

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 887

Dated 23rd October

[Despatch Abstract.]

The draft petition, under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act, as amended by the Board and the Govt. for the proposed constitution of the addition to Melanthalai Reserve No. 31, in the Attappidaram taluk, as a reserved forest, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Sinnerelly St. Gazetteer.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 8204

From

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue
Madras

Order No. 887 of 23rd Oct. 1897.

The draft notification under Section 4 as amended by the Board and the Government will be published in the Fort St George and Tinnevely Dt gazettes.

2 The draft notification under Section 24 will be returned to the BS of Revenue for revision with reference to the following remarks.

(i) It should be distinctly stated in the case of each Survey No. whether a portion of or the whole of it is to be disafforested. The entries in Column 1 of the Schedule as they now stand are somewhat misleading.

ii It is not clear whether the whole or only part of S. No. 304 is to be disforested.

The fact that no description of any portion of the S. No. is given in the draft noti-

Forest No. 960 Misc

Dated 22nd September 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government for approval two draft notifications (one under section 4 and another under s. 24 of the Forest Act) in re. of lands proposed to be taken up for and disafforested from the Milavittan Reserve, in the Ottapidaram Tk. Tinnevely Dt and requesting the Collr. to submit a consolidated amended notification under section 16 in respect of the Milavittan Reserve after the publication of the disafforestation notification in the Gazette and after the proposed additions to the Reserve have been finally settled and notified under section 16.

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Draft Notification

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is pleased to notify under the provisions of Section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (No. 1882) that it is proposed to constitute the blocks of land described in the schedule hereto annexed as "reserved forests" under the Act.

District	Taluk	Number	Name of block	Situation and Boundaries.
Erinoreilly	Cettappidaram	u	Addition to Milavittan Reserve No. 31.	<u>Situation</u> : The proposed additions are in the villages of Euticosin and Milavittan. The additions are for straightening the tortuous boundary.

Boundaries North: So much of patta field No. 595A of Milavittan Village which is to the south of the right bank of the Euticosin drainage channel.

East

S. No. 839A, 842A, 832B and portions of 830 lying west of the straight line from the South-west corner of 832A and South-east corner of 833; and —
Straight

44.5 to 59.8
by a straight
right line
to drain the
channel.

straight line from the south-east corner of 833 to the north-east corner of 835B; and S. N^o 835 B. Assessed waste. All of Milavittan Village.

Next

S. N^o 753 patta, 752 assessed waste, 719 patta, and so much of S. N^o 720 and 721 patta ^{as lie} to the east of the drainage

channel right hand and so much also of the Survey fields ^{as} ~~which~~ tie to the east of the drainage channel right hand.

^{pro} 715 patta, 493 waste, 494 (full ~~is~~) and 495 patta, 506, 507, 608 assessed waste, 606 C patta, 605 A patta ^{all of} Milavittan Village.

the triangular piece of land between the Northern margin of the drainage channel and the right hand of the drainage channel

2. His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is further pleased to appoint ^{J. V. P.} G. V. Gompertz Esquire, to be the Forest Settlement Officer, who shall enquire into, and determine the existence, nature and extent of any claimed by or alleged to favour of any person

as lie to the east of the drainage channel

in or over the land comprised within such limits, to any forest produce. Such land and deal with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest Officer, Eimnevelly, for the time being, to attend on behalf of Government during the inquiry.

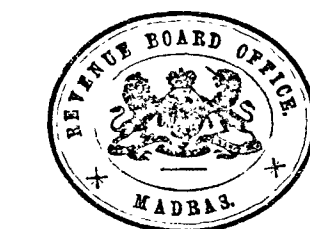
3. His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is further pleased, under the authority vested in him by section 14 of the Act, to appoint the Collector of Eimnevelly, for the time being, to be the officer of the Revenue Department, who shall hear appeals from the orders of the Forest Settlement Officer under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

H. B. Bryant
For Collector

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 21st September. 1892.

Form No. 991 _____ Miscellaneous

READ Endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, S. C., dated
25 May 1892, No. 1269, in that of the Collector of
Tirunelveli dated 8.5.92 forwarding to the Board
office - note from the D. & C. Tirunelveli dated 25
April 1892, No. 354.

Resolution

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Under the circumstances stated
the Collector's proposal supported by the Conservator
to divide the Milavittan block into two separate
ones and to rectify its boundaries is approved.
The boundaries should however be still further
rectified by acquiring fields No. 753 on the
South West, and Nos 657 and 678 on the East
as shown by double dotted blue lines in the
sketch.

