Revenue (1897) Department

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 870-870-A

Dated 12th October

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Reconstruction of Pothumeikapuram tank, in the Tenali taluk, Kistna Dist. under Sec: 16 of the Madras Forc. Act.

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Forest No. 386. 12.10.97

Order No. 870 of 12th Oct. 1897.

The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St George & Madras Govt Gazette, the 31st December 1897 being Enclosed as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

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To The Govt L.R. with Memo Suptd. Govt. Press Endt. No. 870 A. Dated 26-10-97

To The Govt of India Depty Sec & Agt 11-X-97

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

Forest No. 386.

Dated 2nd September 97.
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SUBJECT.

Submg. draft Notifn. for the constitution of the Kotamuraka para block in the Tenali taluk, Kistna Dt. as a reserved forest.

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Rs. III.—

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

SCHEDULE.

| District. | Taluk. | Name of forest. | Boundaries. |
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| Kistna.. | Tenali .. | Potumerakaparra reserve. | BIT No. I.<br>*North.*—Starting from a cairn about 13·20 chains north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 1450 of Potumeraka, a straight line to that corner; then the west side of that number to its south-west corner; then a straight line due south to a cairn about one thousand one hundred and fifty links distant; then a straight line east to a cairn about two chains, south of the south-east corner of survey No. 1407.<br>*East.*—Then a straight line due south to a cairn on the Dindi village boundary about four hundred and fifty links north-north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 1328.<br>*South and west.*—Then the Dindi village boundary to the trijunction of Dindi, Adavuladivi and Potumeraka villages; then the Adavuladivi village boundary to the starting point.<br>BIT No. II.<br>*North.*—Starting from the south-west corner of survey No. 1321 of Potumeraka, the south side of that number and of Nos. 1320, 1318, 1288, 1285, 1284, 1283, 1282, 1279 and 1276 to the south-east corner of the last number; then a straight line to the south-west corner of No. 1028.<br>*East.*—Then a straight line south-west to a cairn on the Lankavanidibba reserved forest boundary about two thousand nine hundred and fifty links west-south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 1258.<br>*South.*—Then that reserved forest boundary up to where it joins the southern boundary of the Kottapalem reserved forest No. 1.<br>*West.*—Then the Kottapalem reserved forest boundary to the point where it crosses the surveyed and mapped boundary between Dindi and Potumeraka villages; then along the Dindi village boundary to the starting point (all the above numbers are of Potumeraka). |

BIT No. I.

REMARKS.—I. The following public right of way is allowed :—

(1) Right of way over the cart-track from Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi) to Piratti lanka (hamlet of Potumeraka) to a width of five yards. This enters the reserve about forty-three chains south-east of the trijunction of Dindi, Potumeraka and Adavuladivi villages and running north-east for about three furlongs, leaves the reserve about thirty-eight chains north of the south-east corner of the reserve.

II. The public right of navigation over the salt creek from Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka) to Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi) is admitted.

III. The public right of fishery in the salt creek from Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi) to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Potumeraka) is admitted.

BIT No. II.

REMARKS.—I. The following public right of way is admitted :—

(1) The cart-track from Turamalla to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Potumeraka) to a width of five yards. This enters the reserve about twelve chains east of the south-east corner of survey No. 1276 of Potumeraka, and running south for about two miles five furlongs leaves the reserve about fifty-five chains north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 1261-C-14 of the same village.

II. The public right of navigation over the salt creek from Molagunta to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Potumeraka) is admitted.

III. The public right to fishing in the salt creek from Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi) to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Pottumeraka) is admitted.

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

(Signed) E. A. SMITH,
Forest Settlement-officer.

Secretary.

