Revenue (189/) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 771-91-A

Dated 16th September 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Forest.

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

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

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Forest No 174.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Order No. 791 & 16th Sept. 1897.

From The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Land Revenue Madras.

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

The 15th Dec 1897 will be fixed as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

Forest No. 354.

Dated 18th August 1897.

Received

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SUBJECT.

Submg. draft notification for the constitution of the Melakundala pâdy block in the Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot, as reserved forest.

To the Bd. of Rev. (LR) with enclosures.
Supdt. Govt. Press with note of
Supt of Forest Surveys.
Copy to the Govt. of India, Rev. & Agric. dept.

Vide B.P. dated 8-12-97.

Vide B.P. dated 7-10-97.

Vide B.P. dated 24-12-97.

Vide B.P. dated 16-12-97.

Vide B.P. dated 15-12-97.

Vide B.P. dated 15-12-97.

Vide B.P. dated 15

and have been under the control of the Forest Dept for many years". Hence the reservation,

BACK PAPERS.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Pondicherry, September 15, 1897.

DRAFT 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 villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
South Arcot.	Chidambaram.	Perampattu Kilkundalappadi.	217	Melakundalappadi, eastern bit.	*North.*—Starting from a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon river east bank, about two chains due west of the south-west corner of survey No. 265 of Perampattu village, a straight line to the said corner. *East.*—Thence southwards the west sides of survey Nos. 264 and 263 of Perampattu and of survey Nos. 154 and 174 of Kilkundalappadi to the south-west corner of the last; thence a straight line south-south-eastwards for a chain to a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon bank. *South.*—Thence south-westwards along the Coleroon river bank to a demarcation post and cairn due south of the south-east corner of survey No. 175-2 of Kilkundalappadi. *West.*—Thence a straight line northwards to the said corner; thence northwards along the east side of the said survey field to its north-east corner; thence northwards and westwards along the east and north sides of survey No. 175 of Kilkundalappadi to a demarcation post and cairn at the river bank in the latter side, one and a half chains from its north-east corner; and thence north-north-eastwards along the Coleroon river bank (survey No. 262 of Perampattu) to the starting point. REMARKS.—Admitted rights *nil*.
Do.	Chidambaram.	Vallampadugai Kilkundalappadi.	217	Melakundalappadi, western bit.	*North.*—Starting from a post and cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment, about thirty-nine yards north-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 118 of Vallampadugai, the line runs along that side of the embankment to a cairn situated opposite to the boundary stone at the south-east corner of survey No. 215 of Kilkundalappadi. *East.*—Thence south-south-east in a straight line along the fencing of the South Indian Railway to the edge of the Coleroon river. *South.*—Thence the Coleroon river to a cairn on its bank one hundred and ninety-seven feet north-east of the abutment of the Coleroon Local Fund bridge. *West.*—Thence a straight line running north-westwards to the starting point. REMARKS.—Admitted rights *nil*.
Do.	Chidambaram.	Kilkundalappadi ..	217	Melakundalappadi central bit.	*North.*—Starting from a demarcation post and cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment where it joins the eastern fence of the railway line, north-eastwards, that side of the embankment to a demarcation post and cairn, thirty-seven feet south-south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 194 of Kilkundalappadi. *East.*—Thence the south sides of survey Nos 217 and 218 of the said village to the south-east corner of the latter; thence a straight line in the same direction to a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon bank. *South.*—Thence south-westwards the Coleroon river till it meets the railway fence. *West.*—Thence north-west along the said fence to the starting point. REMARKS.—Admitted rights *nil*.

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

(Signed) P. SINGARAVELU,
Forest Sett.-officer.

Secretary.