2. The map showing the proposed boundaries
should be drawn to scale and the references
to names should be given in English and not

in Vernacular as given by the Collector.

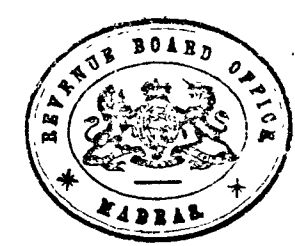
3. For all portions of the existing block which have to be disafforested, the Collector will submit a specification of the land in the form prescribed by the Government of India & communicated with N^o 7 N^o 203 of 27.4.92. With regard to the patches of fields to be included in the proposed Reserve, notifications under section 4 should be submitted.

4. The proposal to reserve the Government garden is also approved. A notification under section 4 should be submitted for transmission to Government.

(True Extract)
/signed/ W. S. Meyer
Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevely
The Conservator S. C.

(True copy)
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),

Dated 6th December 1892.
Fork No. 1313 — Mis. Routine.

READ Endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, S. C. Dated 19th November 1892, N^o 3064, on that of the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 14.11.92 forwarding to the Board letter of Office - note from the D. F. O. Tinnevely, dated 31st October 92, N^o 3792.

Resolution

In the circumstances stated, the eastern boundary of the Milavittan block may stand as proposed by the Collector.

(True Extract)
/signed/ W. S. Meyer
Secretary.
To the Collector of Tinnevely
The Conservator S. C.

(True Copy)
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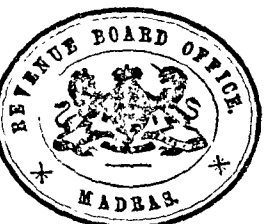
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Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),
MADRAS.

To

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Proceedings, dated 6. 12. 1892
7. No. 13/3 Mis. Routine.

Subject.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),
Dated 25 July. 1893.
Forest No. 892 Miscellaneous

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READ *Endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, S. C.,
dated 26. June 1893, No. 1366 in letter from the
Collector of Tinnevely, dated 18.6.93 No. 1548.*

Resolution

*152/ In the specification of the
land to be disafforested, the Collector has
failed to give a brief description of the block
and the reasons for disafforestation, as required
in the form prescribed by the Government of
India (vide Board's Prop. 727.4.92, 7 No. 203).
The Collector has merely given a list showing
the Nos. of the fields or portions of the fields, to
be disafforested, but in the latter case, it is
not stated which portion of the fields is to be
disafforested. This information should be furnished
either by subdividing the fields and giving sub-
numbers or by a regular description of the four
boundaries of the portions to be disafforested.*

2. As regards the draft notification under Section 4 referred to in para 5 of the Collector's letter, the Board consider that each patch of land proposed to be added should be specified separately. The name of the Forest Settlement Officer has not been stated and the notification is not in the usual form.

In the case of portions of fields, it should be stated which portion is proposed to be notified.

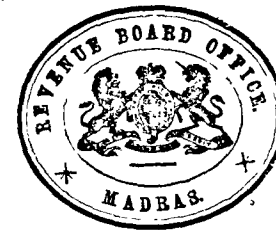
3. The papers are accordingly returned for revision and resubmission.

/ True Extract /
/ Signed / W. S. Meyer.
Secretary.

To The Collector of Tinnevely
thru the Conservator, S. E.

/ True Copy /

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Secretary.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue)

Forest No 960 Mis, dated 22nd September 1897

Copies attached
Read again Board's Proceedings Forest Nos. 991 Mis, 313 Mis, and 892 Mis, dated 21-9-92, 6-12-92 and 25-7-93. respectively.

Read endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated 3rd August 1897, R.C. No 590, forwarding to the Board letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 27th July 1897, Ref. on B&C No 143.

Resolution.

The Milavittan Reserve was constituted a reserved forest under G.O Rev. No 559, dated 18-6-91. The boundaries of the forest having been found to be very tortuous, and protection from cattle trespass rendered difficult, the then Acting District Forest Officer Mr. Thornton in his office note to the Collector dated 25th April 1892, proposed to rectify them by dividing the Reserve into two compact blocks. He also reported that he had negotiated with the pattadars of the lands proposed to be included for exchange of their lands with those outside the Reserve. The Board in its Proceedings dated 21-9-92, F. No 991 Misc, approved of the proposal as concurred in by the Conservator. As this course involved the exclusion of certain lands from the Reserve and the inclusion of certain others within the forest, the Board also called for a map showing the proposed boundaries and for the usual notifications under section 4 and 24 of the Forest Act.

