

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 728

DATED 27th August 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act, for the proposed constitution of the Mekapa block, in the Vinnakonda Taluk, as a —, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Kistna &c. Gazette.

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CURRENT No. 6940



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Order No. 728 of 27th Aug. 1897.

From The Secretary to the Commissioner of Land Revenue, Board of Revenue

The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St George and Kishna B. gazettes.

No. 295

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SUBJECT.

Sinking draft sketch for the Constitution of the Mehapad block. Kishna B. as a reserved forest.

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Patnam, August 27, 1897.

-DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify, under the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1862), that it is proposed to constitute the areas, the boundaries of which are described in the schedule below, "reserved forest," under the provisions of the said Act:—

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Situation and Boundaries.
Kistna..	Vinukonda..	176 ..	Mekapad ..	SITUATION—About three and-a-half miles south of Pamidipadu village.

BOUNDARIES—North.—From the trijunction stone between Dekanakonda hill (unsurveyed) and Pamidipadu and Putsanutala villages along the eastern boundary of Pamidipadu village to the south-west corner of survey No. 469; then another nearly in the same direction to the south-west corner of survey No. 473; then along the south sides of survey Nos. 473 and 472, the south and east sides of survey No. 470, the east side of survey No. 468, the south side of survey No. 407, the west side of survey No. 338, the west and south sides of survey No. 330 to its south-east corner; then a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 323, the south sides of survey Nos. 323, 324 and 320 to the south-east corner of the last field.

East.—Thence the south sides of survey Nos. 318 and 317, the west side of survey No. 315, the south-west side of survey No. 312, the south side of survey No. 311, the west sides of survey Nos. 310 and 317 and the north sides of survey Nos. 538 and 539 to the north-west corner of the latter field; then a straight line southwards to the south-west corner of survey No. 532.

South.—Then a straight line west-north-westwards to the north-east corner of survey No. 556; then the north side of that field to its north-west corner; then a straight line in the same direction for 2,275 links to a stone on the surveyed village boundary of Putsanutala; then another straight line west-north-west for 6,750 links to another survey stone on that boundary, 2,050 links west of the south-east corner of survey No. 509; then along that boundary to that corner; then a straight line north-north-east to the south-east corner of survey No. 510; then the east, north and west sides of that field to the north-east corner of survey No. 509; then the north and west sides of that field to the north-east corner of survey No. 508; then a straight line north-west to the south-east corner of survey No. 496.

West.—Then another nearly north-east to the south-east corner of survey No. 498; then along the east and north sides of that number to its north-west corner; then a straight line north-west to the north-west corner of survey No. 494, a point on the west surveyed boundary of Putsanutala, then along that boundary to the starting point.

Note.—All survey numbers herein referred to belong to Putsanutala village.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased to appoint Mr. E. A. Smita 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 favour of, any person in or over the land comprised within the limits given in the above schedule or to any forest produce of such land, and to deal with the same as provided in chapter II of the said Forest Act.

3. He is further pleased to appoint the District Forest-officer of Kistna to be the Forest-officer who shall attend on behalf of Government at the enquiry made by the above mentioned Forest Settlement-officer.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased, under the authority vested in him by section 14 of the said Act, to appoint the Collector of Kistna to hear appeals from any orders passed by the Forest Settlement-officer under sections 11, 12 and 13 of the said Act.

(Signed) T. M. NALLASAMI,
for District Forest-officer.

Secretary.

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His Excellency the Governor of Fort Saint George District, is pleased to
 not to provide the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (No. 10 of 1882)
 that will be proposed to constitute the areas, the boundaries of which
 are described in the schedule hereto reserved forest under the
 provisions of the said Act.

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between Dekanokanda hill (unsurveyed) and Panidipad and Putanubala
 villages along the eastern boundary of Panidipadu Village to
 the South-west corner of Survey No 434 of Putanubala; then a straight
 line South east. to the South east corner of Survey No 459, then another
 nearly in the same direction to the South west corner of Survey No 473
 then along the South sides of Survey Nos 473 & 482, the South and
 east sides of Survey No 470, the east side of Survey No 468, the
 South side of Survey No 407, the West side of Survey No 338, the
 West and South sides of Survey No 330 to its South east corner;
 then a straight line to the South west corner of Survey No 328, the
 South side of Survey Nos 328 & 320 to the South east corner
 East. Then the South sides of Survey Nos 318 & 317, the West side
 of Survey No 315, the South west side of Survey No 312, the South
 side of Survey No 311, the West sides of Survey Nos 310 and 517
 and the North sides of Survey Nos 538 & 539 to the North west
 corner of the latter field; then a straight line southward to the
 South west corner of Survey No 532
 South. Then a straight line West north westward to the North
 east corner of Survey No 556, then the North side of the