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E A Smith
Forest Settlement Off.
Officer.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

# 1897.

# Board of Revenue

## (Land Revenue),

## MADRAS.

*Printed September th.*

**Proceedings, Forest No. 336, 2nd September 1897.**

## SEPTEMBER.

Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notification under section 16 of the Forest Act for the constitution of the Potumeraka-parra block in the Tenali (previously known as Repalle) taluk, Kistna district, as a reserved forest.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from E. A. SMITH, Esq., Special Deputy Collector on Forest Settlement Duty, Nellore, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Kistna (through the District Forest-officer, Kistna), dated Camp, Vinukonda, 15th March 1897, Ref. on No. 136-Cur.:—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Potumerakaparra reserve in the Tenali taluk of your district.

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3. Mr. J. T. Lever was originally appointed to settle this block and afterwards Mr. R. H. L. Lushington, and by notification published at page 1241 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 5th November 1895, I was appointed the Settlement-officer.

4. The block was inspected, perambulated and enquired into by me in October 1896 and eighteen claims were preferred for the following rights:—

(i) Three claims to rights of way.
(ii) Two claims to navigation over salt creeks.
(iii) One claim to a right of fishery in the salt creeks.
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(v) Six claims to rights of way to fields.

Of the three claims to rights of way, two claims were admitted, and one claim was rejected as unnecessary as it lies outside the altered boundary of the reserve. The claims to navigation over, and the right of fishery in, the salt creeks were admitted as public rights. The claims to Government patta fields were admitted and the fields have been excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve. The claims to rights of way to fields were rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.

5. The block has been divided into two bits owing to exclusions made by the District Forest-officer for irrigation purposes as required by the Public Works Department.

6. The block is thus free of all rights except those stated above.

7. The following are submitted herewith:—

(i) A signed copy of the B register of claims.
(ii) A draft notification under section 16.
(iii) The sketch-map of the reserve.
(iv) The numerical statement of claims filed and disposed of.

8. The date from which reservation is to take effect has to be inserted in the draft notification.



ENCLOSURE No. 1.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Potumerakaparra reserved forest, Tenali taluk, Kistna 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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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| * 1 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Turamalla to Lankavanidibba (hamlets of Potumeraka.) | This enters the reserve about 12 chains east of the south-east corner of survey No. 1276 of Potumeraka and running south for about 2 miles 5 furlongs leaves the reserve about 55 chains north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 1261—C. 14 of the same village. | Admits claim .. .. | Admitted as a cart-track to a width of 5 yards. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| † 2 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Peratti lanka (hamlet of Potumeraka) to Kottapalem, hamlet of Dindi. | This enters the reserve about 43 chains south-east of the trijunction of Dindi, Potumeraka, and Adavuladivi villages and running north-east for about 3 furlongs leaves the reserve about 38 chains north of the south-east corner of the reserve. | Do. .. .. | Admitted as a cart-track to a width of 5 yards. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| 3 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the foot-path from Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka) to Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi). | This lies outside the revised boundary of the reserve. | Thinks as unnecessary.. | Rejected as unnecessary as the path lies in the portion excluded for irrigation purposes. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, 6th January 1897. Forest Sett.-officer. |
| ‡ 4 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | Do. | Claims on behalf of the public right of navigation over the salt creek from Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka) to Kottapalem. | The creek is both tidal and navigable. | Admits claim .. .. | Claim admitted as public right. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| § 5 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | Do. | Claims on behalf of the public right of navigation over the salt creek from Molagunta to Lankavanidibba (hamlets of Potumeraka). | Do. do. | Do. .. .. | Claim admitted as public right. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| ‖ 6 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | Do. | Claims on behalf of the fishermen of Molagunta (hamlet of Potumeraka) right to fish in the creek from Kottapalem to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. do. | Do. .. .. | Admitted as a public right. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 8th January 1897. |
| 7 | Yellapragada Anjiniyalloo of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims patta right over the undermentioned survey numbers of Potumeraka:— | Supported by village accounts. | Admits claim and requests exclusion by alteration of boundary. | Claim admitted. The fields will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 8th January 1897. |

| Survey No. | Extent. | Assessment. |
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| | ACS. | RS. A. P. |
| 1346-2 .. | 0·43 | 0 4 0 |
| 1346-3 .. | 0·28 | 0 3 0 |
| 1346-4 .. | 1·32 | 1 5 0 |

* Bits II and I (1). † Bits I and I (1). ‡ Bits I and II. § Bits II, [illegible]. ‖ Bits I and II, III.