The notifications subsequently received, being defective and not in proper form, they had to be returned for revision with

reference to the remarks in B.P.F.No 892 Misc,dated 25-7-93.

2 In the meantime proposals for disafforesting a portion of the original block A in its east side required for building sites for the town of Tuticorin were submitted and sanctioned by Government in its Order No.85 Revenue,dated 11-2-97.

3 With the letter read above the Collector submits after revision the notifications referred to in para 1 supra together with a boundary description of the Reserve as it has now been altered and states that he has taken care to follow revenue survey lines whenever possible, and has avoided the unnecessary inclusion of patta fields within the forest. On verification of the notifications, it was found that a portion of S.No 598 lying east of the right bund of the Tuticorin drainage channel and the triangular piece of land in S.No 697 north of the north margin of the Palamcottah-Tuticorin road having been left out in the notification under section 4. The Board has supplied the omission and also made certain alterations in the notification under section 24. As thus modified, the two notifications will now be submitted to Government for approval. The notification under section 4 may be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, while the other notification may be issued in the Gazette after the sanction of the Government of India has been obtained for its promulgation.

4 As regard the revised boundary description, the Board observes that, as it includes within its limits (i) the Reserve as finally notified under G.O Revenue, No. 559, dated 18-6-91 excluding the portions already disafforested and under disafforestation and (ii) the additions now proposed, its publication in the Gazette simultaneously with the issue of the notification for disafforestation would complicate matters during settlement. The better course will be for the Collector to submit a consolidated notification for the whole Reserve after the additions now proposed have been finally settled, and notified under S.16.

5 The Board observes that no mention is made in the Collector's present letter regarding the notification under section 4 in respect of the Government garden called for in para 4 of B.P.F.No 991 Miscd/ 21-9-92. This requires explanation.

(True Extract)

Secretary

The Secretary to Govt. R.B. writes Collector's letter 27-7-97 & also 4/8/97 & 14/8/97 & 19-11-97 S.C. Encl. 12/12/97 & 25-5-92 all in original folder.

To the Collector of Tinnevely and Conservator S.C.

Government {1897} of Madras. REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 887, 23rd October 1897.

OCTOBER.

Reserved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act, as amended by the Board and the Government for the proposed constitution of the addition to Milavittan reserve No. 31, in the Ottappidaram taluk, as a —, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Tinnevely District Gazettes; and that under section 24 in regard to the same reserve, returned to the Board of Revenue for revision with reference to certain remarks.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 960, dated 22nd September 1897:—

Read—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, Coimbatore), dated Kokkarakulam, 27th July 1897, Ref. on B and C No. 143 of 1896-97:—

I have the honour to reply to Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 892, dated 25th July 1893, regarding the disafforestation of certain lands included in the Milavittan reserve, Ottappidaram taluk, and the proposed addition of certain other lands to the same reserve.

2. In accordance with the instructions contained in the Board's Proceedings under reply, a brief description of the blocks proposed to be disafforested is given in the enclosed form as prescribed by Government. In this, portions already disafforested (*vide* Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 245, dated 12th March 1897, and also Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 275, Routine, dated 2nd April 1897), have been excluded.

3. A draft notification under section 4 is also enclosed for approval and publication, with respect to the patches of lands proposed to be added on to the reserve.

4. As already approved of in Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 991, dated 21st September 1892, the block has been divided into two separate ones.

5. I also enclose herewith boundary description of the reserve as it has now been altered. This may be substituted for the old boundary description and published.

In submitting these proposals, I have taken care to follow revenue survey lines wherever possible, and have avoided the unnecessary inclusion of patta fields, bearing also in mind the conservancy line principle advocated by the present Conservator.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the area, &c., of the already existing forests in Ottappidaram taluk, Tinnevely district.

Total area of the taluk.	Extent of occupied and unoccupied Government lands in the taluk.	Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserves now submitted for notification under section 4.	Character of land proposed for reservation.	Sketch-map.
6,79,172 sq. M.A.	<div> <div> <div>Occupied</div> <div>Unoccupied</div> </div> <div> <div>ACS.</div> <div>169,937</div> <div>31,387</div> </div> </div>	91421 acres.	...	70-95 acres.	Partly forest and partly grassy land.	Herewith.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 3rd August 1897, Ref. on C. No. 590.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 960, dated 22nd September 1897.

