Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 815

Dated 26th September 1897.

(Despatch Abstract.)

Pharakonda Reserve.

Orders [illegible] on the Forest of St. George Gazetted the draft notification on same date; declaring certain villages specified to be included therein, and reserving the Board to refer to Regarding the village of [illegible]

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Judicial (1897) Department.

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CURRENT No.

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d/ 9th Aug 1892 p. 1012 Part I.

Order No. 818 J/ 28th Sept 1897

The draft notification submitted by the Board is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

The Court observes that the village of Linga puram was notified (Fort St George Gazette 21-9-92 page 1012, Part I) as an enclosure to the Dharabanda Reserve. This village does not appear to have formally been declared as an enclosure has been retained at settlement as an enclosure nor does it appear to have been excluded from the limits of the reserve, and it is not now included in the draft notification referred to. The Bd is requested to report what action has been taken with respect to it.

From

The Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras.

Letter No. 27

Dated 13th July 1897

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SUBJECT.

Sundry draft notifications for the inclusion of certain villages within the Dharabanda Reserve, Vizagapatam Dt.

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For orders

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

In the notification under Sec 4 of the Forest Act proposing to Constitute the Bharatkonda block as a reserved forest, Seventeen villages were mentioned by name as forming enclosures within the reserve viz as not coming under the operation of the notification. During the Settlement of the block five villages were Removed from within its limits and five were ordered to be retained as enclosures. Ten remain to be considered.

In this letter dated the 13th May 1896 (printed on page 2 of the Current) the Collector of Vizagapatam requested the Sanction of the Board to include three ~~Seven~~ ten villages within the reserve (by the publication of a notification under Sec 4 in respect of them). The Collector at the same time reported that five other villages (not mentioned in the notification under Sec 4) were found to be included within the limits of the reserve and proposed to retain them also — Agreement of Compensation. No notification under Sec 4 was proposed to be issued in respect of the five villages last mentioned presumably because they were not

Re: the notification of certain villages in the Vizagapatam Dt as proposed reserved forests.

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X Ekkiragamegudu & Digumalgammapalem

Longari
Yerravaram,
Bandimalsa
Rallakingi
Tulakada

The proposed Notification may be issued, but ask what is to be done about Linjamuram

2.8.92

Form of this has been found to be combined of Peddagada Linjamuram Godagunnapalem & Boddamadu. Mr Collector proposes to dispose this item in fragment of Compensation. Ans

Bodakal No 1.
Do No 2.
Kotapolu.
Kitalu.
Gopalpur.

as excluded

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excluded by special mention in the notification already published under Sec 4 and as such should be taken to have been included within the limits described by that notification.

2 In this letter dated 17th March 1897 (printed on page 4 of the Current), the Collector proposes to notify under Sec 4 the marginally noted nine villages out of the ten that were included in the first proposal. Tiruppuvanam is excluded (probably) because as at first reported by the Collector, its inhabitants are unwilling to move elsewhere. Of the nine villages included in the Collector's revised proposal, and noted in the margin, the last four are deserted and thus with regard to the inhabitants of the other five villages it is reported that the inhabitants are willing to quit and that suitable accommodation has also been found.

The Collector's proposal is supported by the Board of Revenue and as from the endorsement of the Conservator of * 22nd March 1897 it appears that the reserve is of considerable value, it is submitted that the notification may be ordered to be published.

3 There seems to be no village of the name Boddamadai.

* printed on page 4 of the B. P.

⊗ Yerravaliilli, Balleapuvallaliela, Garada, Kuruppadu, Chintapalleeru (5 required)

Boddamadai, Poddapadu, Tiruppuvanam, Godugurapalem, (4 abandoned)

It might be remarked in this G.O. that it is presumed that the village Tiruppuvanam mentioned is one denominated as an enclosure.

One Boddamadai is the village originally notified as an enclosure but reported to have abandoned and which was notified afresh as reserve. The Boddamadai referred to in the Collector's letter dated 15th June 1897 (printed on page 6 of the B.P.) which the Collector in his letter R.C. No 1102 dated 22 March 97 (B.P. 4) proposed (as provided) to be required has acquired.

To sum up. 17 villages were notified as enclosures. 5 have been enclosed and 2 even enclosed have been abandoned. Of the remaining 10, 4 are uninhabited. The Collector proposes to notify 9 out of these 10 villages including 4 abandoned ones. What is to be done with remaining one (Tiruppuvanam) does not appear. It is to be remarked as an enclosure. The Collector also reports that in the course of settlement 7 other villages were discovered, 1 was demarcated as an enclosure, & the rest 6 have been acquired.

