupinad Division, based on the principle that the selected blocks contained Shekaloy and other wood and forming the heads of streams, riverbanks, or hillslopes. From the D.F.O's memorandum the reasons for the proposed reservation of the 8 blocks recommended in the 2nd of the papers read above, however, it does not appear that the ~~wood~~ ~~for~~ ~~which~~ ~~the~~ ~~blocks~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~based~~ ~~on~~ ~~any~~ ~~such~~ ~~principle~~ form of selection of these blocks has been based on any such principle.

2. The Board is hence unable fully to support the reasons for selecting ~~the remaining~~ these blocks, ~~from the eight~~ submitted.

I understand the principle to be that they did contain shola or other wood lands covering the head of streams &c — 1, 2, 3 & 7 are to my knowledge so and the reports

Revenue (1897) Department.

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The Hon: Mr J. Grose. C.I.E.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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RECEIVED DEPARTMENT

From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of Land Revenue

Order

The Government Concurs with the Board in its opinions expressed in para 3 of their proceedings read above. The draft notification forwarded by the Board of Revenue will accordingly be published in the Fort St George and Nilgiri district gazettes.

F. No. 102

Dated 11th March 1897

Received 12th April "

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Please see B.P.

To Govt Bd: ER with maps & enclosures.
" Supt dt: GP with notification.

Note This Current was lying over awaiting receipt of B.P 121 Forest.

SUBJECT.

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Notification.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify under the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882) that it is proposed to constitute the areas in the Nilgiri District in the schedule below "Reserved Forests" under the said Act.

District	Taluk	Village	Name of Forest.	Boundaries
Nilgiri	Paranginad	Coonoor	Black heath.	North- Nil East- Commencing from the north eastern corner of no $\frac{7}{14}$ of Coonoor village, the cart road from the Wellington to Coonoor up to where it touches a building at its south east corner near the Supply channel passing through the Reserve; thence from building to the road again; thence that road up to the north eastern corner of No $\frac{F}{21}$. South- Hence the northern side of No $\frac{F}{21}$ up to its north western corner. West- Thence a straight line to the eastern corner of No $\frac{F}{23}$; thence the eastern side of No $\frac{F}{23}$; thence a straight line across a road to the southern most corner of No $\frac{F}{25}$; thence the southern and eastern sides of No $\frac{F}{25}$; the eastern sides of No $\frac{F}{15}$ A, $\frac{F}{15}$ B & $\frac{F}{43}$ and the southern and eastern sides of $\frac{F}{14}$ to the starting point.

Remarks- This consists of a portion of No $\frac{F}{15}$ Coonoor village and measures 15-16 acres.

District	Nad	Village	Name of Forest	Boundaries
Nilgiris	Paranguad	Coonoor	Blackbridge addition	North- Commencing from the South western corner of No. E 78 at the Southern side of that field up to where it meets the northern side of No. E 56. East- Nil South. Thence the northern sides of No. E 56 and E 73 up to where the latter meets the eastern side of No. E 57. West- Thence the eastern side of E 57 up to the starting point.

Remarks:- This consists of E 78 Dg Coonoor village and measures 2-67 acres.

District	Nad	Village	Name of Forest	Boundaries
Nilgiris	Paranguad	Coonoor	Karumiana	North- Commencing from the south western corner of No. B 101 of Coonoor village the Southern side of that No. up to where it meets the western side of No. B 57. East. Thence the western and Southern sides of No. B 57 up to its most Southern corner. Thence the road from Coonoor to Kotten up to where it meets No. B 60. South. Thence the northern sides of Nos. B 60 and B 59 up to the South eastern corner of No. B 58. West- Thence the eastern side of No. B 58 up to the starting point.

Remarks- This consists of a portion of B 103 etc and measures 7.52 acres.

District	Nad	Village	Name of Forest	Boundaries
Nilgiri	Paranginad	Coonoor	Arappilai	North- Commencing from the north eastern corner of No $\frac{B}{20}$ of Coonoor village the southern and eastern sides of No $\frac{B}{19}$ & B. the southern and eastern sides of the Chucklers village ($\frac{B}{79}$ to $\frac{B}{99}$) up to its north eastern corner; thence a straight line in a northerly direction up to the road from Ootacamund to Coonoor. thence that road up to its second bend. East- Hence the road up to the northern most corner of No $\frac{B}{47}$. South- Hence the western side of No $\frac{B}{47}$, the eastern and northern sides of No $\frac{B}{45}$, the northern side of No $\frac{B}{43}$ & B, up to where it meets the eastern side of No $\frac{B}{20}$. West- The eastern side of No $\frac{B}{20}$ up to the starting point.

