Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 533-538A.

Dated 5th October 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Reserved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 16 of the Forest Act, for the constitution of the Valaiyur block, in the Mukkiri and Perambalur taluks as a —, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Trichinopoly Gazettes.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 8080

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Issued vide Order No. 1897

Order No. 838 of 5th Oct. 1897.

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

Forest No. 382.

Dated 31st August 1897.

Received 16/9/97

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SUBJECT. Tanjore. draft Notifn for the Constitution of the Valaiyur block in the Perambalur and Musiri talukas, Trichinopoly, to be a Reserved Forest.

In the draft notification submitted by the Board, "cairn no 16" in the 8th line of the western boundary description, is clearly a mistake for "cairn no 15", and it has accordingly been corrected.

2. Subject to the above, the draft notifn. is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and the Trichinopoly Dist. Gazettes, the 31st Dec 1st Nov 98 next being entered as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

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3. It is observed that in the Forest Settlement Officer's report no mention is made of the many streams within the boundary

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boundaries of the reserve, as required in G.O. 74 dt 11 Feb 1889. Access to these should be granted by departmental orders, if necessary.

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To
The Board of Rev & R. (with map)
The Supdt. Govt Pres. (with notice) 18-10-97

Endt. No 838A

Copy to the Govt of India R & A Dept.

Note.- The Valaiyur blocks No 26 (Valaiyur) and 33 (Valaiyur) were first notified under sec 4 under G.O. 249 dt 7th March 1888. On the D notification under sec 16 being submitted, the description of the boundaries was found to be very inaccurate, and the papers were returned for revision (vide G.O. 599 dt 27 Aug 88). E A more careful examination showed that the boundaries given were so vague and inaccurate correct.

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correct, that it was thought better to cancel the old notification under sec 4, and issue new ones, and resettle the blocks afresh. The notification of cancellation was accordingly published under G.O. 999 dt 20th Oct 91. The two blocks were then amalgamated under the name of Valaiyur block No 26 and the sec 4 notification was issued in G.O. 837 dt 27 Nov 94 ..... G.O. 74 dt 11th Feb 1889, laying down that "when it is necessary to grant any concession such as that of access to a channel, the matter should always be brought to the notice of the For. Sett. Officer who will invite attention to it in his report." Though in this case, such claims were not brought forward before the F.S.O. it may be necessary to grant the concession of access to the many streams within the Reserve. In a recent case of Forest Reservation in Chingleput the fact

was clearly noted in the 25-06 report, and the concession was ordered to be granted by a departmental order. ... In the draft notification the boundary of the reserve between cairns 21 and 22 is given as running in a north-east and north-north-east direction, forming two sides meeting at cairn 20 in the map, however it runs in a straight line and in a north-west direction.

No. The line is exactly straight. It turns slightly more north after cairn No 20. No alteration is necessary

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Coimbatore, October 5, 1897.

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.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
Trichinopoly.	Musiri and Perambalúr.	Valaiyur	*North.*—Starting from cairn No. 1 about 40 links below Pallavaikal Kattu uchi (top), a point on the southern boundary of Sengathur reserved forest, the line runs east-south-east, east-north-east, east and north-north-east along the southern boundary of the reserved forest to cairn No. 2 situated on the plains at the foot of Valakaradu uchi (top) and about eighteen links south of the south-west corner of survey No. 269 of Tondamandurai village. *East.*—Thence south-south-east for about three chains to cairn No. 3 on Valakaradu hillock; thence south-east for about 39·40 chains to cairn No. 4 situated near a yetti tree (Strychnos nux vomica); thence south south-east for about 17·40 chains to cairn No. 5 situated on a mound known as Kurunthaimaram Guddai; thence south-south-east for about 17·40 chains to cairn No. 6 situated near a tamarind tree on the left bank of the Kallar river; thence in the same direction to cairn No. 6-A on the right bank of the river; thence south-west along the right bank of the Kallar river, along the western boundary of the Semmalai reserved forest and the northern boundary of Puliyúr reserved forest to cairn No. 7 situated at the Annamangalam-Yellaikal (boundary stone) *West.*—Thence north-west for about twenty-seven chains to cairn No. 8 situated on Kalimarathu Kattu uchi (top); thence north for about twenty-two chains to cairn No. 9 situated near a tamarind tree on the right bank of Periyakinathu Kadavu vari (stream); thence north-north-west for about 25·20 chains to cairn No. 10 on Mulampilkattu uchi (top); thence north-north-west for about twenty-six chains to cairn No. 11 situated on Pongalayi Kuttu uchi (top); thence north-west for about nineteen chains to cairn No. 12 situated on Kuttangalparai; thence north-west for about 14·40 chains to cairn No. 13 situated on Kuttangal uchi (top); thence west for about four chains to cairn No. 14 situated on Kuttangal medu; thence west for about seventeen chains to cairn No. 15 situated on Perumal Kovil uchi (top); thence west-north-west for about 5·40 chains to cairn No. 16 situated on Perumal kovil medu; thence west-south-west for about 17·80 chains to cairn No. 17 situated on Karadikutti uchi (top); thence west-south-west for about eight chains to cairn No. 18 situated on the foot-path from Sengathur to Tondamandurai; thence south-west for about thirty-three chains to cairn No. 19 situated on Karipalammarathu Kattankattu uchi; thence north-west for about 9·40 chains to cairn No. 20 situated on a hillock called Palavaikal kattu; thence north-north-west for about 7·30 chains to cairn No. 21 situated on a hillock called Sinnakuttu; thence north-north-west for about sixteen chains to cairn No. 22 situated on Arasani kuttu; thence north-north-west for about 27·40 chains to the starting point.