For convenient reference all the names of the villages are given below with some remarks how they have been dealt with.

1. Sompari — notified as an enclosure is demarcated as such at settlement.
2. Yerravaram — do.
3. Poddapadu — notified as enclosures now reported to be abandoned and therefore proposed to be notified as reserves.
4. Yerravalli — notified as enclosure now reported inhabited. proposed to be acquired & reserved.
5. Balleapuvallapalli — do.
6. Garada — do.

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P. T. O.

In this letter dated 15th June 1897 (printed on page 6 of the B.P.) the Collector states that the Boddamadai mentioned in the revised proposal is a "new village of that name near Sulakada". It appears the Collector seems to imply the Boddamadai village included in the revised proposal is different from the Boddamadai village specifically excluded from reservation in the notification under Sec 4. Then there is no necessity to include it in the draft notification now submitted; for, not having been included from reservation by distinct mention in the notification under Sec 4 the village should be considered to have been included within the limits described by that notification.

Perhaps before ordering the publication of the notification the Board may be asked to report whether the Boddamadai village included in the draft notification is the same as that mentioned in the Sec 4 notification as duly excluded from reservation and if not, why the abandoned Boddamadai village should not be included within the proposal. Orders are requested.

7.	Ekuva Samuvalu	Notified as an Enclosure but Inclusion & revision of boundary.
8	Dzgun Samuvalu	do.
9	Burapabal	Notified as Enclosure includes but is now proposed to be acquired & notified as reserve
10.	Chinta Gudem	do.
11	Singavaram	Notified as an enclosure but now reserved abandoned & is proposed to be notified as reserve
12.	Godugurazupalem	do.
13.	Singapuram	Notified as an Enclosure but apparently not demarcated as such, not proposed to be acquired.
14	Rabbasingi	Notified as Enclosure & demarcated as such
15.	Tulabada	do.
16.	Bandivalsa	do.
17	Boddamadu	Notified as Enclosure but now abandoned & proposed to be notified as Reserve.
18.	Polangi	Discovered, demarcated as Enclosure.
19.	Boddakanka No 1	Discovered again
20.	Boddakanka No 2	do
21.	Kitalu	do.
22	Gosaram	do.
23	Boddamadu	do.
24	Lokalova	do.

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Draft Notification.

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3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased under the authority vested in him by section 14 of the same act to appoint the Collector Vizagapatam for the time being to be the officer of the Revenue Department which shall hear appeals from orders of the Forest Settlement officer passed under sections 11, 12 and 13 of the said act.

G.O. No. 818, 28.9.97.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed August th.

Proceedings, Forest No. 277, 13th July 1897.

JULY.

Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notification under section 4 in respect of certain villages proposed to be included within the Dharakonda reserve, Vizagapatam district.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) Forest Mis. No. 765, dated 1st June 1896 :—

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I have the honour to report that the Forest Settlement-officer and the District Forest-officer have inspected and practically settled the Dharakonda reserve notified under section 4 in No. 347, dated 1st August 1894.

2. Before sending up the final report, the sanction of the Board is requested to include in the reserve the marginally-noted villages which were originally notified as enclosures, excluded from reservation. In all cases except the last the villagers are willing to move elsewhere on receipt of compensation. The last Lingapuram villagers have no dry lands but live by cultivating podu. It would therefore be best to buy them out and get them to move elsewhere.

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Ballapullapeta.	Lingapuram.

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Bodalanka Nos. 1 and 2, Lotapolu, Kitabu and Goparam.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Draft notification.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 19th May 1896, R. C. No. 2100.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 765, dated 1st June 1896.

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2. Columns 2 and 3 of the statement should also be filled and re-submitted if necessary.