Remarks- This consists of a portion of No $\frac{B}{46}$ of Coonoor village and incl. 11.74 acres.

District	Nad	village	Name of Forest	Boundaries
Nilgiri.	Paranginad.	Coonoor	Ottupattadai	North- Commencing from the South western corner of No $\frac{A}{46}$ & B, the South side of that No and the Southern side of No 57 up to the north western corner of No $\frac{A}{62}$. East- Hence the western side of No $\frac{A}{62}$ up to where it meets the old flat road from

from Cotacamund to Coonoor 4

South and west - Thence that road up to the starting point.

Remarks:- This consists of No A/118 of Coonoor village and measures 4.38 acres.

District	Nad	village	Name of forest	Boundaries
Nilgiris 11	Paranguad 1	Coonoor 6	Sampangi. 5	North. Commencing from a point one chain and ten links east of the South western corner of No A/113, the Southern side of that field up to its South eastern corner; then a straight line due east across to the river.

East - Thence the western bank of the river up to a point due east 65 links distant from the northern corner of A/46 A.B.

South - Thence a line to that corner and the northern side of A/46 A.B up to the road to Coonoor; then that road up to the South East corner of No A/45; then the eastern, northern and western sides of No A/45 and a straight line in continuation of the last side to the road again.

West - Thence the road up to the starting point.

Remarks. This consists of Nos C/108 A. C/121 part B/117 part and measures 8 acres.

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District	Nad	Village	Name of Forest	Boundaries
Nilgiris	Paranginad	Coonoor	Kateheri Reserve	North. Commencing from the Southwest corner of No $\frac{B}{68}$, the Southern and Eastern Side of that No: and the eastern Side of No $\frac{A}{102}$ up to the old ghat road; then that road up to where it leaves the Reserve on its eastern side.

East. Thence the western Side of &c up to the north eastern corner of No $\frac{B}{70}$ C

South. Thence the northern Side of Nos $\frac{B}{70}$ C and $\frac{B}{70}$, the eastern, northern and western Sides of No. $\frac{B}{69}$ A, the northern Side of No $\frac{B}{70}$ again up to its north west corner.

West. Thence the eastern Side of No. $\frac{B}{67}$ up to the starting point.

Remarks:— This consists of a portion of Settlement No $\frac{B}{69}$ of Coonoor village and measures 5. 15 acres.

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District	Naad	Village	Name of Forest	Boundaries
Nilgiris	Paranginad	Vubathalai	Bikkemara	North- Commencing from the Southern Corner of No 403 of Vubathalai village, the Southern side of that No, the Southern and Eastern Sides of No 404, the Southern side of No 410 up to and the western side of No 410, and the Southern side of No 410 again up to the Coonoor Settlement boundary. East- Thence that boundary up to the northern Corner of 419/A and the northern side of 419/A up to the next demarcation Stone. South- Thence the northern side of the same No (418) and the northern side of No 402/A to D up to the starting point.

Remarks:- This Consists of No. 418, 423, 427 and 424 of Vubathalai village and measures 21.11 acres.

District	Naad	village	Name of Forest	Boundaries
Nilgiris	Paranginad	Vubathalai	Neggilhada	North- Commencing from a point on the Southern side of No 386 A.B. situated in a straight line northwest 2 chains and 70 links distant from the northern corner of No 384 A, the Southern side of No 386 A up to its South eastern corner

Hence a straight line in a north easterly direction across to the western corner of No 381.

East - Hence the Southern side of No. 381 and the western sides of No. 380 and 402 A to D up to the South west corner of the last No.

South - Hence the northern side of Coonoor-Kateri road (No. $\frac{401}{E}$) up to the eastern corner of No $\frac{383}{E}$ (a portion of the above road).

West - Hence a straight line in a north westerly direction up to the western point of No 426, and then a line to the north eastern corner of No. 384 A, then the eastern side of No. 384 A up to its northern corner and a straight line across to the starting point.