DRAFT 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 villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
South Arcot.	Chidambaram.	Perampattu Kilkundalappadi.	217	Melakundalappadi, eastern bit.	*North.*—Starting from a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon river east bank, about two chains due west of the south-west corner of survey No. 265 of Perampattu village, a straight line to the said corner. *East.*—Thence southwards the west sides of survey Nos. 264 and 263 of Perampattu and of survey Nos. 154 and 174 of Kilkundalappadi to the south-west corner of the last; thence a straight line south-south-eastwards for a chain to a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon bank. *South.*—Thence south-westwards along the Coleroon river bank to a demarcation post and cairn on it due south of the south-east corner of survey No. 175-2 of Kilkundalappadi. *West.*—Thence a straight line northwards to the said corner; thence northwards along the east side of the said survey field to its north-east corner; thence northwards and westwards along the east and north sides of survey No. 175 of Kilkundalappadi to a demarcation post and cairn on the river bank to the latter side, one and a half chains from its north-east corner; and thence north-north-eastwards along the Coleroon river bank (survey No. 262 of Perampattu) to the starting point. REMARKS.—Admitted rights *nil*.
Do.	Chidambaram.	Vallampadugai Kilkundalappadi.	217	Melakundalappadi, western bit.	*North.*—Starting from a post and cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment, about thirty-nine yards north-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 118 of Vallampadugai, the line runs along that side of the embankment to a cairn situated opposite to the boundary stone at the south-east corner of survey No. 215 of Kilkundalappadi. *East.*—Thence south-south-east in a straight line along the fencing of the South Indian Railway to the edge of the Coleroon river. *South.*—Thence the Coleroon river to a cairn on its bank one hundred and ninety-seven feet north-east of the abutment of the Coleroon Local Fund bridge. *West.*—Thence a straight line running north-westwards to the starting point. REMARKS.—Admitted rights *nil*.
Do.	Chidambaram.	Kilkundalappadi ..	217	Melakundalappadi central bit.	*North.*—Starting from a demarcation post and cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment where it joins the eastern fence of the railway line, north-eastwards, that side of the embankment to a demarcation post and cairn, thirty-seven feet south-south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 194 of Kilkundalappadi. *East.*—Thence the south sides of survey Nos. 217 and 218 of the said village to the south-east corner of the latter; thence a straight line in the same direction to a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon bank. *South.*—Thence south-westwards the Coleroon river till it meets the railway fence. *West.*—Thence north-west along the said fence to the starting point. REMARKS.—Admitted rights *nil*.

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

(Signed) P. SINGARAVELU,
Forest Sett.-officer.

Secretary.

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 Villages included	No. of Block	Name of Block.	North. Starting from a demarcation post and cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment where it joins the eastern fence of the railway line northeastwards that side of the embankment to a demarcation post and cairn 37 feet South-Southeast of the Southeast Corner of Survey no 194 of Kilkundalappadi.
South Arcot	Chidambaram	Kilkundalappadi	217	Melakunda-lappadi Central Bit	

East. Thence the South Sides of Survey Nos. 217 and 218 of the said village to the Southeast Corner of the latter; thence a straight line in the same direction to a demarcation post and cairn on the

the Coleroon bank.

South. Thence southwestwards the Coleroon river till it meets the railway fence.

west. Thence northwest along the said fence to the starting point.

Admitted rights. nil.

Hughes

Forest Settlement Officer

District Forest Officer
South Arcot

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MR

Clerk
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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 Villages included	No. of block	Name of block.
South Arcot	Chidambaram	Vallampadugai Kilkundalapadi	217	Melakundalapadi Western Bit

North starting from a stone and cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment about 39 yards north-east of the Southwest corner of survey no. 118 of Vallampadugai. the line runs along that side of the embankment to a cairn situated opposite to the boundary stone at the Southeast corner of Survey no. 215 of Kilkundalapadi.

East Thence South Southeast in a straight line along the fencing of the South Indian Railway to the edge of the Coleroon river

South Thence the Coleroon river to a cairn on its bank 197 feet northeast of the abutment of the Coleroon Local Fund Bridge.

Thence a straight line running northwestwards to the starting point.

Admitted rights nil.