The Milavittan reserve was constituted a reserved forest under G.O., No. 559, Revenue, dated 18th June 1891. The boundaries of the forest having been found to be very tortuous, and protection from cattle trespass rendered difficult, the then Acting District Forest-officer Mr. Thornton in his office-note to the Collector, dated 25th April 1892, proposed to rectify them by dividing the reserve into two compact blocks. He also reported that he had negotiated with the pattadars of the lands proposed to be included for exchange of their lands with those outside the reserve. The Board in its Proceedings, dated 21st September 1892, Forest Mis. No. 991, approved of the proposal as concurred in by the Conservator. As this course involved the exclusion of certain lands from the reserve and the inclusion of certain others within the forest, the Board also called for a map showing the proposed boundaries and for the usual notifications under sections 4 and 24 of the Forest Act.

The notifications subsequently received being defective and not in proper form, they had to be returned for revision with reference to the remarks in Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 892, dated 25th July 1893.

2. In the meantime proposals for disafforesting a portion of the original block A in its east side required for building sites for the town of Tuticorin were submitted and sanctioned by Government in its order, No. 85, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897.

3. With the letter read above the Collector submits after revision the notifications referred to in paragraph 1 *supra*, together with a boundary description of the reserve as it has now been altered, and states that he has taken care to follow revenue survey lines whenever possible, and has avoided the unnecessary inclusion of patta fields within the forest. On verification of the notifications, it was found that a portion of survey No. 598 lying east of the right bund of the Tuticorin drainage channel and the triangular piece of land in survey No. 697 north of the north margin of the Palamcottah-Tuticorin road have been left out in the notification under section 4. The Board has supplied the omission and also made certain alterations in the notification under section 24. As thus modified, the two notifications will now be submitted to Government for approval. The notification under section 4 may be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, while the other notification may be issued in the Gazette after the sanction of the Government of India has been obtained for its promulgation.

4. As regards the revised boundary description, the Board observes that, as it includes within its limits (i) the reserve as finally notified under G.O., No. 559, Revenue, dated 18th June 1891, excluding the portions already disafforested and under disafforestation and (ii) the additions now proposed, its publication in the Gazette simultaneously with the issue of the notification for disafforestation would complicate matters during settlement. The better course will be for the Collector to submit a consolidated notification for the whole reserve after the additions now proposed have been finally settled and notified under section 16.

5. The Board observes that no mention is made in the Collector's present letter regarding the notification under section 4 in respect of the Government garden called for in paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 991, dated 21st September 1892. This requires explanation.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Collector's letter, dated 27th July 1897, Ref. B on C
No. 143, and its four enclosures and map to be returned; and
also Southern Circle Conservator's endorsement, No. 3067,
dated 19th November 1892; Southern Circle Conservator's
endorsement, No. 1366, dated 26th June 1893; and Southern
Circle Conservator's endorsement, No. 1269, dated 25th May
1892, all in original, to be returned.
Collector of Tinnevely and Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

ENCLOSURES.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 991, dated 21st September 1892:—

Read—the following office-note from C. THORNTON, Esq., Acting District Forest-officer, Southern Circle, to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle (through the Collector of Tinnevely), dated Kannikatti, 25th April 1892, No. 354:—

In forwarding the map of Milavittan reserved forest duly notified under section 16 in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 23rd June 1891, I beg to inform you that the boundary is so tortuous and patta lands are so mixed up with the reserve, either as islands or as peninsulas, so to speak, that I find the reserve totally unworkable. Cattle stray all over it and, although I have prosecuted about sixty cases, it has been found difficult to get a conviction in some cases, because it was doubtful whether the cattle were caught in the reserve, as neither the forester, forest watchers, pattadars or karnams have the least idea of the boundary allowing almost all the field stones to be removed; but even supposing that every stone was in its place, I maintain that the boundary would be untenable. It is not only a great inconvenience to the Forest Department but also to the ryots who are put to no small difficulty to keep their cattle out of the reserve. In the boundary as notified there is one enclosure (not including a road), an endless number of lands projecting into the reserve and one block; survey of the road by a railway crossing, and it is impossible to keep cattle out without a separate fence. Cattle cannot be excluded from the reserve without a strong fence, as they are almost wild and have no herdsmen to look after them, but I have delayed fencing until a new notification is issued.