Remarks:- This consists of Nos. 425, 426 and 383 A part and measures 17.36 acres.

2. His Excellency in Council is further pleased under clause (c) of the said Section 4 to appoint the Head Assistant Collector, Nilgiris, to be the Forest Settlement officer who shall enquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any right claimed by or alleged to exist in favor of any person in or over the lands comprised within such limits or to any forest produce of such lands and deal with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest officer, Nilgiris, for the time being to be the Forest officer to attend on behalf of Government during the enquiry.

3. His Excellency in Council is further pleased under the authority vested in him by Section 14 of the said Act to appoint

appoint the Collector of Nilgris to be the Officers of the Revenue Department who shall hear appeals from orders of the Forest Settlement officers passed under Sections 11, 12 and 13 of the said Act.

C/ Thomas
For Collector

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, Forest No. 102, 11th March 1897.

MARCH.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from J. H. A. TREMENHEERE, Esq., Acting Collector of Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, Coimbatore), dated Ootacamund, 22nd December 1896, Cur. No. 67-B. :—

I have the honour to submit herewith a draft notification under section 4 of the Forest Act in respect of the selections in Coonoor and Vubathalai villages in Paranginad division, together with the usual enclosures. A memorandum showing the reasons for reservation in each case is appended and in the circumstances mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 of this office letter, dated 27th April 1896, Cur. No. 158-B, it is better to bring all these small reserves under sections 4 and 16 of the Forest Act.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Name of block.	Date of selection by the District Forest-officer.	Date of perambulation by the Range officer.	Date of completion of preliminary demarcation by the Range officer.
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2. Black bridge addition	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do.
3. Karimara	17th February 1896 ..	September 1896 ..	29th September 1896.
4. Arappilai	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do.
5. Ottupattadai	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do.
6. Sampangi	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do.
7. Katcheri	Do. ..	11th October 1896 ..	18th October 1896.
8. Bikkemara	Do. ..	9th September 1896 ..	19th September 1896.
9. Neggilhada	Do. ..	Do. ..	Do.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Certificate.

Certificate to accompany the draft notification under section 4 of nine blocks in Coonoor and Vubathalai villages.

Certified that the blocks as per list in the Paranginad division, Nilgiri district, were selected after personal inspection by the District Forest-officer on the dates mentioned against each, boundaries perambulated by Mr. Douglas on the same dates and by Mr. A. B. Myers, Forest Range officer, Coonoor, on the dates mentioned opposite each, and preliminarily demarcated by Mr. A. B. Myers on the dates specified, and that the blocks have not since been inspected or the demarcation checked by the District Forest-officer.

(Signed) C. G. DOUGLAS,
District Forest-officer, Nilgiris.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

AREA statement to accompany the draft notification of the within-mentioned reserves under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882).

Nad.	Name of reserve.	Total area of the Nad.	Extent of Government lands in the Nad.		Area of reserves.			Character of land proposed for reservation.		Sketch-map.
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ENCLOSURES Nos. 7 TO 15.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 5th January 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 2403.

Forwarded. In this connection I would bring to the notice of the Board my remarks upon the matter of selection and settlement in my Inspection note on the Nilgiris forwarded through the Collector on the 12th November under cover of this office No. 1787.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 102, dated 11th March 1897.

With the letter read above, the Collector of Nilgiris submits draft notifications under section 4 in respect of the marginally-noted nine blocks in the Paranginad division with a memorandum from the District Forest-officer showing reasons for reservation in each case. Of these blocks, seven are situated in the Coonoor village and two in Vubuthalai. Four of them (4, 6, 8 and 9) are reported to contain sholas, two (2 and 5) were registered as reserved forests at the time of Revenue Settlement, the rest with the exception of No. 7 contain good forest.

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2. In forwarding these proposals, the Conservator refers to his remarks in the recent Inspection notes embodied in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 121, dated 20th March 1897, on the subject of selection and settlement. It would appear that the Conservator doubts very much the propriety of reserving these small sholas from a financial point of view, and the Collector in his marginal notes, while admitting the force of the Conservator's remarks, urges that the discretion of retaining these small areas may be left to the Forest Settlement-officer, who may consult the District Forest-officer in the matter, and that in cases of any serious difference of opinion the matter may be referred to the Collector for decision.