Surveyed

Forest Settlement officer

Assistant

District Forest officer

South Arcot

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 villages	No. of Block	Name of Block	Boundaries
South Arcot	Chidambaram	Peraupattu. Kilkundalapp-padi	217.	Melakundala-padi Forest Bit.	North Starting from a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon river east bank about 2 chains due west of the southwest corner of survey no. 265 of Peraupattu village a straight line to the said corner. East Thence southwards the west sides of survey nos. 264 and 263 of Peraupattu and of survey nos. 154 and 174 of Kilkundalappadi to the southwest corner of the last; thence a straight line south southeastwards for a chain to a demarcation post and cairn at the Coleroon bank. South Thence southwestwards along the Coleroon river bank to a demarcation post and cairn in it due south of the southeast corner of survey no. 175-2 of Kilkundalappadi. West Thence a straight line northwards to the said corner; thence northwards along the east side of the said survey field to its northeast corner; thence northwards and westwards along the east and north sides of survey no. 175 of Kilkundalappadi to a demarcation post and cairn at the river bank in the latter side one and a half chains from its northeast corner; and thence northnorth-eastwards

north northeastwards along the Coleroon river bank (Survey no. 262 of Peraiepattu) to the starting point of the northern boundary.

Remarks

Admitted rights nil

Forest Settlement officer

District Forest officer
South arcot

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed August th.

Proceedings, Forest No. 354, 18th August 1897.

AUGUST.

Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notifications under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Mélakundalapádi block (eastern, central and western bits) in the Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district, as reserved forests.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras), dated 3rd April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 292 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi central bit proposed reserved forest No. 217 in the Chidambaram taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, Ref. on No. 402, dated 4th March 1897, with its enclosures, viz. :—

(1) B register of claims.
(2) Draft notification under section 16.
(3) Sketch-map.

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
Chidambaram.	217	Mélakundalapádi central bit.	257,280 acres.	195,146 acres.	62,134 acres.	~~7,933~~ 7,915 acres.	24,550 acres.	6·50 acres.	6·50 acres.	:	One

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SINGARAVELU PILLAI Avargal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., districts, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Tanjore, 4th March 1897, Ref. on No. 402 :—

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi central bit block, Chidambaram taluk.

2. The block lies in the village of Kílkundalapádi.

3. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette* dated 9th June 1896, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on the 11th idem.

4. The settlement of the block was conducted by me on its transfer to my name in September 1896.

5. The appeal time expired on 19th ultimo, but none was filed.

6. One claim to patta land was preferred, but it was struck off, as the land was found to lie outside the boundary of the block.

7. The following records are sent herewith :—

(i) B register of claims.
(ii) Draft final notification under section 16.
(iii) Sketch of the block.

8. The date in the draft notification is left blank, as three months' time will have to be allowed for proper promulgation of the final notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Mélakundalapádi central bit reserved forest, block No. 217, Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district.

No.	Name of claimant.	Date of presentation of claim.	Nature and extent of claim preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claim.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claim by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Marikathapadiachy, pattadar No. 128 of Kilkundalapádi village.	18th Nov. 1896.	Claims his patta land 28 cents in survey No. 217 of Kilkundalapádi.	Karnam's evidence.	..	The land claimed lies outside the boundary of the block. Petition is therefore rejected. (Sd.) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. VALLAMPUDUGAI, 20th January 1897.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Cuddalore, 14th April 1897, No. 1527.

Forwarded.

READ—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras), dated 3rd April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 291 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi western bit proposed reserved forest No. 217 in the Chidambaram taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, Ref. on No. 403, dated 5th March 1897, with its enclosures, viz. :—

(1) B register of claims.
(2) Draft notification.
(3) Sketch-map.

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
Chidambaram.	217	Mélakundalapádi western bit.	257,280 acres.	195,146 acres.	62,134 acres.	~~7,933~~ 7,915 acres.	24·50 acres.	3·50 acres.	3·50 acres.	:	One.

4. The area of the block as notified under section 4 was 4·50 acres, but on account of the exclusion ordered at settlement, nearly one acre has been thrown out. The area of the block, as it stands, is therefore 3·50 acres which is the area entered in the sketch and the statement given above.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SINGARAVÉLU PILLAI Avargal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., districts, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Trichinopoly, 5th March 1897, Ref. on No. 403 :—

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi western bit block, Chidambaram taluk.