3. The office copies of the letter and statement sent by mistake will also be returned to the Collector.

4. An early reply is requested.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Vizagapatam,
with enclosures returned.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 931, dated 30th June 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 15th June 1896, Dis. No. 249 :—

In reply to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 765, dated 1st June 1896, I have the honour to state that although the District Forest-officer assures me that arrangements can be made for settling elsewhere the inhabitants of the villages which it was proposed to reserve from the Dharakonda reserve, I am not fully satisfied with the nature of the information supplied and have called for much fuller details. As Mr. Thornton has just gone on short leave, there may be some little delay, but as this reserve deals with a tract of country which is inhabited by very poor and ignorant hill people and is that in and about which "Fituris" have hitherto shown most tendency to arise, I think the matter is not one which should be dealt with hurriedly. I should not have sent up the proposals in the state in which I did, if I had been at that time more acquainted with the subject, but as Mr Cotton is new to the division and has no experience whatever of forest settlement-work, there is no information or assistance to be got from him in the matter, and I have had to depend entirely upon the District Forest-officer, who is, naturally, more concerned with the safety of the forest revenue than with the broader aspects of the question. I consider that especially in a tract like that now being dealt with, revenue must be only a secondary object of forest reservation, the principal one being the preservation of the forest, so far as is compatible with fair treatment of people who have for many generations made a large part of their living out of them. I will send up the statement and notification again when it has been more fully investigated.

The office copies, returned with the Board's Proceedings under reply, were sent up by mistake from the Forest Branch of the office. I presume that the Board also received the fair copies.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 24th June 1896, R. C. No. 2109.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 931, dated 30th June 1896.

Recorded pending receipt of the further report promised.

2. The Board concurs with the Collector in thinking that the matter requires careful consideration.

3. The presumption in the last sentence of the Collector's letter is correct.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Vizagapatam.
" Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 452, dated 18th May 1897:—

Read—the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 17th March 1897, C. No. 1402:—

I have the honour to enclose the notification of the Dharakonda proposed reserve under the provision of section 4 of the Forest Act and to request that a supplemental notification may be issued to include within the reserve the marginally-noted villages.

Gerranabilli.	Boddamada.
Ballapurallapeta.	Peddagadda.
Garada.	Singavaram.
Burupalu.	Godugurajupalem.
Chintagudem.	

These villages have been notified as enclosures in the above notification and the Forest Settlement-officer, Mr. Elwin who is now engaged on the settlement of this block, has decided to buy out the first six of the above noted villages whose inhabitants are willing to leave the reserve and for whom suitable accommodation has been found. The remaining three villages are deserted and there is therefore no necessity to treat them as enclosures. A separate letter will be submitted requesting sanction to the payment of half the allotted compensation to those villages which have been bought out. The District Forest-officer has, in anticipation of sanction, expended a sum of Rs. 450 on this ground in order to facilitate the settlement by allowing the villagers sufficient money to settle down in the new sites that they have chosen.

ENCLOSURE.—Draft notification.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 22nd March 1897, R. C. No. 1824.

Forwarded. I was out in camp within hail of Mr. Elwin and Mr. Cox when lately engaged on the settlement of Dharakonda, and it seemed to me that the proposal to save the whole of this reserve, even at the expense of another reserve further in the Agency, was advisable.

Read—the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 28th March 1897, Ref. No. 1402:—

In continuation of my No. C. 1402, dated 22nd March 1897, I have the honour to report that in accordance with the Forest Settlement-officer Mr. Elwin's settlement of the Dharakonda reserve, the following villages were bought out and in the course of a year will be comfortably settled on sites they have already chosen.

In order to bind the hillmen to their agreement and at the same time provide them with funds for the construction of houses and expense of moving, my District Forest-officer paid the following amounts in anticipation of sanction. In the first ten cases the compensation is half the whole amount awarded. As by paying ready money a good deal of difficulty in dealing with the hillmen was removed, I request you will sanction the expenditure:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Compensation to village of Veeravaram—half payment ...	46	0	0
2.	" " of Garida " ...	84	8	0
3.	" " of Boddalanka No. 1 " ...	40	0	0
4.	" " of Boddalanka No. 2 " ...	20	0	0
5.	" " of Kotupolu " ...	25	0	0
6.	" " of Burupakalu " ...	20	0	0
7.	" " of Chintagudum " ...	77	0	0
8.	" " of Kittabu " ...	57	4	0
9.	" " of Yerranabilli " ...	22	4	0
10.	" " of Gaddiraji " ...	50	0	0
11.	" " of Bellapurallametta Mokhasadar ...	56	2	0
	Total ...	498	2	0

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Camp, Tamana, 2nd April 1897, R.C. No. 1924.

In forwarding I would remark that in cases of this sort the whole of the negotiations often depend on being able to settle the bargain at once. We have had an instance in Palkonda where the hillmen refused to quit, after having promised the Forest Settlement-officer to do so, because arrangements were not made promptly. In the present case Mr. Elwin, the Forest Settlement-officer, and Mr. Cox both agreed in the advisability of saving the Dharakonda reserve, by locating some of the hillmen elsewhere, and the hillmen were quite willing to go provided they had ready money. Mr. Cox came over to my camp in the vicinity, and I agreed to take the responsibility of making the advance in anticipation of orders, and now request that the Board may see fit to approve of the arrangement.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 452, dated 18th May 1897.