3. With reference to the above, the Board considers that, as the selection of these reserves has been for a long time under consideration, it is not desirable further to delay the initial notification, but in deference to Mr. Hooper's remarks in paragraph 15 of the Inspection report above referred to, the Board is of opinion that if the Forest Settlement-officer sees reason to believe that the restrictions attendant upon reservation cannot in any case be fairly enforced on the rural population adjoining the blocks, he may make a representation to that effect to the Collector or the District Forest-officer, and the propriety of proceeding with the reservation may then be taken into consideration. It does not seem necessary to re-consider the question of reservation on the further ground of expense referred to by Mr. Hooper in the same paragraph; but, as pointed out by him in paragraph 26 of his report referred to above, subsequent expenditure on account of protection must be on a very trifling scale in the case of the small reserves.

4. It is also noted that, though all the blocks now proposed for reservation are of small extent, their reservation has been approved by Government in its order, No. 473, Revenue, dated 17th September 1896.

5. In these circumstances, the Board has no objection to recommend the reservation of all the blocks with the exception of No. 7, and accordingly submits the draft notifications in respect of them for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

6. As regards block No. 7, it is noted that it adjoins the taluk office at Coonoor, and, though recommended by the District Forest-officer for reservation in the interests of the public, the Board considers that the reservation of so small an area of forest land near a taluk office would necessarily become a source of great inconvenience to people who frequent the said office on business. Moreover, it appears that Government fuel in the Nilgiri district is not much in demand (*vide* Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 824, dated 7th December 1893, and Forest Mis. No. 545, dated 20th April 1894), and this ground cannot be put forward in support of the proposed reservation. It is observed that the block is reported to be a village forest, and as the special report regarding proposals for reservation, as pasture reserves, of the village grazing grounds containing tree growth worthy of protection is still due from the Collector (*vide* paragraph 6 of Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 348, dated 3rd August 1896), the Collector is at liberty to include the block in question in these proposals, if he is still prepared to advocate its reservation.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (one original and two printed)
and nine maps and a memorandum showing reasons
for reservation and a statement to be returned.
" Collector of Nilgiris.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Ed. P. Seetharam.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2876

From

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

My dear Douglas

The Bd in their Proc Forest No 102 d 11 Mar 1897 have submitted draft notifications under Sec 4 of Act for 8 small blocks in the Paraupmad div. From memorandum giving the reasons for the proposed reservation forms an appendix to Tremenheere's letter Cir No 69 B dated 22nd Dec 1896 to the Bd. The reasons therein given are insufficient for upholding from para 5 of Rees letter printed on page 2 of G.O. No 473 Rev dt 17th Sept 1896 & para 6 of the B Proc page 4 of same G.O. the principle accepted by Govt was that isolated blocks which contain Sholas & other wood lands

FOR ORDERS.

The heads of Cheanes, the bank, of rivers & hill slopes were alone to be reserved. From [illegible] memorandum it does not appear that the blocks now in question are of the character alluded to. I am to call upon them to report more fully on this point. D.O. Three Trenchmen

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Government (1897) of Madras.

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G.O., No. 487, 24th June 1897.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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2. In forwarding these proposals, the Conservator refers to his remarks in the recent Inspection notes embodied in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 121, dated 20th March 1897, on the subject of selection and settlement. It would appear that the Conservator doubts very much the propriety of reserving these small sholas from a financial point of view, and the Collector in his marginal notes, while admitting the force of the Conservator's remarks, urges that the discretion of retaining these small areas may be left to the Forest Settlement-officer, who may consult the District Forest-officer in the matter, and that in cases of any serious difference of opinion the matter may be referred to the Collector for decision.

3. With reference to the above, the Board considers that, as the selection of these reserves has been for a long time under consideration, it is not desirable further to delay the initial notification, but in deference to Mr. Hooper's remarks in paragraph 15 of the Inspection report above referred to, the Board is of opinion that if the Forest Settlement-officer sees reason to believe that the restrictions attendant upon reservation cannot in any case be fairly enforced on the rural population adjoining the blocks, he may make a representation to that effect to the Collector or the District Forest-officer, and the propriety of proceeding with the reservation may then be taken into consideration. It does not seem necessary to re-consider the question of reservation on the further ground of expense referred to by Mr. Hooper in the same paragraph; but, as pointed out by him in paragraph 26 of his report referred to above, subsequent expenditure on account of protection must be on a very trifling scale in the case of the small reserves.