2. The block lies in the villages of Vallampadugai and Kílkundalapádi.

3. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th June 1896, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on 11th idem.

4. The settlement of the block was conducted by me on its transfer to my name in September 1896.

5. The appeal time expired on 19th ultimo, but none was filed.

6. One claim for the exclusion of a portion of the block was preferred and it was allowed with the consent of the District Forest-officer.

7. The following records are sent herewith :—

(i) B register of claims.
(ii) Draft notification under section 16.
(iii) Sketch of the block.

8. The date in the draft final notification is left blank, as three months' time will have to be allowed for proper promulgation of the final notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Mélakundalapádi western bit reserved forest block No. 217, Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district.

No.	Name of claimant.	Date of presentation of claim.	Nature and extent of claim preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claim.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claim by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Valliammai-anni, residing at Vallampadugai village.	18th Jan. 1897.	Prays for the abandonment of a portion of the block on the west side of it as it is required for public use.	....	The District Forest-officer concedes the portion of the block between the path way on the south-west and the line of the palmyra shoots, about 67 feet from the original starting point.	The exclusion of the western portion, as agreed to by the District Forest-officer, is sanctioned. (Sd.) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. VALLAMPADUGAI, 20th January 1897.

REMARKS.—The revised boundary runs in a straight line north-westwards between a cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment, about 39 yards north-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 118 of Vallampadugai and a cairn on the Coleroon river bank, 197 feet north-east of the abutment of the Coleroon Local Fund bridge.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Cuddalore, 14th April 1897, No. 1526.

Forwarded.

READ—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras), dated 3rd April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 268 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi eastern bit proposed reserved forest No. 217 in the Chidambaram taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 312, dated 26th February 1897, with its enclosures, viz. :—

(1) B register of claims.
(2) Draft notification under section 16.
(3) Sketch-map.

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
Chidambaram.	217	Mélakundalapádi eastern bit.	257,280 acres.	195,146 acres.	62,134 acres.	7932 ~~6·815~~ acres.	245·50 acres.	6·50 acres.	6·50 acres.	...	One.

4. The area of the block, as notified under section 4, was 8·50 acres, but on account of an exclusion ordered at settlement nearly 2 acres have been thrown out. The area of the block as it stands is therefore 6·50 acres which is the area entered in sketch and the statement given above.

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 Cuddalore, 26th February 1897, No. 312 :—

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi eastern bit block, Chidambaram taluk.

2. The block lies in the villages of Perampattu and Kilkundalapadi.

3. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th June 1896, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on the 11th idem.

4. The settlement of the block was conducted by me on its transfer to my name in September 1896.

5. The appeal time expired on 19th instant, but none was filed.

6. Two claims in all were preferred, one to patta land and the other for the exclusion of a portion of the block.

7. The patta land lay outside the block and the claim to it was dismissed. The exclusion sought being agreed to by the District Forest-officer was allowed and recorded.

8. The following records are sent herewith :—

(i) B register of claims.
(ii) Draft notification under section 16.
(iii) Sketch of the block.

9. The date in the draft final notification is left blank, as three months' time will have to be allowed for a proper promulgation of the final notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Mélakundalapádi eastern bit reserved forest block No. 217, Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district.

No.	Name 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 claim by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I 2	Thillagovindapadiachy and others, ryots of Perampattu village	19th Jan. 1897.	Pray for the exclusion of a portion of the block lying to the west of the temples of Kuttiandavasamy and Periyandavar in survey No. 265 of Perampattu as it is required for the use of the people going to the temples for worship, &c.	....	The District Forest-officer does not object.	The District Forest-officer having told me that he is agreeable to revising the northern part of the eastern bit from the south-west corner of survey No. 265 of Perampattu in a line running due westwards about two chains to the edge of the river, the revision is allowed. (Sd.) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. VALLAMPADUGAI, 19th January 1897.
II 1	Ariyapadiachy, son of Vridhachalapadiachy, residing at Perampattu.	1st Oct. 1896.	Prays for the exclusion of 4 acres of patta land enjoyed by him in survey Nos. 175 and 216 of Perampattu village.	Karnam's evidence.	....	The lands lie outside the block. Petition is rejected. (Sd.) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. VALLAMPADUGAI, 20th January 1897.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by F. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Cuddalore, 14th April 1897, No. 1525.