In the circumstances reported in the letters read above, the Board approves of the Collector's proposal to include within the Dharakonda proposed reserve certain villages which are proposed to be acquired as well as certain others which are reported to be now abandoned, and accords its sanction to an expenditure of Rupees 498-2-0 incurred as part of the money compensation in respect of the villages acquired. The necessary draft notification under section 4 should accordingly be submitted at an early date.

2. It is observed that in the case of some villages referred to in the letters read above the spelling of the names * is not uniform. Boddamada originally reported to be abandoned is now included in the list of villages to be acquired. It is, however, presumed that the information now supplied is correct.

* *e.g.*, Gerranabilli—Yerranabilli.

The Collector is requested to report on the point.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Vizagapatam, through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

READ—also the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 15th June 1897, Ref. No. 1402:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 452, dated 18th May 1897, I have the honour to forward a draft notification as requested.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's resolution the correct spelling of the hill village is Yerranabilli.

The Boddamada mentioned in the original report no longer exists, the Boddamada which I referred to in my letter, C.R. No. 1402, dated 22nd March 1897, is a new collection of huts near Sulabada.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 26th June 1897, R.C. No. 2381.

Forwarded.

ENCLOSURE.—Draft notification.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 277, dated 13th July 1897.

In his letter disposed of in the first of the Proceedings read above, the Collector of Vizagapatam requested sanction to include within the Dharakonda reserve initially notified under Government Order, No. 778, Revenue, dated 1st August 1892, certain villages originally demarcated out as enclosures. As this procedure entailed the removal of the inhabitants of 73 houses from their homes, the Board desired to be informed whether the Collector was fully satisfied that the people could be comfortably lodged elsewhere. In a later report submitted by the Collector after a careful investigation as promised in his letter recorded in the second of the Proceedings, he reported that (1) the Forest Settlement-officer had decided to buy out at settlement six of the villages enclosed in the original notification, the inhabitants of which were willing to leave the reserve and for whom suitable accommodation had been found elsewhere; (2) an expenditure of nearly Rs. 500 had been incurred in anticipation of Board's orders, in part payment of the allotted money compensation to the displaced villagers so as to facilitate settlement by allowing them sufficient money to settle down in the sites they have chosen; and (3) these six villages and certain others abandoned subsequent to the date of initial notification are proposed to be notified under section 4 in view to incorporate them with the Dharakonda reserve. The Conservator concurred in the advisability of saving the above reserve even at the expense of another reserve in the Agency by locating the hillmen elsewhere on payment of ready money compensation. Being satisfied that the above arrangement would prevent hardship to the hillmen, the Board approved of the proposal to include within the Dharakonda reserve certain villages which were proposed to be acquired and certain

others which were reported to be abandoned and also accorded sanction to an expenditure of nearly Rs. 500 as part of the money compensation in respect of the villages to be acquired at settlement. The Collector was accordingly requested in Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 452, dated 18th May 1897, to submit the necessary draft notification in respect of the above villages. The draft notification now forwarded by the Collector will accordingly be submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with an amended Notification. ~~with draft notification.~~
" the Collector of Vizagapatam.
" the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

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Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

Government {1897} of Madras.

REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 818, 28th September 1897.

SEPTEMBER.

Dharakonda Reserve.

Ordering the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the draft notification under section 4 in respect of certain villages proposed to be included within the —, Vizagapatam district, and requesting the Board to report regarding the village of Singapuram.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 931, dated 30th June 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 15th June 1896, Dis. No. 249 :—

In reply to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 765, dated 1st June 1896, I have the honour to state that although the District Forest-officer assures me that arrangements can be made for settling elsewhere the inhabitants of the villages which it was proposed to reserve from the Dharakonda reserve, I am not fully satisfied with the nature of the information supplied and have called for much fuller details. As Mr. Thornton has just gone on short leave, there may be some little delay, but as this reserve deals with a tract of country which is inhabited by very poor and ignorant hill people and is that in and about which "Fituris" have hitherto shown most tendency to arise, I think the matter is not one which should be dealt with hurriedly. I should not have sent up the proposals in the state in which I did, if I had been at that time more acquainted with the subject, but as Mr. Cotton is new to the division and has no experience whatever of forest settlement-work, there is no information or assistance to be got from him in the matter, and I have had to depend entirely upon the District Forest-officer, who is, naturally, more concerned with the safety of the forest revenue than with the broader aspects of the question. I consider that especially in a tract like that now being dealt with, revenue must be only a secondary object of forest reservation, the principal one being the preservation of the forest, so far as is compatible with fair treatment of people who have for many generations made a large part of their living out of them. I will send up the statement and notification again when it has been more fully investigated.