4. It is also noted that, though all the blocks now proposed for reservation are of small extent, their reservation has been approved by Government in its order, No. 473, Revenue, dated 17th September 1896.

5. In these circumstances, the Board has no objection to recommend the reservation of all the blocks with the exception of No. 7, and accordingly submits the draft notifications in respect of them for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

6. As regards block No. 7, it is noted that it adjoins the taluk office at Coonoor, and, though recommended by the District Forest-officer for reservation in the interests of the public, the Board considers that the reservation of so small an area of forest land near a taluk office would necessarily become a source of great inconvenience to people who frequent the said office on business. Moreover, it appears that Government fuel in the Nilgiri district is not much in demand (*vide* Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 824, dated 7th December 1893, and Forest Mis. No. 545, dated 20th April 1894), and this ground cannot be put forward in support of the proposed reservation. It is observed that the block is reported to be a village forest, and as the special report regarding proposals for reservation, as pasture reserves, of the village grazing grounds containing tree growth worthy of protection is still due from the Collector (*vide* paragraph 6 of Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 348, dated 3rd August 1896), the Collector is at liberty to include the block in question in these proposals, if he is still prepared to advocate its reservation.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (one original and two printed)
and nine maps and a memorandum showing reasons
for reservation and a statement to be returned.
" Collector of Nilgiris.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Order—No. 487, Revenue, dated 24th June 1897.

Forest No. 103.

The Government observes that the Collector's proposals as to small reserves which were accepted in G.O., No. 473, Revenue, dated 17th September 1896, were, as far as they related to the Paranginad Division, based on the principle that the selected blocks contained sholas or other woodlands covering the heads of streams, river banks and hill slopes. From the District Forest-officer's memorandum of reasons for the proposed reservation of the eight blocks recommended in the second of the papers read above, however, it does not appear that the selection of four of these blocks, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 has been based on any such principle.

2. The Board is therefore requested to report fully the reasons for selecting these blocks.

3. The reservation of blocks Nos. 4, 6, 8 and 9 is sanctioned and the draft notifications with respect to these blocks will be published in the Fort St. George and Nilgiri District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) with maps, &c.
" the Superintendent, Government Press, with four notifications.

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify, under the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that it is proposed to constitute the areas in the Nilgiri district specified in the schedule below "reserved forests" under the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Nad.	Village.	Name of forest.	Boundaries.
The Nilgiris.	Paranginad ..	Coonoor ..	Arappilai ..	*North.*—Commencing from the north-eastern corner of No. 20-B of Coonoor village, the southern and eastern sides of No. 19-B A B, the southern and eastern sides of the Chuckler's village (Nos. 79-B to 99-B) up to its north-eastern corner; thence a straight line in a northerly direction up to the road from Ootacamund to Coonoor; thence that road up to its second bend. *East.*—Thence the road up to the northernmost corner of No. 47-B. *South.*—Thence the western side of No. 47-B, the eastern and northern sides of No. 45-B, the northern side of No. 43-B A B, up to where it meets the eastern side of No. 20-B. *West.*—The eastern side of No. 20-B up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of a portion of No. 46-B of Coonoor village.
Do.	Paranginad ..	Coonoor ..	Sampangi ..	*North.*—Commencing from a point one chain and ten links east of the south-western corner of No. 113-A, the southern side of that field up to its south-eastern corner; then a straight line due east across to the river. *East.*—Thence the western bank of the river up to a point sixty-five links due east of the north-eastern corner of 46-A A B. *South.*—Thence a line to that corner and the northern side of No. 46-A A B up to the road to Coonoor; then that road up to the south-east corner of No. 45-A; then the eastern, northern and western sides of No. 45-A and a straight line in continuation of the last side to the road again. *West.*—Thence the road up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of Nos. 108-A A, 121-A part, 117-B part.
Do.	Paranginad.	Vubathalai.	Bikkemara ..	*North.*—Commencing from the southern corner of No. 403 of Vubathalai village, the southern side of that number, the southern and eastern sides of No. 404, the southern side of No. 410 and the western side of No. 410-1, and the southern side of No. 410 again up to the Coonoor village settlement boundary. *East.*—Thence that boundary up to the northern corner of No. 419-A; then the northern side of No. 419-A up to the next demarcation stone. *South.*—Thence the northern side of the same No. 419-A and the northern side of No. 402-A to D up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of Nos. 418, 423, 427 and 424 of Vubathalai village.
Do.	Paranginad.	Vubathalai.	Neggilhada.	*North.*—Commencing from a point on the southern side of No. 386-A B situated two chains and 70 links north-west of the northern corner of No. 384-A, the southern side of No. 386-A B up to its south-eastern corner; thence a straight line in a north-easterly direction across to the western corner of No. 381.