Forwarded.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 354, dated 18th August 1897.

The draft notification under section 16 in respect of the three detached bits of the Mélakundalapádi block situated on the *padugai* (bank) of the Coleroon river will be

submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, with the recommendation that the 15th December next may be fixed as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

2. The blocks lie in the Chidambaram taluk and cover an aggregate area of 16·50 acres as finally settled. They contain valuable topes and have been under the control of the department for many years.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, two
with draft notifications (three original and ~~six~~ printed)
and three sketch-maps to be returned.
" Collector of South Arcot.
" Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
" Forest Settlement-officer, South Arcot, &c., districts.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan.

Government {1897} of Madras.

REVENUE.

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Regd. } *Spare copies*

G.O., Nos. 791, 791A, 16th September 1897.

SEPTEMBER.

Reserved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act, for the constitution of the Mélakundalapádi block, in the Chidambaram 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. 354, dated 18th August 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras), dated 3rd April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 292 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi central bit proposed reserved forest No. 217 in the Chidambaram taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, Ref. on No. 402, dated 4th March 1897, with its enclosures, viz. :—

(1) B register of claims.
(2) Draft notification under section 16.
(3) Sketch-map.

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
Chidambaram.	217	Mélakundalapádi central bit.	257,280 acres.	195,146 acres.	62,134 acres.	7,933 acres.	24,650 acres.	6·50 acres.	6·50 acres.	:	One

Enclosure No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SINGARAVELU PILLAI Avargal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., districts, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Tanjore, 4th March 1897, Ref. on No. 402 :—

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi central bit block, Chidambaram taluk.

2. The block lies in the village of Kilkundalapádi.

3. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette* dated 9th June 1896, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on the 11th idem.

4. The settlement of the block was conducted by me on its transfer to my name in September 1896.

5. The appeal time expired on 19th ultimo, but none was filed.

6. One claim to patta land was preferred, but it was struck off, as the land was found to lie outside the boundary of the block.

7. The following records are sent herewith :—

(i) B register of claims.
(ii) Draft final notification under section 16.
(iii) Sketch of the block.

8. The date in the draft notification is left blank, as three months' time will have to be allowed for proper promulgation of the final notification.

Enclosure No. 2.

B. Register of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Mélakundalapádi central bit reserved forest, block No. 217, Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district.

No.	Name of claimant.	Date of presentation of claim.	Nature and extent of claim preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claim.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claim by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Marikathapadiachy, pattadar No. 128 of Kilkundalapádi village.	18th Nov. 1896.	Claims his patta land 28 cents in survey No. 217 of Kilkundalapádi.	Karnam's evidence.	..	The land claimed lies outside the boundary of the block. Petition is therefore rejected. (Sd.) P. S. Singaravelu, Forest Sett.-officer. Vallamtudugai, 20th January 1897.

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Cuddalore, 14th April 1897, No. 1527.

Forwarded.

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras), dated 3rd April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 291 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi western bit proposed reserved forest No. 217 in the Chidambaram taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, Ref. on No. 403, dated 5th March 1897, with its enclosures, viz. :—

(1) B register of claims.
(2) Draft notification.
(3) Sketch-map.

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
Chidambaram.	217	Mélakundalapádi western bit.	257,280 acres.	195,146 acres.	62,134 acres.	7,933 acres.	24450 acres.	3·50 acres.	3·50 acres.	..	One.

4. The area of the block as notified under section 4 was 4·50 acres, but on account of the exclusion ordered at settlement, nearly one acre has been thrown out. The area of the block, as it stands, is therefore 3·50 acres which is the area entered in the sketch and the statement given above.