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| 8 | Achutama Vencata Kristna of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims joint patta right over survey Nos. 1009-4 and 1009-5 of Potumeraka, measuring 1·20 acres and 1·80 acres assessed at As. 10 and As. 14, respectively. | Supported by village accounts. | Admits claim and requests exclusion by alteration of the boundary. | Claim admitted. The fields will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>8th January 1897. |
| 9 | Badda Latchmia of Gangadapalem (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims joint patta right over the undermentioned fields of Potumeraka:— | Do. do. | Do. do. | Claim admitted. The fields will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>8th January 1897. |
| | | | Survey No. / Extent. / Assessment.<br>Acs. / Rs. A. P.<br>1009-6 .. .. 1·78 / 0 14 0<br>1009-7 .. .. 0·22 / 0 3 0<br>1261 E-43 .. 0·28 / 0 4 0 | | | |
| 10 | Gadi Viraswami of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims on behalf of his brother Ramanna joint patta right over survey Nos. 1338 and 1336 of Potumeraka, measuring 10·9 and 9·59 acres assessed at Rs. 5-1-0 and Rs. 9-9-0, respectively. | Do. do. | Do. do. | Claim admitted. The fields will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>8th January 1897. |
| 11 | Nambur Muthulingam of Potumeraka. | Do. | Claims joint patta right over survey No. 1451-3 of Potumeraka, measuring 0·45 acre assessed at As. 11. | Do. do. | Do. do. | Claim admitted. The field will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>9th January 1897. |
| 12 | Repalle Seshanna of Turumalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims patta right over survey No. 1346-1 of Potumeraka, measuring 0·04 acre assessed at Anna 1. | Do. do. | Do. do. | Claim admitted. The field will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>9th January 1897. |
| 13<br>13 | Yella pragada Anjiniyalloo of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims right of way to survey Nos. 1346-2, 1346-3 and 1346-4 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |
| 14<br>14 | Achutama Vencata Kristnama of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims right of way to survey Nos. 1009-4, and 1009-5 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary.<br>—*vide* order on claim No. 8-8.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |



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| 15<br>15 | Badda Latchumia of Gungadapalem (hamlet of Potumeraka). | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims right of way to survey Nos. 1009-6, 1261-E-43 and 1009-7 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary —*vide* order on claim No. 9-9.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |
| 16<br>16 | Gadi Viraswami of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims on behalf of his brother Ramanna right of way to survey Nos. 1338 and 1336 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary —*vide* order on claim No. 10-10.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |
| 17<br>17 | Nambur Muthulingam of Potumeraka. | Do. | Claims right of way to survey No. 1451-3 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary —*vide* order on claim No. 11-11.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |
| 18<br>18 | Repalle Seshanna of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims right of way to survey No. 1346-1 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary —*vide* order on claim No. 12-12.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Draft Notification.

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Sketch-map.

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ENCLOSURE No. 4.

STATEMENT showing the number of claims filed and disposed of.

| Name and number of the block. | Claims to patta and inam lands. | | | | | | Claims to rights of way. | | | Claims to shrines or temples and rights of way to them. | | |
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| | Filed. | | Admitted. | | Rejected. | | | | | | | |
| | Number of claims. | Extent. | Number of claims. | Extent. | Number of claims. | Extent. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Potumerakaparra reserve No. 128. | 6 | ACS. 27·48 | 6 | ACS. 27·48 | .. | .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |

| Name and number of the block. | Claims to navigation over salt creek. | | | Claims to fishery in the salt creek. | | | Miscellaneous claims. | | | Total of all claims. | | |
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| | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. |
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| Potumerakaparra reserve No. 128. | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | * 6 | .. | 6 | 18 | 11 | 7 |

* Claims to rights of way to fields.