2. In the enclosed sketch of my surveyor, the old reserve boundary is marked in red ink and the proposed reserve in blue pencil. It will be seen that the enclosure, the separate block and many of the projections, have been done away with and on the northern boundary at least we have a very well defined boundary in the Tuticorin drainage channel bund which is broad and is used as a road. To effect this change I had to interview all the pattadars holding land to terms readily and agreed to change their lands for others outside the proposed reserved boundary, either in what is at present waste land or reserved forest. I have taken a muchilika from them to bind them to their promise, if required.

3. This reserve will be a very valuable one, as it is only a mile from Tuticorin town, and with proper protection, it will yield a very large quantity of odoi for firewood in the northern part and palmyras in the southern part. Many of the lands the pattadars have agreed to exchange are largely covered with trees. I think it would be advisable to divide the reserve into separate blocks—

A—north of Palamcottah road;

B—south of it;

C—is a small piece of land which has been a Government garden for some time and should be reserved to protect the trees.

It is separate from the rest of the reserve, but only about 50 yards south of forest pillar No. 44 (south-east corner of field No. 639). By dividing the reserve into blocks A and B it would leave unreserved the road and a small margin on the south side which is bounded by a fresh water channel.

4. The list of lands the pattadars have agreed to exchange and the lands to be given to them instead is herewith enclosed.

I have made a full enquiry with the karnams and all the surrounding lands are marked in the map; so I should hardly think another settlement is necessary.

Endorsement by G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, dated 8th May 1892.
Forwarded.

Endorsement by J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 25th May 1892, No. 1269.

Copy forwarded with enclosures, in original, to the Board.

I agree with the District Forest-officer that the present boundary (which was evidently one of those objectionable boundaries selected on the map and not on the ground), is unmanageable and must be rectified somehow.

I found great fault with the boundaries and the protection of this reserve during my last inspection.

As it is proposed to take in some fresh land, and to exchange others, I see no help for it but to have a fresh settlement, and I have the honour to ask if the Board will approve of this course, or can suggest any other way out of the difficulty.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 991, dated 21st September 1892.

Under the circumstances stated the Collector's proposal, supported by the Conservator to divide the Milavittan block into two separate ones and to rectify its boundaries, is approved. The boundaries should, however, be still further rectified by acquiring field No. 753 on the south-west and Nos. 657 and 678 on the east as shown by double dotted blue lines in the sketch.

2. The map showing the proposed boundaries should be drawn to scale and the references to names should be given in English and not in Vernacular as given by the Collector.

3. For all portions of the existing block which have to be disafforested, the Collector will submit a specification of the land in the form prescribed by the Government of India and communicated with Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 203, dated 27th April 1892. With regard to the patches of fields to be included in the proposed reserve, notifications under section 4 should be submitted.

4. The proposal to reserve the Government garden is also approved. A notification under section 4 should be submitted for transmission to Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevely,
the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1313, dated 6th December 1892:—

Read—the following office-note from C. THORNTON, Esq., Acting District Forest-officer, Southern Circle, to the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle (through the Collector of Tinnevely), dated Palamcottah, 31st October 1892, No. 3792:—

[Reference.—Board's Proceedings, dated 21st September 1892, Forest Mis. No. 991.]

I request that the Board may reconsider its decision in ordering the acquisition of patta lands Nos. 657, 678 in block A, as they are under wet cultivation and would only be sold at high rates. Moreover, a reference to the list of exchanges agreed to (enclosure 4) shows that the Nos. 658, 659 and 294 when disafforested will be given to one Paramanayagam Asari, the man who owns all the present enclosures amounting to 23.27 acres. He will not take any other land and I had some difficulty in getting him to agree to this. The whole block A, B, C and D may be excluded and block A would begin at X on the road, whereas block B would begin at D.

Endorsement by G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, dated 14th November 1892.
Forwarded.

2. I agree. The Board should be asked to modify their order.

Endorsement by J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 19th November 1892, No. 3067.
Forwarded to the Board of Revenue.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1313, dated 6th December 1892.

In the circumstances stated the eastern boundary of the Milavittan block may stand as proposed by the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevely,
Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 892, dated 25th July 1893:—

Read—the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, Coimbatore), dated 18th June 1893, No. 1548:—

[Reference.—Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 991, dated 21st September 1892, and Mis. No. 1313, dated 6th December 1892.]