The office copies, returned with the Board's Proceedings under reply, were sent up by mistake from the Forest Branch of the office. I presume that the Board also received the fair copies.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 24th June 1896, R. C. No. 2100.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 931, dated 30th June 1896.

Recorded pending receipt of the further report promised.

2. The Board concurs with the Collector in thinking that the matter requires careful consideration.

3. The presumption in the last sentence of the Collector's letter is correct.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Vizagapatam.
" Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 452, dated 18th May 1897:—

Read—the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 17th March 1897, C. No. 1402:—

I have the honour to enclose the notification of the Dharakonda proposed reserve under the provision of section 4 of the Forest Act and to request that a supplemental notification may be issued to include within the reserve the marginally-noted villages.

Gerranabilli.	Boddamada.
Ballapurallapeta.	Peddagadda.
Garada.	Singavaram.
Burupadu.	Godugurajupalem.
Chintagudem.	

These villages have been notified as enclosures in the above notification and the Forest Settlement-officer, Mr. Elwin who is now engaged on the settlement of this block, has decided to buy out the first six of the above noted villages whose inhabitants are willing to leave the reserve and for whom suitable accommodation has been found. The remaining three villages are deserted and there is therefore no necessity to treat them as enclosures. A separate letter will be submitted requesting sanction to the payment of half the allotted compensation to those villages which have been bought out. The District Forest-officer has, in anticipation of sanction, expended a sum of Rs. 450 on this ground in order to facilitate the settlement by allowing the villagers sufficient money to settle down in the new sites that they have chosen.

Enclosure.—Draft notification.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 22nd March 1897, R. C. No. 1824.

Forwarded. I was out in camp within hail of Mr. Elwin and Mr. Cox when lately engaged on the settlement of Dharakonda, and it seemed to me that the proposal to save the whole of this reserve, even at the expense of another reserve further in the Agency, was advisable.

Read—the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 28th March 1897, Ref. No. 1402:—

In continuation of my No. C. 1402, dated 22nd March 1897, I have the honour to report that in accordance with the Forest Settlement-officer Mr. Elwin's settlement of the Dharakonda reserve, the following villages were bought out and in the course of a year will be comfortably settled on sites they have already chosen.

In order to bind the hillmen to their agreement and at the same time provide them with funds for the construction of houses and expense of moving, my District Forest-officer paid the following amounts in anticipation of sanction. In the first ten cases the compensation is half the whole amount awarded. As by paying ready money a good deal of difficulty in dealing with the hillmen was removed, I request you will sanction the expenditure:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Compensation to village of Veeravaram—half payment ...	46	0	0
2.	" " of Garida " ...	84	8	0
3.	" " of Boddalanka No. 1 " ...	40	0	0
4.	" " of Boddalanka No. 2 " ...	20	0	0
5.	" " of Rotupolu " ...	25	0	0
6.	" " of Burupakalu " ...	20	0	0
7.	" " of Chintagudum " ...	77	0	0
8.	" " of Kittabu " ...	57	4	0
9.	" " of Yerranabilli " ...	22	4	0
10.	" " of Gaddiraji " ...	50	0	0
11.	" " of Bellapurallametta Mokhasadar ...	56	2	0
	Total ...	498	2	0

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Camp, Tamana, 2nd April 1897, R.C. No. 1924.

In forwarding I would remark that in cases of this sort the whole of the negotiations often depend on being able to settle the bargain at once. We have had an instance in Palkonda where the hillmen refused to quit, after having promised the Forest Settlement-officer to do so, because arrangements were not made promptly. In the present case Mr. Elwin, the Forest Settlement-officer, and Mr. Cox both agreed in the advisability of saving the Dharakonda reserve, by locating some of the hillmen elsewhere, and the hillmen were quite willing to go provided they had ready money. Mr. Cox came over to my camp in the vicinity, and I agreed to take the responsibility of making the advance in anticipation of orders, and now request that the Board may see fit to approve of the arrangement.