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Endorsement by the Collector of Kistna, dated 30th March 1897, Dis. No. 2704.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

2. Statement of area and condition is enclosed.

3. The area of the reserve as originally notified is 10,432 acres, but owing to the exclusion made for purposes of irrigation the reserve is divided into two bits and the area reduced to 5,230 acres.



ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT of area and condition.

| Total area of the taluk. | Extent of occupied and unoccupied Government land in the taluk. | Area of reserves already notified under section 16. | Area of reserves under settlement. | Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 16. | Character of land proposed for reservation. | Sketch-map. |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| SQ. M. Repalle or Tenali taluk. 644 | ACS. Occupied .. .. 277,466 Unoccupied .. .. 108,378 | 10,607 acres. | 19,009 acres. | ACS. Potumerakaparra- Bit I .. .. 645* Bit II .. .. 4,585 Total .. 5,230 | Salt waste with scrub jungle in patches and mangrove (*avicennia*, &c.) along the creeks. | Forms enclosure to Collector's letter, D. No. 2704, dated 30th March 1897. |

* Adjoins Adavuladivi Parra reserve.

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Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 15th April 1897, R. C. No. 1996.

Forwarded.

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RESOLUTION—Forest No. 386, dated 2nd September 1897.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication of the draft final notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. Owing to exclusions at settlement, the proposed Potumerakaparra reserve has been divided into two blocks with an aggregate area of 5,230 acres as finally settled.

3. Effect may be given to the reservation of the block from the 31st December next.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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Note... In this connexion the Bo... Archaeological Surveyor... for the Construction of the Poli... proposed Poli... Reservation in the Kanara District... in the Karwar Taluk. Kishna Sa... Nadia reserved forest.

The notification under which the... was approved was issued on the 25th day of 20th March 1894. Plan No. E. The necessity for the selection is given in para 2 of the said letter which the reference is requested.

The area proposed for reservation was 10 sq. miles. Owing to the revision of boundaries at Settlement, consequent upon the demands of the Revenue for Irrigation purposes, and the claims of private owners, the area has been reduced to 5 230 sq. about one half. The B. requires only an account of the public lands that were excluded, and does not give any information a...

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What area has been excluded for Irrigation purposes, at the instance of the District Forest Officer. If he has, is likewise found impossible to check the statistics with the maps, and see whether the whole of the excluded area is explained away by the decisions of the Settlement Officer, as the map gives no settlement numbers of the excluded bits.

As the draft notice submitted, the Remarks appended to the Boundary Description are not correct. The following points are noted:-

(1) Under Bit No I and against Remark II, a salt creek from Vennimalai to Kottapalem (in Dindi) is mentioned. As per reference to the map and the B. P. it should be that Kottapalem is in Dindi village, and the road & creek runs from Tiruvamalai to Kottapalem, though at the western end of the creek in question, "Kottapalem"

the map given consults the bits proposed for inclusion under Sec 16.

Submitted that the notification may be approved. R.F.O. to a draft G.O. on the current

is written the creek, as shown on the map, runs into Adavuladini village

(2) Remark III under Bit No I and Remark III under Bit No II refer to the same thing; and it is not clear as to what it refers to. It may be that if the entry at the western end of the creek in Bit No I, is correctly Kottapalem, both the creeks mentioned here are correctly named, the second forming a continuation of the first though a portion of the creek lies in the excluded portion of the reserve.

Orders are solicited as to whether the notice submitted by the Board may be approved, and its publication ordered.

V.K.M.

# Government {1897} of Madras.

## REVENUE.

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**G.O., Nos. 870, 870A, 12th October 1897.**

## OCTOBER.

### ·erved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act, for the constitution of the Potumerakaparra block, in the Tenali taluk, as a —, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Kistna District Gazettes.

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(v) Six claims to rights of way to fields.

Of the three claims to rights of way, two claims were admitted, and one claim was rejected as unnecessary as it lies outside the altered boundary of the reserve. The claims to navigation over, and the right of fishery in, the salt creeks were admitted as public rights. The claims to Government patta fields were admitted and the fields have been excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve. The claims to rights of way to fields were rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.