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Assistant
Forest Settlement Officer

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed September th.

Proceedings, Forest No. 382, 31st August 1897.

AUGUST.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from B. MACLEOD, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Madras), dated 3rd April 1897, Ref. No. 2457-F.

I have the honour to submit letter, Ref. on Cur. No. 258 of 1896, dated 28th March 1896, from the Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, reporting on the final settlement of Valaiyur block in the Perambalúr and Musiri taluks, with enclosures as per margin, and to request that Government may be moved to sanction the reservation of the block from 15th May 1897.

(1) Draft notification.
(2) Sketch.
(3) B. Register of claims.
(4) Area and condition statement.

2. As required by the Board in its Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 298, dated 8th March 1895, the area of the reserve in the two taluks has now been separately shown in the statement of area and condition.

3. There has been a great delay in the submission of these papers, but it was unavoidable. The delay has been caused as follows. The proposed reserve is situated on the Pachamalais, which are unsurveyed, and there has been great difficulty in describing the positions of the several cairns of the reserve with reference to adjoining features. The papers which were first received from the Forest Settlement-officer on 30th March 1896 were returned to him in May 1896 for the preparation of a fresh boundary description with reference to certain variations between the measurements of the boundary line as recorded by the Forest Settlement-officer and those given by the Forest Department. They were received back in December 1896. Further information was called for and it was furnished on the 17th March 1897.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R Ry. C. RAJU SASTRIAR Avergal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 28th March 1896, Ref. on C. No. 258.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Valaiyur block, in the Perambalúr and Musiri taluks, the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882 having been complied with.

2. The block comprises portions of Thondamandurai and Veppanthattai villages in the Perambalúr taluk and of Valaiyur attached to Bennadu in Musiri taluk. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act, proposing the constitution of the block into a reserved forest, appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th December 1894, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on the 7th idem fixing 8th April 1895 as the date within which claims should be preferred in respect of it. The settlement of the block was over on 8th January 1896, and the appeal time expired on the 7th instant without any appeal being preferred.

3. Seven claims were preferred in respect of this block. They related to rights of way, certain patta lands, temples and to right to the usufruct of a tamarind tree. The claim to the usufruct of the tamarind tree was withdrawn, certain rights of way were allowed and the remaining claims were dismissed either as not based on right or as the subject of them were found to lie outside the block.

4. I beg that three months' time may be allowed for promulgation of the final notification under section 16 from the probable date of its appearance in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Valaiyur reserved forest, Perambalúr and Musiri taluks, Trichinopoly district.

