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[Despatch Abstract.]

Disafforestation.

Ordering the publication in the Fort St. George and the Tinnevely District Gazettes of a notice, under Section 24 of the Madras Forest Act, for the — of certain portions of the Melarittam reserve in the Tinnevely

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Draft Notification - PD 2/2

His Excellency the Governor in Council with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council is hereby pleased to declare under the provisions of Sec: 24 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, that the areas specified below which in notification no 271 draft dated 18-6-91 published at page 606 of the Fort St. George Gazette dated 23-6-91 Part I, was declared to be a reserved forest under Section 16 of the Act shall cease to be reserved forest from the 1st March 1897.

Name of reserve or portion of reserve disafforested	District	Tahsil	Village	Area in acres
Block I	Tinnevely	Othapparam	Euticorin	7.22
Block II			Milavittam	81.57

Block I (A portion of S. no 294 of Euticorin)

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of S. no 314.

East - From the last named point to
the west & South side, of S. no 314 to the
Northwest corner of S. no 315, thence the
west side of the last named field to the
Southwest corner of the last named field to the

South - From the last named point
to the North side of S. no 656 to the South
East corner of S. no 293.

West - From the last named point
to the East side of S. no 293 to the starting
point.

N. B. All the above lands are of
Tuticorin village & p. S. no 656 which
belongs to Mulavittan village.

Block II.
S. no 639, 644, 645, 646, 648, 649
& 658 to 664, all of Mulavittan village.

Reasons for Disafforestation. Required for building sites for the town of Tuticorin.

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FROM

F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S.,
Under-Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department.

Dept. of Rev. & Agri.
Forests.

Calcutta, the 28th January 1897.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter No. 29A.2ms, dated the 4th instant, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India, under section 24 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), to the exclusion from Reserved Forests in the Tennerelly District of the land specified in the draft notification appended to your letter.

The enclosures to the letter are returned.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

F G Sly

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

R. & A. Regr. No. 191A.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 635 R. & A.—24-12-96.—100—K, N. C.

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Disafforestation.

Ordering the publication in the Fort St. George and the Tinnevely District Gazettes of a notification, under section 24 of the Madras Forest Act, for the — of certain portions of the Milavittam reserve in the Tinnevely district.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 3446, Revenue, dated 26th August 1896:—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1075, dated 3rd August 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting, for the orders of Government, with remarks, letter from the Collector of Tinnevely forwarding two memorials from certain members of the mercantile community of Tuticorin praying for the disafforestation of a small portion of the Milavittam forest reserve and its grant to them as building sites for dwelling houses.

Order—Mis. No. 3446, Revenue, dated 26th August 1896.

The Government agrees with the Board in considering that it is desirable to disafforest a portion of the Milavittam reserve for the purpose of providing building sites for the inhabitants of Tuticorin, and the Board will be requested to forward the necessary draft notification, after consulting the Collector, in regard to the extent which it is desirable so to disafforest.

2. As regards the applications received from Messrs. Graham & Zellweger the Government observes that it is needless to grant each of these gentlemen so large an area as 10 acres. The extent really wanted for a house, out-houses and garden should be reported. The charge to be levied should be one rupee per ground as the land which it is proposed to set free will practically constitute an extension of the town of Tuticorin, and there appears no reason why the ordinary rule laid down in paragraph 10 of Board's Standing Order No. 37 should not apply.

3. The terms of this order should be intimated to Messrs. Graham & Zellweger who should be informed that the final disposal of their applications must await the orders of the Government of India on the proposal to disafforest a portion of the Milavittam reserve.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with five enclosures.

Read—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 29, Revenue, dated 4th January 1897:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1623, dated 14th December 1896:—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1216, dated 2nd September 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Collector of Tinnevely Government order passing orders on a proposal to throw open a portion of the Milavittam reserve in the Tinnevely district for the extension of the town of Tuticorin, and requesting him to comply with the orders of Government.

Read—also the following letter from A. W. B. HIGGINS, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated 9th November 1896:—

I have the honour to reply to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1216, dated 2nd September 1896, regarding the proposal to throw open a portion of the Milavittam reserve for the purpose of providing building sites for the residents of the Tuticorin town.

2. A draft notification, under section 24 of the Forest Act, is enclosed for disafforesting portions of the reserve which have been selected by the Acting Conservator of Forests and the District Forest-officer after personal inspection. The portion coloured yellow in the plan denotes the area decided upon.