5. The block has been divided into two bits owing to exclusions made by the District Forest-officer for irrigation purposes as required by the Public Works Department.

6. The block is thus free of all rights except those stated above.

7. The following are submitted herewith :—

(i) A signed copy of the B. register of claims.
(ii) A draft notification under section 16.
(iii) The sketch-map of the reserve.
(iv) The numerical statement of claims filed and disposed of.

8. The date from which reservation is to take effect has to be inserted in the draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Potumerakaparra reserved forest, Tenali taluk, Kistna 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 |
| • 1 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Turamalla to Lankavanidibba (hamlets of Potumeraka.) | This enters the reserve about 12 chains east of the south-east corner of survey No. 1276 of Potumeraka and running south for about 2 miles 5 furlongs leaves the reserve about 55 chains north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 1261—C. 14 one same village. | Admits claim .. .. | Admitted as a cart-track to a width of 5 yards. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| † 2 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Peratti lanka (hamlet of Potumeraka) to Kottapalem, hamlet of Dindi. | This enters the reserve about 43 chains south-east of the trijunction of Dindi, Potumeraka, and Adavuladivi villages and running north-east for about 3 furlongs leaves the reserve about 38 chains north of the south-east corner of the reserve. | Do. .. .. | Admitted as a cart-track to a width of 5 yards. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| 3 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the foot-path from Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka) to Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi). | This lies outside the revised boundary of the reserve. | Thinks as unnecessary.. | Rejected as unnecessary as the path lies in the portion excluded for irrigation purposes. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| ‡ 4 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | Do. | Claims on behalf of the public right of navigation over the salt creek from Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka) to Kottapalem. | The creek is both tidal and navigable. | Admits claim .. .. | Claim admitted as public right. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| § 5 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | Do. | Claims on behalf of the public right of navigation over the salt creek from Molagunta to Lankavanidibba (hamlets of Potumeraka). | Do. do. | Do. .. .. | Claim admitted as public right. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 6th January 1897. |
| ‖ 6 | Rudravarapu Byragayya, karnam of Potumeraka, as head of the village. | Do. | Claims on behalf of the fishermen of Molagunta (hamlet of Potumeraka) right to fish in the creek from Kottapalem to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. do. | Do. .. .. | Admitted as a public right. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 8th January 1897. |
| 7 | Yellapragada Anjiniyalloo of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims patta right over the undermentioned survey numbers of Potumeraka :— | Supported by village accounts. | Admits claim and requests exclusion by alteration of boundary. | Claim admitted. The fields will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve. (Signed) E. A. SMITH, Forest Sett.-officer. 8th January 1897. |

| Survey No. | Extent. | Assessment. |
|---|---|---|
| | ACS. | RS. A. P. |
| 1346-2 .. | 0·43 | 0 4 0 |
| 1346-3 .. | 0·28 | 0 3 0 |
| 1346-4 .. | 1·32 | 1 5 0 |