No.	Names 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 claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
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2	Palanahai Letchumanan, son of Poonachi Muppan, pattadar of Valaiyur attached to Vennadu, Pachamalai hills, Musiri taluk.	4th May 1895.	Prays for the exclusion of 2 acres of land in No. 1194 of Vennadu from the reserve.	Claimant since admits that the patta land is not included in the reserve but lies outside.	....	Claimant's land lies outside the limits of the proposed forest. The claim to it is therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. PERAMBALUR, 8th October 1896.
3	Ramanathapuram Kumaran, son of Kuppa-Mooppan, pattadar No. 183 of Valaiyur, attached to Vennadu Musiri taluk.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of his patta land; acres 7.90, in field No. 1169 of Vennadu from the reserve.	Claimant since admits that his patta land is not with in the reserve but lies outside.	....	The land claimed does not lie within the limits of the forest. The claim is therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. PERAMBALUR, 8th October 1896.
4	Poonachi Muppan, son of Kurichi Thathyamuppan of Talaiyar, attached to Vennadu-Pachamalai hills, Musiri taluk.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of his patta land, 5 or 6 acres, in Vennadu from the reserve.	Sworn testimony of Kurnam Ramalinga Pillai, who deposes that petitioner's land lies outside the reserve and that he has no patta lands within it.	....	Claimant's land lies outside the limits of the proposed forest. The claim is therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. PERAMBALUR, 8th October 1896.
6	Solaiyur Thirumalai Gounden and others of Vennadu, Musiri taluk.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of the following temples, &c., from the reserve:—(1) Mudukkathoraiyankoil, (2) Ayanarappankoil, (3) Ichiparai Karuppu, and (4) burning-ground to the east of temple No. 3.	Sworn testimony of Kurnam Ramalinga Pillai. He deposes that the patta temples, &c., claimed are not included in the reserve.	....	The temples, &c., claimed lie outside the proposed forest. The claims are therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 10th October 1896.
7	Solaiyur Thirumalai Gounden and others of Vennadu, Musiri taluk.	Do.	Prays that the following paths may be allowed:—(1) Pathway from Solaiyur to Payavilundhamadu, (2) path branching from No. 1 and running south-eastwards.			

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5	Krishnareddi, Munsif-Monigar of Tondamandurai, Perambalur taluk.	4th Oct. 1895.	Prays that the following paths may be allowed within the proposed forest :— (1) Foot-path from Valaiyur to Arasalur. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 9 and running south-east leaves south of the junction of Kallar and a stream called Periyakinathu Kadanuvari. (2) Foot-path from Veppantattai and Tondamandurai villages to Valaiyur. It enters the block near cairn No. 6 and running along the Kallar river left (west) bank joins item No. 1, near its point of exit. (3) Foot-path from Valaiyur to Visuvagudi, &c., villages. It enters the reserve between cairns No. 9 and 10 and running north-east leaves near cairn No. 4 (immediately south of cairn No. 4). (4) Foot-path from Sengathur to Valaiyur. It enters the block between cairns Nos. 10 and 11 and running eastwards joins path No. 3. (5) Foot-path from Sengathur to Tondamandurai. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 18, and running north-north-east leaves on the southern boundary of the Sengathur reserved forest. Its distance is about twenty-four chains. All these paths are required for people only and Nos. 3 and 5 for cattle also.	....	The District Forest-officer admits the claims to paths Nos. 1 to 3 and 5, and says that path No. 4 is unnecessary as there is an alternative path available outside the reserve boundary.	The rights of way claimed as items Nos. 1 to 3 and 5 are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. They will be two yards wide. No. 4 is unnecessary. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 23rd October 1895.
	Palamalai Letchumanan, son of Poonachi Muppan, pattadar No. 187 of Valaiyur, attached to Vennadu Patchamalai hills, Musiri taluk.	4th May 1895.	Prays that he may be allowed to enjoy the fruits of a tamarind tree within the reserve.	....	The District Forest-officer objects to the claim.	The claimant has not made out his case. He further withdraws his claim. It is therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 8th January 1896.

Item 3 enters the reserve midway between cairns Nos. 9 and 10. The distance within the block of—
Item 1 is about five-and a half furlongs.
Item 2 is about twelve furlongs.
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Item 5 is about two-and-a-half furlongs.
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(Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer.

5 BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), FOREST No. 382, 31ST AUGUST 1897.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

STATEMENT of area and condition to accompany notification under section 16 of Act V of 1882.