Reolution—Forest Mis. No. 452, dated 18th May 1897.

In the circumstances reported in the letters read above, the Board approves of the Collector's proposal to include within the Dharakonda proposed reserve certain villages which are proposed to be acquired as well as certain others which are reported to be now abandoned, and accords its sanction to an expenditure of Rupees 498-2-0 incurred as part of the money compensation in respect of the villages acquired. The necessary draft notification under section 4 should accordingly be submitted at an early date.

2. It is observed that in the case of some villages referred to in the letters read above the spelling of the names* is not uniform. Boddamada originally reported to be abandoned is now included in the list of villages to be acquired. It is, however, presumed that the information now supplied is correct.

* *e.g.*, Gerranabilli—Yerranabilli.

The Collector is requested to report on the point.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Vizagapatam, through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

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Read—also the following letter from W. O. HORNE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 15th June 1897, Ref. No. 1402:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 452, dated 18th May 1897, I have the honour to forward a draft notification as requested.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's resolution the correct spelling of the hill village is Yerranabilli.

The Boddamada mentioned in the original report no longer exists, the Boddamada which I referred to in my letter, C.R. No. 1402, dated 22nd March 1897, is a new collection of huts near Sulabada.

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Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 26th June 1897, R.C. No. 2381.

Forwarded.

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Enclosure.—Draft notification.

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Resolution—Forest No. 277, dated 13th July 1897.

In his letter disposed of in the first of the Proceedings read above, the Collector of Vizagapatam requested sanction to include within the Dharakonda reserve initially notified under Government Order, No. 778, Revenue, dated 1st August 1892, certain villages originally demarcated out as enclosures. As this procedure entailed the removal of the inhabitants of 73 houses from their homes, the Board desired to be informed whether the Collector was fully satisfied that the people could be comfortably lodged elsewhere. In a later report submitted by the Collector after a careful investigation as promised in his letter recorded in the second of the Proceedings, he reported that (1) the Forest Settlement-officer had decided to buy out at settlement six of the villages enclosed in the original notification, the inhabitants of which were willing to leave the reserve and for whom suitable accommodation had been found elsewhere; (2) an expenditure of nearly Rs. 500 had been incurred in anticipation of Board's orders, in part payment of the allotted money compensation to the displaced villagers so as to facilitate settlement by allowing them sufficient money to settle down in the sites they have chosen; and (3) these six villages and certain others abandoned subsequent to the date of initial notification are proposed to be notified under section 4 in view to incorporate them with the Dharakonda reserve. The Conservator concurred in the advisability of saving the above reserve even at the expense of another reserve in the Agency by locating the hillmen elsewhere on payment of ready money compensation. Being satisfied that the above arrangement would prevent hardship to the hillmen, the Board approved of the proposal to include within the Dharakonda reserve certain villages which were proposed to be acquired and certain

others which were reported to be abandoned and also accorded sanction to an expenditure of nearly Rs. 500 as part of the money compensation in respect of the villages to be acquired at settlement. The Collector was accordingly requested in Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 452, dated 18th May 1897, to submit the necessary draft notification in respect of the above villages. The draft notification now forwarded by the Collector will accordingly be submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with one original notification.
" Collector of Vizagapatam.
" Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

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Order—No. 818, Revenue, dated 28th September 1897.

Forest No. 182.

The draft notification submitted by the Board is approved and will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

The Government observes that the village of Singapuram was notified (*Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th August 1892, page 1012, Part I), as an enclosure to the Dharakonda reserve. This village does not appear to have been retained at settlement as an enclosure nor does it appear to have been excluded from the limits of the reserve; and it is not now included in the draft notification referred to. The Board is requested to report what action has been taken with respect to it.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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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, in furtherance of the notification No. 347, dated 1st August 1892, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th August 1892, pages 1012-3, Part I, it is proposed to include within the Dharakonda reserve and constitute as reserved forest under the Act the hill villages of Yerranabilli, Ballapurallapeta, Garada, Burupakal, Chintagudem, Boddamadda, Peddagadda, Singavaram, Godugurajupalem.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased under clause (*c*) of the said section 4 to appoint the Head Assistant Collector, Narsapatam, for the time being, 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 land comprised within such limits or to any forest produce of such land, and to deal with the same as provided in chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest-officer, Vizagapatam, for the time being, to be the Forest-officer to attend on behalf of Government during the enquiry.

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

Exd. Shaik Karim.

25 Copies.