Enclosure No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SINGARAVELU PILLAI Avargal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., districts, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Trichinopoly, 5th March 1897, Ref. on No. 403 :—

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi western bit block, Chidambaram taluk.

2. The block lies in the villages of Vallampadugai and Kílkundalapádi.

3. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th June 1896, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on 11th idem.

4. The settlement of the block was conducted by me on its transfer to my name in September 1896.

5. The appeal time expired on 19th ultimo, but none was filed.

6. One claim for the exclusion of a portion of the block was preferred and it was allowed with the consent of the District Forest-officer.

7. The following records are sent herewith :—

(i) B register of claims.
(ii) Draft notification under section 16.
(iii) Sketch of the block.

8. The date in the draft final notification is left blank, as three months' time will have to be allowed for proper promulgation of the final notification.

Enclosure No. 2.

B. Register of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Mélakundalapádi western bit reserved forest block No. 217, Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district.

No.	Name of claimant.	Date of presentation of claim.	Nature and extent of claim preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claim.	Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him.	Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claim by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Valliammai-anni, residing at Vallampadugai village.	18th Jan. 1897.	Prays for the abandonment of a portion of the block on the west side of it as it is required for public use.	....	The District Forest-officer concedes the portion of the block between the path way on the south-west and the line of the palmyra shoots, about 67 feet from the original starting point.	The exclusion of the western portion, as agreed to by the District Forest-officer, is sanctioned. (Sd.) P. S. Singaravelu, Forest Sett.-officer. Vallampadugai, 20th January 1897.

Remarks.—The revised boundary runs in a straight line north-westwards between a cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment, about 39 yards north-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 118 of Vallampadugai and a cairn on the Coleroon river bank, 197 feet north-east of the abutment of the Coleroon Local Fund bridge.

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Cuddalore, 14th April 1897, No. 1526.

Forwarded.

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras), dated 3rd April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 268 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi eastern bit proposed reserved forest No. 217 in the Chidambaram taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 312, dated 26th February 1897, with its enclosures, viz. :—

(1) B register of claims.
(2) Draft notification under section 16.
(3) Sketch-map.

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
Chidambaram.	217	Mélakundalapádi eastern bit.	257,280 acres.	195,146 acres.	62,134 acres.	7,933 acres.	245·50 acres.	6·50 acres.	6·50 acres.	..	One.

4. The area of the block, as notified under section 4, was 8·50 acres, but on account of an exclusion ordered at settlement nearly 2 acres have been thrown out. The area of the block as it stands is therefore 6·50 acres which is the area entered in sketch and the statement given above.

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 Cuddalore, 26th February 1897, No. 312 :—

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of the Mélakundalapádi eastern bit block, Chidambaram taluk.

2. The block lies in the villages of Perampattu and Kilkundalapadi.

3. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th June 1896, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on the 11th idem.

4. The settlement of the block was conducted by me on its transfer to my name in September 1896.

5. The appeal time expired on 19th instant, but none was filed.

6. Two claims in all were preferred, one to patta land and the other for the exclusion of a portion of the block.

7. The patta land lay outside the block and the claim to it was dismissed. The exclusion sought being agreed to by the District Forest-officer was allowed and recorded.

8. The following records are sent herewith :—

(i) B register of claims.
(ii) Draft notification under section 16.
(iii) Sketch of the block.

9. The date in the draft final notification is left blank, as three months' time will have to be allowed for a proper promulgation of the final notification.

Enclosure No. 2.

B. Register of claims to lands, rights to forest produce or easements in the proposed Mélakundalapádi eastern bit reserved forest block No. 217, Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district.