Taluk and area.	Extent of Government land in the taluk.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16 in the taluk.	Area of reserves under settlement in the taluk.	Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 16.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		
	Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Block.	How much forest.	How much grass land.
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Musiri ..	236,705	178,387	60,081	..	319·77	Valaiyur block No. 26 ..	1,155	500·01
Perambalur ..	243,140	154,648	37,600	..	1335·24			
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ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Camp, Salem, 8th April 1897, No. 1484.

Forwarded.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 382, dated 31st August 1897.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication of the draft final notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, with the recommendation that the ~~15th~~ 31st December next may be fixed as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

2. The block lies in the Perambalur and Musiri taluks and covers an area of 1,655 acres as finally settled.

(True Copy and Extract.)

P. Reeves
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (one original and two printed) and a sketch-map to be returned.
" Collector of Trichinopoly.
" Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
" Forest Settlement officer, Trichinopoly, &c., Districts.

Ed. C. M. Thamiaswami.

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G.O., Nos. 838, 838A, 5th October 1897.

OCTOBER.

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(4) Area and condition statement.

2. As required by the Board in its Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 298, dated 8th March 1895, the area of the reserve in the two taluks has now been separately shown in the statement of area and condition.

3. There has been a great delay in the submission of these papers, but it was unavoidable. The delay has been caused as follows. The proposed reserve is situated on the Pachamalais, which are unsurveyed, and there has been great difficulty in describing the positions of the several cairns of the reserve with reference to adjoining features. The papers which were first received from the Forest Settlement-officer on 30th March 1896 were returned to him in May 1896 for the preparation of a fresh boundary description with reference to certain variations between the measurements of the boundary line as recorded by the Forest Settlement-officer and those given by the Forest Department. They were received back in December 1896. Further information was called for and it was furnished on the 17th March 1897.

Enclosure No. 1.

From M.R Ry. C. RAJU SASTRIAR Avergal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 28th March 1896, Ref. on C. No. 258.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Valaiyur block, in the Perambalúr and Musiri taluks, the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882 having been complied with.

2. The block comprises portions of Thondamandurai and Veppanthattai villages in the Perambalúr taluk. and of Valaiyur attached to Bennadu in Musiri taluk. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act, proposing the constitution of the block into a reserved forest, appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th December 1894, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued on the 7th idem fixing 8th April 1895 as the date within which claims should be preferred in respect of it. The settlement of the block was over on 8th January 1896, and the appeal time expired on the 7th instant without any appeal being preferred.

3. Seven claims were preferred in respect of this block. They related to rights of way, certain patta lands, temples and to right to the usufruct of a tamarind tree. The claim to the usufruct of the tamarind tree was withdrawn, certain rights of way were allowed and the remaining claims were dismissed either as not based on right or as the subject of them were found to lie outside the block.

4. I beg that three months' time may be allowed for promulgation of the final notification under section 16 from the probable date of its appearance in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

Enclosure No. 2.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Valaiyur reserved forest, Perambalúr and Musiri taluks, Trichinopoly district.

No.	Names 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 claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	Palamalai Letchumanan, son of Poonuchi Muppan, pattadar of Valaiyur attached to Vennadu, Pachamalai hills, Musiri taluk.	4th May 1895.	Prays for the exclusion of 2 acres of land in No. 1194 of Vennadu from the reserve.	Claimant since admits that the patta land is not included in the reserve but lies outside.	....	Claimant's land lies outside the limits of the proposed forest. The claim to it is therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. Perambalur, 8th October 1895.
3	Ramanathapuram Kumaran, son of Kuppa-Mooppan, pattadar No. 183 of Valaiyur, attached to Vennadu Musiri taluk.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of his patta land; acres 7·90, in field No. 1169 of Vennadu from the reserve.	Claimant since admits that his patta land is not within the reserve but outside.	....	The land claimed does not lie within the limits of the forest. The claim is therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. Perambalur, 8th October 1895.
4	Poonachi Muppan, son of Kurichi Thattiyamuppan of Talaiyar, attached to Vennadu-Pachamalai hills, Musiri taluk.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of his patta land, 5 or 6 acres, in Vennadu from the reserve.	Sworn testimony of kurnam Ramalinga Pillai. Deposes that petitioner's land lies outside the reserve and that he has no patta lands within it.	....	Claimant's land lies outside the limits of the proposed forest. The claim is therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. Perambalur, 8th October 1895.
6	Selaiyur Thirumalai Goundan and others of Vennadu, Musiri taluk.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of the following temples, &c., from the reserve:—(1) Mulukkuthoraiyankoil, (2) Aynarappankoil, (3) Ichiparai Karuppu, and (4) burning-ground to the east of temple No. 8. Prays that the following paths may be allowed:—(1) Pathway from Selaiyur to Payavilundhamadu, (2) path branching from No. 1 and running south-eastwards.	Sworn testimony of kurnam Ramalinga Pillai. He deposes that the pathe temples, &c., claimed are not included in the reserve.	....	The temples, &c., claimed lie outside the proposed forest. The claims are therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. Trichinopoly, 10th October 1895.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Valaiyur reserved forest, &c.—*cont.*