• Bit II, I (1). † Bit I, I (1). ‡ Bit I, II. § Bit II, II. ‖ Bits I and II, III.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Potumerakaparra 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. |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | Achutama Vencata Kristna of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims joint patta right over survey Nos. 1009-4 and 1009-5 of Potumeraka, measuring 1·20 acres and 1·80 acres assessed at As. 10 and As. 14, respectively. | Supported by village accounts. | Admits claim and requests exclusion by alteration of the boundary. | Claim admitted. The fields will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>8th January 1897. |
| 9 | Badda Latchmia of Gangadapalem (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims joint patta right over the undermentioned fields of Potumeraka:— | Do. do. | Do. do. | Claim admitted. The fields will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>8th January 1897. |
| | | | Survey No. / Extent. / Assessment.<br>1009-6 .. .. — Acs. 1·78 — Rs. A. P. 0 14 0<br>1009-7 .. .. — 0·22 — 0 3 0<br>1261 E-43 .. — 0 28 — 0 4 0 | | | |
| 10 | Gadi Viraswami of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims on behalf of his brother Ramanna joint patta right over survey Nos. 1338 and 1336 of Potumeraka, measuring 10·9 and 9·59 acres assessed at Rs. 5–1–0 and Rs. 9–9–0, respectively. | Do. do. | Do. do. | Claim admitted. The fields will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>8th January 1897. |
| 11 | Nambur Muthulingam of Potumeraka. | Do. | Claims joint patta right over survey No. 1451-3 of Potumeraka, measuring 0·45 acre assessed at As. 11. | Do. do. | Do. do. | Claim admitted. The field will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>9th January 1897. |
| 12 | Repalle Seshanna of Turumalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims patta right over survey No. 1346-1 of Potumeraka, measuring 0·04 acre assessed at Anna 1. | Do. do. | Do. do. | Claim admitted. The field will be excluded by an alteration of the boundary of the reserve.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>9th January 1897. |
| 13<br>13 | Yella pragada Anjiniyalloo of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims right of way to survey Nos. 1346-2, 1346-3 and 1346-4 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |
| 14<br>14 | Achutama Vencata Kristnama of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims right of way to survey Nos. 1009-4 and 1009-5 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary.—*vide* order on claim No. 8-8.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |



B. Register of claims to lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Potumerakaparra 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. |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 15<br>15 | Badda Latchumia of Gungadapalem (hamlet of Potumeraka). | 6th Oct. 1896. | Claims right of way to survey Nos. 1009-6, 1261-E-43 and 1009-7 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary—*vide* order on claim No. 9-9.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |
| 16<br>16 | Gadi Viraswami of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims on behalf of his brother Ramanna right of way to survey Nos. 1338 and 1336 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary—*vide* order on claim No. 10-10.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |
| 17<br>17 | Nambur Muthulingam of Potumeraka. | Do. | Claims right of way to survey No. 1451-3 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary—*vide* order on claim No. 11-11.<br>(Signed) E. A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |
| 18<br>18 | Repalle Seshanna of Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka). | Do. | Claims right of way to survey No. 1346-1 of Potumeraka. | .... | .... | Rejected as unnecessary, the fields having been excluded by an alteration of the reserve boundary—*vide* order on claim No. 12-12.<br>(Signed) E A. SMITH,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th January 1897. |

Enclosure No. 2.—Draft Notification.

Enclosure No. 3.—Sketch-map.

Enclosure No. 4.

Statement showing the number of claims filed and disposed of.

| Name and number of the block. | Claims to patta and inam lands. | | | | | | Claims to rights of way. | | | Claims to shrines or temples and rights of way to them. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Filed. | | Admitted. | | Rejected. | | | | | | | |
| | Number of claims. | Extent. | Number of claims. | Extent. | Number of claims. | Extent. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Potumerakaparra reserve No. 128. | 6 | Acs. 27·48 | 6 | Acs. 27·48 | .. | .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |

| Name and number of the block. | Claims to navigation over salt creek. | | | Claims to fishery in the salt creek. | | | Miscellaneous claims. | | | Total of all claims. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Potumerakaparra reserve No. 128. | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | * 6 | .. | 6 | 18 | 11 | 7 |

* Claims to rights of way to fields.

Endorsement by the Collector of Kistna, dated 30th March 1897, Dis. No. 2704.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

2. Statement of area and condition is enclosed.

3. The area of the reserve as originally notified is 10,432 acres, but owing to the exclusion made for purposes of irrigation the reserve is divided into two bits and the area reduced to 5,230 acres.



Enclosure.