No.	Name 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 claim by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I / 2	Thillagovindapadiachy and others, ryots of Perampattu village.	19th Jan. 1897.	Pray for the exclusion of a portion of the block lying to the west of the temples of Kuttiandavasamy and Periyanavar in survey No. 265 of Perampattu as it is required for the use of the people going to the temples for worship, &c.	....	The District Forest-officer does not object.	The District Forest-officer having told me that he is agreeable to revising the northern part of the eastern bit from the south-west corner of survey No. 265 of Perampattu in a line running due westwards about two chains to the edge of the river, the revision is allowed. (Sd.) P. S. Singaravelu, Forest Sett.-officer. Vallampadugai, 19th January 1897.
II / 1	Ariyapadiachy, son of Vridhachalapadiachy, residing at Perampattu.	1st Oct. 1896.	Prays for the exclusion of 4 acres of patta land enjoyed by him in survey Nos. 175 and 216 of Perampattu village.	Karnam's evidence.	....	The lands lie outside the block. Petition is rejected. (Sd.) P. S. Singaravelu, Forest Sett.-officer. Vallampadugai, 20th January 1897.

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Cuddalore, 14th April 1897, No. 1525.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 354, dated 18th August 1897.

The draft notification under section 16 in respect of the three detached bits of the Mélakundalapádi block situated on the *padugai* (bank) of the Coleroon river will be submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, with the recommendation that the 15th December next may be fixed as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

2. The blocks lie in the Chidambaram taluk and cover an aggregate area of 16·50 acres as finally settled. They contain valuable topes and have been under the control of the department for many years.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (three original and two printed),
and three sketch-maps (to be returned).
„ Collector of South Arcot.
„ Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
„ Forest Settlement-officer, South Arcot, &c., Districts.

Order—No. 791, Revenue, dated 16th September 1897.

Forest No. 74.

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

2. The 15th December 1897 will be fixed as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Endorsement No. 791A.

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

Schedule.

District.	Taluk.	Names of villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
South Arcot.	Chidambaram.	Perampattu Kilkundalappadi.	217	Melakundalappadi, eastern bit.	*North.*—Starting from a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon river east bank, about two chains due west of the south-west corner of survey No. 265 of Perampattu village, a straight line to the said corner. *East.*—Thence southwards the west sides of survey Nos. 264 and 263 of Perampattu and of survey Nos 154 and 174 of Kilkundalappadi to the south-west corner of the last; thence a straight line south-south-eastwards for a chain to a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon bank. *South.*—Thence south-westwards along the Coleroon river bank to a demarcation post and cairn on it due south of the south-east corner of survey No. 175-2 of Kilkundalappadi.

District.	Taluk.	Names of villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
					West.—Thence a straight line northwards to the said corner; thence northwards along the east side of the said survey field to its north-east corner; thence northwards and westwards along the east and north sides of survey No. 175 of Kilkundalappadi to a demarcation post and cairn on the river bank on the latter side, one and a half chains from its north-east corner; and thence north-north-eastwards along the Coleroon river bank (survey No. 262 of Perampattu) to the starting point. Remarks.—Admitted rights *nil*.
South Arcot.	Chidambaram.	Vallampadugai Kilkundalappadi.	217	Melakundalappadi, western bit.	*North.*—Starting from a post and cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment, about thirty-nine yards north-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 118 of Vallampadugai, the line runs along that side of the embankment to a cairn situated opposite to the boundary stone at the south-east corner of survey No. 215 of Kilkundalappadi. *East.*—Thence south-south-east in a straight line along the fencing of the South Indian Railway to the edge of the Coleroon river. *South.*—Thence the Coleroon river to a cairn on its bank one hundred and ninety-seven feet north-east of the abutment of the Coleroon Local Fund bridge. *West.*—Thence a straight line running north-westwards to the starting point. Remarks.—Admitted rights *nil*.
Do.	Chidambaram.	Kilkundalappadi ..	217	Melakundalappadi central bit.	*North.*—Starting from a demarcation post and cairn at the right toe of the Coleroon embankment where it joins the eastern fence of the railway line, north-eastwards that side of the embankment to a demarcation post and cairn, thirty-seven feet south-south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 194 of Kilkundalappadi. *East.*—Thence the south sides of survey Nos 217 and 218 of the said village to the south-east corner of the latter; thence a straight line in the same direction to a demarcation post and cairn on the Coleroon bank. *South.*—Thence south-westwards the Coleroon river till it meets the railway fence. *West.*—Thence north-west along the said fence to the starting point. Remarks.—Admitted rights *nil*.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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