No.	Names 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 claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5	Krishnareddi, Munsif-Monigar of Tondamandurai, Perambalur taluk.	4th Oct. 1895.	Prays that the following paths may be allowed within the proposed forest:— (1) Foot-path from Valaiyur to Arasalur. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 9 and running south-east leaves south of the junction of Kallar and a stream called Periyakinathu Kadanuvari. (2) Foot-path from Veppantattai and Tondamandurai villages to Valaiyur. It enters the block near cairn No. 6 and running along the Kallar river left (west) bank joins item No. 1, near its point of exit. (3) Foot-path from Valaiyur to Visuvagudi, &c., villages. It enters the reserve between cairns No. 9 and 10 and running north-east leaves near cairn No. 4 (immediately south of cairn No. 4). (4) Foot-path from Sengathur to Valaiyur. It enters the block between cairns Nos. 10 and 11 and running eastwards joins path No. 3. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 18, and running north-north-east leaves on the southern boundary of the Sengathur reserved forest	....	The District Forest-officer admits the claims to paths Nos. 1 to 3 and 5, and says that path No. 4 is unnecessary as there is an alternative path available outside the reserve boundary.	The rights of way claimed as items Nos. 1 to 3 and 5 are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. They will be two yards wide. No. 4 is unnecessary. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. Trichinopoly, 23rd October 1895.
			(5) Foot-path from Sengathur to Tondamandurai. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 3 and leaves on the southern boundary of the Sengathur reserved forest. Its distance is about twenty-four chains. All these paths are required for people only and Nos. 3 and 5 for cattle also.	....	The District Forest-officer objects to the claim.	The claimant has not made out his case. He further withdraws his claim. It is therefore struck off the file. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer. Trichinopoly, 8th January 1896.
			(6) Foot-path from Sengathur to Valaiyur. It enters the block of— Palamalai Letchumanan, son of Poonachi Muppan, pattadar No. 187 of Valaipattadar, attached to Vennadu Patchamalai hills, Musiri taluk.	4th May 1895.	Prays that he may be allowed to enjoy the fruits of a tamarind tree within the reserve.	(Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, Forest Sett.-officer.

Item 3 enters the reserve midway between cairns Nos. 9 and 10. The distance within the block of—
Item 1 is about five-and a half furlongs.
Item 2 is about twelve furlongs.
Item 3 is about fifteen furlongs.
Item 5 is about two-and-a-half furlongs.
Item 5 leaves the block at a point about eleven chains east-north-east of Sikkadi kuttai and enters the Sengathur reserved forest.

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.

Statement of area and condition to accompany notification under section 16 of Act V of 1882.

Taluk and area.	Extent of Government land in the taluk.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16 in the taluk.	Area of reserves under settlement in the taluk.	Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 16.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		
	Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Block.	How much forest.	How much grass land.
	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.			
Musiri .. 415,092	236,705	178,387	50,081	..	319·77	Valaiyur block No. 26 ..	1,155	500·01
Perambalúr .. 397,788	243,140	154,648	37,600	..	1,335·24			
					1,655·01			

Enclosure No. 5.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Camp, Salem, 8th April 1897, No. 1484.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 382, dated 31st August 1897.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication of the draft final notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, with the recommendation that the 31st December next may be fixed as the date from which the reservation shall take effect.

2. The block lies in the Perambalúr and Musiri taluks and covers an area of 1,655 acres as finally settled.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (one original and two printed), and a sketch-map to be returned.
" Collector of Trichinopoly.
" Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
" Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., Districts.

Order—No. 838, Revenue, dated 5th October 1897.

Forest No. 186.