Statement of area and condition.

| Total area of the taluk. | Extent of occupied and unoccupied Government land in the taluk. | Area of reserves already notified under section 16. | Area of reserves under settlement. | Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 16. | Character of land proposed for reservation. | Sketch-map. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Repalle or Tenali taluk. 644 sq. m. | Occupied .. Acs. 277,466<br>Unoccupied .. .. 108,378 | 10,507 acres. | 19,009 acres. | Potumerakaparra- Acs.<br>Bit I .. .. 645*<br>Bit II .. .. 4,585<br>Total .. 5,230 | Salt waste with scrub jungle in patches and mangrove (*avicennia*, &c.) along the creeks. | Forms enclosure to Collector's letter, D. No. 2704, dated 30th March 1897. |

* Adjoins Adavuladivi Parra reserve.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 15th April 1897, R. C. No. 1996.

Forwarded.

*Resolution*—Forest No. 386, dated 2nd September 1897.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication of the draft final notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. Owing to exclusions at settlement, the proposed Potumerakaparra reserve has been divided into two blocks with an aggregate area of 5,230 acres as finally settled.

3. Effect may be given to the reservation of the block from the 31st December next.

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

Order—No. 870, Revenue, dated 12th October 1897.

Forest No. 190.

The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and Kistna District Gazettes, the 31st December 1897 being entered as the date from which 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. 870A.

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

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

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## 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 appended to this notification, shall be constituted "reserved forest."

Schedule.

| District. | Taluk. | Name of forest. | Boundaries. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kistna.. | Tenali .. | Potumerakaparra reserve. | Bit No. I.<br>*North.*—Starting from a cairn about 13·20 chains north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 1450 of Potumeraka, a straight line to that corner; then the west side of that number to its south-west corner; then a straight line due south to a cairn about one thousand one hundred and fifty links distant; then a straight line east to a cairn about two chains, south of the south-east corner of survey No. 1407.<br>*East.*—Then a straight line due south to a cairn on the Dindi village boundary about four hundred and fifty links north-north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 1328.<br>*South and west.*—Then the Dindi village boundary to the trijunction of Dindi, Adavuladivi and Potumeraka villages; then the Adavuladivi village boundary to the starting point.<br>Bit No. II.<br>*North.*—Starting from the south-west corner of survey No. 1321 of Potumeraka, the south side of that number and of Nos. 1320, 1318, 1288, 1285, 1284, 1283, 1282, 1279 and 1276 to the south-east corner of the last number; then a straight line to the south-west corner of No. 1028.<br>*East.*—Then a straight line south-west to a cairn on the Lankavanidibba reserved forest boundary about two thousand nine hundred and fifty links west-south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 1258.<br>*South.*—Then that reserved forest boundary up to where it joins the southern boundary of the Kottapalem reserved forest No. 1.<br>*West.*—Then the Kottapalem reserved forest boundary to the point where it crosses the surveyed and mapped boundary between Dindi and Potumeraka villages; then along the Dindi village boundary to the starting point (all the above numbers are of Potumeraka). |

Bit No. I.

Remarks.—I. The following public right of way is allowed:—

(1) Right of way over the cart-track from Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi) to Piratti lanka (hamlet of Potumeraka) to a width of five yards. This enters the reserve about forty-three chains south-east of the trijunction of Dindi, Potumeraka and Adavuladivi villages and running north-east for about three furlongs, leaves the reserve about thirty-eight chains north of the south-east corner of the reserve.

II. The public right of navigation over the salt creek from Turamalla (hamlet of Potumeraka) to Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi) is admitted.

III. The public right of fishery in the salt creek from Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi) to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Potumeraka) is admitted.

Bit No. II.

Remarks.—I. The following public right of way is admitted:—

(1) The cart-track from Turamalla to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Potumeraka) to a width of five yards. This enters the reserve about twelve chains east of the south-east corner of survey No. 1276 of Potumeraka, and running south for about two miles five furlongs leaves the reserve about fifty-five chains north-west of the north-west corner of survey No. 1261-C.—14 of the same village.

II. The public right of navigation over the salt creek from Molagunta to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Potumeraka) is admitted.

III. The public right to fishing in the salt creek from Kottapalem (hamlet of Dindi) to Lankavanidibba (hamlet of Pottumeraka) is admitted.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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