3. Of the survey numbers proposed for disafforestation only survey No. 294 belongs to Tuticorin village, the remainder belonging to the adjoining village of Milavittam.

4. The extent necessary for a house, out-houses and suitable compound required by each of the two gentlemen who have already applied will be about 6 acres, and in this locality I do not deem this excessive.

5. As regards the rent to be charged, I have the honour respectfully to submit that the quit-rent of Rs. 10 per acre originally suggested by me may be accepted, as I consider the charge of Re. 1 per ground (which comes to Rs. 20 per acre) is excessive when it is considered that the locality in question is nearly 2 miles from the town of Tuticorin and the land is of the poorest description.

6. A plan showing the area proposed for disafforestation, together with the boundary of the existing reserve adjoining, is herewith enclosed.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 19th November 1896, Ref. No. 936.

Forwarded. The site was approved by me in October, and I think in the interest of the town of Tuticorin facilities should be given to the resident merchants to build residences away from the small port itself.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1623, dated 14th December 1896.

The draft notification of disafforestation received with the letter read above will be submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 1 of its order, Mis. No. 3446, Revenue, dated 26th August 1896, with the request that it may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* after the sanction of the Government of India has been obtained.

2. The portion selected for disafforestation have been personally inspected by the Conservator and the District Forest-officer and amount to about 89 acres in extent.

3. The Collector considers that 6 acres would be sufficient for each bungalow and its compound, and in this the Board concurs.

4. The Board also agrees with the recommendation made in paragraph 5 of the the Collector's letter.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notification, map and letter in original

(to be returned).
Collector of Tinnevely, through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Order—Mis. No. 29, Revenue, dated 4th January 1897.

The draft notification submitted by the Board is approved and will be forwarded to the Government of India with the request that its promulgation may be sanctioned.

2. The Collector's proposal to levy quit-rent at the rate of Rs. 10 per acre is approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

READ—again the following letter from G. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated 4th January 1897, No. 29A.

With reference to the provisions of section 24 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will be pleased to sanction the promulgation of the accompanying draft notification directing that a portion of the Milavittam reserve in the Tinnevelly district shall cease to be reserved from a date to be hereafter fixed by this Government.

2. The land is required for building purposes and the local Revenue and Forest officers have no objection to the proposed disafforestation. I am to add that the original notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act in respect of the reserve in question will be found printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of this Government forwarded to the Government of India with Mr. Galton's endorsement No. 559-A, dated 18th June 1891.

READ—also the following letter from F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Forests), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, 28th January 1897, No. 131—16-5F:—

In reply to your letter Mis. No. 29A, dated the 4th instant, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India, under section 24 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, to the exclusion from reserved forests in the Tinnevelly district of the land specified in the draft notification appended to your letter.

2. The enclosures to the letter are returned.

ORDER—No. 85, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897.

Forest No. 21.

The notification will now be published in the Fort St. George and the Tinnevelly District Gazettes, the 1st of March next being fixed as the date from which the disafforestation shall take effect.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with sketch-map.
,, the Superintendent, Government Press.

Endorsement No. 85A.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

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

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council, with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, is hereby pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 24 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882, that the areas specified below which, in Notification No. 271, dated 18th June 1891, published at page 606 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 23rd June 1891, Part I, was declared to be a reserved forest under section 16 of the Act, shall cease to be reserved forest from 1st March 1897:—

Name of reserve or portions of reserve disafforested.	District.	Taluk.	Village.	Area in acres.
Block I Block II				7-22 81-57

Block I.—(A portion of survey No. 294 of Tuticorin).

Boundaries—North.—Starting from the north-east corner of survey No. 293, a straight line north-east across survey No. 294 to the north-west corner of survey No. 314.
East.—Thence its west and south sides, and the west side of survey No. 315 to the south-west corner of the latter.
South.—Thence the north side of survey No. 656 to the south-east corner of survey No. 293.
West.—Thence its east side of survey No. 293 to the starting point.
N.B.—All the above survey numbers are of Tuticorin village except survey No. 656 which belongs to Milavittam village.

Block II.—Survey Nos. 639, 644, 645, 646, 648, 649 and 658 to 664, all of Milavittam village.
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