	East.—Thence the southern side of No. 381 and the western sides of Nos. 380 and 402-A to D up to the south-west corner of the last number. *South.*—Thence the northern side of Coonoor-Kateri road (No. 401-E) up to the eastern corner of No. 383-E (a portion of the above road). *West.*—Thence a straight line in a north-westerly direction up to the westernmost point of No. 426, and then a line to the north-eastern corner of No. 384-A, then the northern side of No. 384-A up to its northernmost corner and then a straight line across to the starting point. Remarks.—This consists of Nos. 425, 426 and 383-A part.

2. His Excellency in Council is further pleased under clause (*c*) of the said section 4, to appoint the Head Assistant Collector, Nilgiris, to be the Forest Settlement-officer, who shall inquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any right claimed by, or alleged to exist in favour of, any person in or over the lands comprised within such limits, or to any forest produce of such lands, and deal with the same as provided in chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest-officer, Nilgiris, for the time being, to be the Forest officer to attend on behalf of Government during the inquiry.

3. His Excellency in Council is further pleased, under the authority vested in him by section 14 of the said Act, to appoint the Collector of the Nilgiris to be the officer of the Revenue Department, who shall hear appeals from order of the Forest Settlement-officer passed under sections 11, 12 and 13 of the said Act.

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The Govt. simply accepted the Collectors proposals as supported by the Board.

I can't find in all this anything restricting me to any special class of forest. The orders were passed after, not before, the selections were made and are simply expressive of general approval.

But there is a safeguard provided by the Collector, in his Comment on para 15 of Mr Hooper's last Inspection note on The Nilgiris B.P. dated 20th March '97 F. No 121 L.R. whereby any proposal of doubtful Benefit may

Forwarded these with remarks and
M. Tremenheere 3.6.97
H.C. 3.6.97

Nilgiri Collector's Office,
"FOREST BRANCH,"
D.O. Dated 2nd June 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
15 JUN 97

My dear Mr Stokes,

I reply to your D.O. of the 28th ult to through the Collector as desired.

With respect to the 8 Reserves in Paranguad, proposed under Section 15 of the Act in B.P. F. No 102 dated 11th March 1897, my reasons for which are considered insufficient on the ground that the principle accepted by the Board and Govt was that isolated blocks which contain sholas and other woodlands covering the heads of streams, the banks of rivers and hill slopes, were alone to be reserved, and calling on me to report more fully on

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the point, I would suggest that if Govt. is not satisfied with the remarks I have now to offer, the matter should lie over until I can again inspect and report more fully on these 8 blocks.

But I submit that a principle so restrictive as that isolated blocks of the nature above described should alone be reserved, has never been enunciated by Mr. Rees nor accepted by the Board and Govt.

In the 5th para of his letter to the Board, B.P. F. No 348 dated 3d August 1896, Mr. Rees has said I was guided by the principle of protecting all such woodlands not that I had refrained from selecting any others.

I know that the letter could not have been intended to bear any other meaning.

The Conservator in his forwarding endorsement was, perhaps not quite correct in saying that the selections were "restricted" to Sholas, but he referred only to "very small areas."

In the 4th para of its Resolution the Board observed that the Paranguadi selections "are reported to consist mainly of "small scattered sholas and wood-lands "which mostly cover the heads of "streams, but their preservation is "considered expedient on aesthetic "as well as on climatic grounds"

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may be reconsidered by the Forest Settlement Officer and if he and the District Forest officer cannot agree, the matter can be laid before the Collector for decision, or, if he thinks necessary, referred to the Board.

I may at once say that, if the Govt. desires to impose the restriction which forms the subject of this letter, the Paranginadu selections ought to be carefully done all over again on that principle.

Yours Sincerely
C. D. Mayhew

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