6 to north west corner, then a straight line in the same direction for 2275 links to a stone on the surveyed village boundary of Purbambala, then another straight line west north west for 6750 links to another survey stone on that boundary, 2050 links west of the south east corner of survey No 509, then along that boundary to that west corner. Then a straight line north north east to the south east corner of survey No 510, then the east, north and west sides of that field to the north east corner of survey No 509, then the north side of that field to its north west corner, then a straight line north west to the south east corner of survey No 496, then another nearly north east to the south east corner of survey No 498, then along the east and north sides of that number to its north west corner; then a straight line north west to the north west corner of survey No 494, a point on the west surveyed boundary of Purbambala, then along that boundary to the starting point.
Note. All survey numbers herein referred to belong to Purbambala Village.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased to appoint 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 land comprised within the limits given in the above schedule or to any forest produce of such land and to deal with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Forest Act.

3. He is further pleased to appoint the District Forest officer to be the Forest officer who shall attend in

Forest Settlement officer.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased under the authority vested in him by section 14 of the said Act, to appoint the Collector of Keithna to hear appeals from any orders passed by the Forest Settlement officer under sections 11, 12 and 13 of the said Act.

M. K. K. K. K.
For District Forest officer
6.6.92

Ayakat abstract

Antapal Reserve Urukunda Taluk.

Name of village.	Area.	Area of poramboke (village-sites, roads, tanks &c)	Area under cultivation.	Area included in sanctioned reserved forests.	Area now proposed for reservation.		Balance of waste.		
					Assessed.	Unassessed	Assessed.	Unassessed.	Total.
Pichamatala	10269	1890	3043	1526	32	1248	1403	839	2242
Murumay	-	-	-	-	-	74	-	-	-

KISTNA COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
FOREST BRANCH
Dated 5.6.97.

M. S. S. S.
For District Forest Officer.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed August th.

Proceedings, Forest No. 295, 21st July 1897.

JULY.

Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notification under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act for the proposed constitution of the Meka-pad block, in the Vinukonda taluk, Kistna district, as a reserved forest.

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Approved

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

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Read—letter from the Collector of Kistna, dated 30th May 1896, C. No. 4413-For.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding herewith draft notification under section 4 for the reservation of Mekapad block in Vinukonda taluk.

Read—telegram from the District Forest officer, Kistna, dated 12th June 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Board to defer orders on the papers relating to the reservation of the Mekapad block.

Read—the following letter from J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated Masulipatam, 17th June 1896, C. No. 4413-Forest:—

I have the honour to inform you that the District Forest officer has this day (12th) despatched to your address the telegram given in the margin.

State—Deferred.—To Madras. Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Chepāk. Please defer orders on letter forwarding draft notification, Mekapad reserve, despatched about 1st instant. Letter follows.

2. When visiting the Pamidipad and Mekapad reserves in the Vinukonda taluk, the District Forest officer discovered that there was about 300 acres of Pamidipad and 500 acres of Putsanutala in the unsurveyed portion of the village and found that these were hills lying to the south of Pamidipad.

3. He presumed that the whole of this could be included in the Pamidipad reserve, but, on further enquiry, finds that there is a gap between the areas belonging to the two villages which belongs to Devaram zemindari.

4. The Putsanutala hills should therefore be joined to the Mekapad reserve.

5. I think it hardly worth while making an extension before the original reserve is even notified under section 4 and have the honour to ask therefore that the papers may be returned and the alteration made before sending on to the Government.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 2nd July 1896, R. C. No. 4.
Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 374-R., dated 10th July 1896.

The papers relating to the Mekapad reserve, received with the first of the letters read above, will be returned to the Collector as now requested by him.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Kistna, with letter and four enclosures in F.R., No. 2143, returned.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

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I have the honour to submit, herewith, the papers relating to the reservation of Mekapad reserve in Vinukonda taluk, returned with the Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 374, Routine, dated 10th July 1896, and to state that the covering report and the draft notifications originally sent have been slightly modified, and are therefore detained here. The covering report and notifications are substituted.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 5.—Certificate, &c.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 5th October 1896, R. C. No. 688.

Forwarded.

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It is observed that the draft boundary description drawn up by the District Forest officer is inaccurate even the east and west sides being in some places mistaken for one another. Moreover, the straight line from the north-west corner of survey No. 556 to the north-west corner of survey No. 563 in the east boundary description cannot be verified from the Putsanutala village map. This portion of the sketch-map is presumably wrong. Certain pencil corrections have been made in the draft notification. The Collector is requested to verify them and make the notification and map more accurate.