In the draft notification submitted by the Board "cairn No. 16" in the 8th line of the western boundary description is clearly a mistake for "cairn No. 15," and it has accordingly been corrected.

2. Subject to the above, the draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and the Trichinopoly District Gazettes, the 31st December next being entered 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 map.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

Endorsement No. 838A.

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 31st 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.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
Trichinopoly.	Musiri and Perambalúr.	Valaiyur ..	*North.*—Starting from cairn No. 1 about forty links below Pallavaikal Kattu uchi (top), a point on the southern boundary of Sengathur reserved forest, the line runs east-south-east, east-north-east, east and north-north-east along the southern boundary of the reserved forest to cairn No. 2 situated on the plains at the foot of Valakaradu uchi (top) and about eighteen links south of the south-west corner of survey No. 269 of Tondamandurai village. *East.*—Thence south-south-east for about three chains to cairn No. 3 on Valakaradu hillock; thence south-east for about 39·40 chains to cairn No. 4 situated near a yetti tree (Strychnosmed vomica); thence south-south-east for about 17·40 chains to cairn No. 5 situated on a mound known as Kurunthaimaram Guddai; thence south-south-east for about 17·40 chains to cairn No. 6 situated near a tamarind tree on the left bank of the Kallar river; thence in the same direction to cairn No. 6-A on the right bank of the river; thence south-west along the right bank of the Kallar river, along the western boundary of the Semmalai reserved forest and the northern boundary of Puliyúr reserved forest to cairn No. 7 situated at the Annamangalam-Yellaikal (boundary stone). *West.*—Thence north-west for about twenty-seven chains to cairn No. 8 situated on Kalimarathu Kuttu uchi (top); thence north for about twenty-two chains to cairn No. 9 situated near a tamarind tree on the right bank of Periyakinathu Kadavu vari (stream); thence north-north-west for about 25·20 chains to cairn No. 10 on Mudampilkattu uchi (top); thence north-north-west for about twenty-six chains to cairn situated on Pongalayi Kuttu uchi (top); thence north-west for about nineteen chains to cairn No. 11 on Kuttangalparai; thence north-west for about 14·40 chains to cairn No. 12 situated (top); thence west for about four chains to cairn No. 14 situated on Kuttangal medu; thence west for about seventeen chains to cairn No. 15 situated on Perumal Kovil uchi (top); thence west for about chains to cairn No. 16 situated on Perumal kovil medu; thence west-north-west for about 5·40 cairn No. 17 situated on Karadikutti uchi (top); thence west-south-west for about 17·80 chains to situated on the foot-path from Sengathur to Tondamandurai; thence south-west for about eight chains to cairn No. 18 to cairn No. 19 situated on Karipalammarathu Kattankuttu uchi; thence north-west for about thirty-three chains cairn No. 20 situated on a hillock called Palavaikal kuttu; thence north-north-west for about 9·40 chains to cairn No. 21 situated on a hillock called Sinnakuttu; thence north-north-west for about 7·30 chains to No. 22 situated on Arasani kuttu; thence north-north-west for about sixteen chains to cairn No. 1 the starting point.

Note.—The boundary between cairns 2 and 6-A and cairns 7 and 1 runs in straight lines.

Remarks.—The following rights of way are allowed within the block:—

(1) Foot-path from Valaiyur to Arasalur. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 9 and running south-eastwards for about five and a half furlongs, leaves it south of the junction of Kallar and a stream called Periyakinathu Kadavuvari. It will be two yards wide and open for people only.

(2) Foot-path from Veppantattai and Tondamandurai villages to Valaiyúr. It enters the block near cairn No. 6 and running south-westwards along the left bank of the Kallar for about twelve furlonge joins item No. 1 near its point of exit. It will be two yards wide and open for people only.

(3) Foot-path from Valaiyur to Visuvagudi, &c., villages. It enters the reserve about midway between cairns Nos. 9 and 10 and running north-east for about fifteen furlongs, leaves immediately south of cairn No. 4. It will be two yards wide and open for people and cattle.

(4) Foot-path from Sengathur to Tondamandurai. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 18 and running north-north-east for about two and a half furlongs, leaves it at a point about eleven chains east-north-east of Sikkadikuttai and enters the Sengathur reserved forest. It will be two yards wide and open for people and cattle.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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