2. Though only slight modifications are reported to have been made in the notification sent up in the 1st instance, it is noted from the area statement that 490 acres have been added to the original selection. The portion now added should, if possible, be shown on the map for the Board's information.

3. The map should also indicate the village and field boundaries clearly so as to facilitate verification and so as to correspond with the village map.

4. BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), FOREST No. 295, 21st JULY 1897.

4. The Board requests that the papers may be duly revised and retransmitted so as to be ready for submission to Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1481, dated 13th November 1896, I have the honour to forward herewith a fresh plan of Mekapad reserve.

2. Since sending the original plan, the Devaram zemindar (of Nellore) presented a petition stating that a decree had been issued in his favour in the District Court of Nellore which conceded to him a large portion of the unsurveyed area still shown in the Adangals of Putsanutala village.

3. He was thereupon called upon to produce a copy of the decree and of the plan which accompanied it.

4. This he has just done ; hence the delay in replying to the Board of Revenue. It is found that he is correct ; the new line is shown in the new plan.

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6. The boundary description now submitted takes the southern boundary in accordance with this decree and the copy of the judgment and plan that accompanied it will be handed over to the Forest Settlement officer for the forest settlement.

7. The area of the reserve too is reduced from 2,285 to 1,642 acres and an amended statement of area and condition is therefore also forwarded.

8. The straight line from the north-west corner of survey No. 563 does not now come in the boundary description. n. o. 566 to that of 556

9. The details called for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Board's Proceedings, above quoted have now been shown.

10. The ayakat abstract ordered in Board's Proceedings Forest No. 459, dated 2nd October 1896, is also sent.

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STATEMENT of area and condition.

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RESOLUTION—Forest No. 295, dated 21st July 1897.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

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" Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.
" Forest Settlement officer, Kistna &c., districts.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan.

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" Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.
" Forest Settlement-officer, Kistna, &c., Districts.

ORDER—No. 728, Revenue, dated 27th August 1897.

Forest No. 157.

The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and Kistna District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with map.
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SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Situation and Boundaries.
Kistna..	Vinukonda ..	175 ..	Mekapad ..	SITUATION—About three and-a-half miles south of Pamidipadu village. BOUNDARIES—<i>North</i>.—From the trijunction stone between Dekanakonda hill (unsurveyed) and Pamidipadu and Putsanutala villages along the eastern boundary of Pamidipadu village to the south-west corner of survey No. 434 of Putsanutala; then a straight line south-east to the south-west corner of survey No. 459; then another nearly in the same direction to the south-west corner of survey No. 473; then along the south sides of survey Nos. 473 and 472, the south and east sides of survey No. 470, the east side of survey No. 468, the south side of survey No. 407, the west side of survey No. 338, the west and south sides of survey No. 330 to its south-east corner; then a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 323, the south sides of survey Nos. 323, 324 and 320 to the south-east corner of the last field. <i>East</i>.—Thence the south sides of survey Nos. 318 and 317, the west side of survey No. 315, the south-west side of survey No. 312, the south side of survey No. 311, the west sides of survey Nos. 310 and 317 and the north sides of survey Nos. 538 and 539 to the north-west corner of the latter field; then a straight line southwards to the south-west corner of survey No. 532. <i>South</i>.—Then a straight line west-north-westwards to the north-east corner of survey No. 556; then the north side of that field to its north-west corner; then a straight line in the same direction for 2,275 links to a stone on the surveyed village boundary of Putsanutala; then another straight line west-north-west for 6,750 links to another survey stone on that boundary, 2,050 links west of the south-east corner of survey No. 509; then along that boundary to that corner; then a straight line north-north-east to the south-east corner of survey No. 510; then the east, north and west sides of that field to the north-east corner of survey No. 509; then the north and west sides of that field to the north-east corner of survey No. 508; then a straight line north-west to the south-east corner of survey No. 496. <i>West</i>.—Then another nearly north-east to the south-east corner of survey No. 498; then along the east and north sides of that number to its north-west corner; then a straight line north-west to the north-west corner of survey No. 494, a point on the west surveyed boundary of Putsanutala, then along that boundary to the starting point. <i>Note</i>.—All survey numbers herein referred to belong to Putsanutala village.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased to appoint Mr. E. A. Smith 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 favour of, any person in or over the land comprised within the limits given in the above schedule or to any forest produce of such land, and to deal with the same as provided in chapter II of the said Forest Act.

3. He is further pleased to appoint the District Forest-officer of Kistna to be the Forest-officer who shall attend on behalf of Government at the enquiry made by the above mentioned Forest Settlement-officer.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased, under the authority vested in him by section 14 of the said Act, to appoint the Collector of Kistna to hear appeals from any orders passed by the Forest Settlement-officer under sections 11, 12 and 13 of the said Act.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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