I have the honour to submit a revised plan of Milavittan reserved forest showing by a red line the existing reserve, and by a blue line the boundary of the proposed reserve in three blocks, each of which is coloured with a wash of green.

2. The boundary will be further rectified by acquiring field No. 753 on the south-west. The Nos. 657 and 678 will be excluded as approved by the Board in Proceedings, No. 1313, dated 6th December 1892.

3. A list is enclosed in the form prescribed in Board's Proceedings, No. 203, dated 27th April 1892, specifying all the land to be disforested, as well as a statement showing clearly—

- (1) The survey numbers of the present reserve.
- (2) The additions which it is proposed to add to it.
- (3) The deductions which are to be disforested.

From this, it will be seen that the area of the reserve, as it now is, amounts to 711.26 acres. From this, 70.60 acres are to be deducted and 106.54 acres are to be added to blocks A and B, while block C of 15.31 acres is also to be reserved, making the total area of the proposed reserve 762.51 acres.

4. The lands to be added to the reserve include some assessed waste and some patta lands. The owners of the latter (*vide* enclosure No. 5) have agreed to take in exchange certain lands outside the reserve or else the areas now to be disforested and a muchilika has been taken from them. The Tahsildar, Ottappidaram, has been asked by my District Forest-officer in his No. 5544, dated 27th February 1893, to effect these exchanges, but they may be done by the Forest Settlement-officer under section 11 of the Act.

5. A draft notification under section 4 is prepared and enclosed, showing the boundaries of the reserve which is proposed (enclosure No. 4). The patches of land are included in that area. If it is necessary to submit a draft notification for each patch of land separately, the best and easiest method of notifying them will be to publish columns 7 and 8 of the second statement mentioned in paragraph 3.

6. The delay in submitting this was due to my District Forest-officer's absence on leave for three months and to his being in camp for about four months. Mr. Moss, who was asked to submit it, did not understand what was required.

Endorsement by J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 26th June 1893, No. 1366.

Forwarded.

These are better boundaries than those of the original reserve, but appear capable of further improvement, *e.g.*, on the north-east inside fields Nos. 309 and 310.

If fields Nos. 657 and 678 could be acquired, it would also improve the area in that direction, as the four fields outside them, and reserved in the original selection, could then be retained.

Unless there are special reasons for reservation, I would not have proposed the small area shown as block C.

However, as the matter has already given much trouble, I do not like to interfere with the present proposals.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 892, dated 25th July 1893.

In the specification of the land to be disafforested, the Collector has failed to give a brief description of the block and the reasons for disafforestation as required in the form prescribed by the Government of India (*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 27th April 1892, Forest No. 203). The Collector has merely given a list showing the numbers of the fields or portions of the fields to be disafforested, but in the latter case, it is not stated which portion of the fields is to be disafforested. This information should be furnished either by sub-dividing the fields and giving sub-numbers or by a regular description of the four boundaries of the fields and giving disafforested.

2. As regards the draft notification under section 4 referred to in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter, the Board considers that each patch of land proposed to be added should be specified separately. The name of the Forest Settlement-officer has not been stated and the notification is not in the usual form. In the case of portions of fields, it should be stated which portion is proposed to be notified.

3. The papers are accordingly returned for revision and resubmission.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevely (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle).

ORDER—No. 887, Revenue, dated 23rd October 1897.

Forest No. 195.

The draft notification, under section 4 as amended by the Board and the Government, will be published in the Fort St. George and Tinnevely District Gazettes.

2. The draft notification under section 24 will be returned to the Board of Revenue for revision with reference to the following remarks:—

(i) It should be distinctly stated in the case of each survey number whether a portion or the whole of it is to be disafforested. The entries in column 1 of the statement in the schedule as they now stand are somewhat misleading.

(ii) It is not clear whether the whole or only part of survey No. 304 is to be disafforested. The fact that no description of any portion of the survey number is given in the draft notification would seem to show that the whole of the number is to be abandoned; but it is probable that as shown in the map the portion south of the southern bund of the Tuticorin drainage channel is to be retained.

(iii) The description of the portion of survey No. 305 proposed to be disafforested as given in the draft notification is not clear with reference to the map.

(iv) The pieces of land to be disafforested should all be distinctly coloured in full.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with map and enclosure.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press,
with notification under section 4.

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 it is proposed to constitute the blocks of land described in the schedule hereto annexed as "reserved forests" under the Act.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Number.	Name of block.	Situation and boundaries.
Tinnevely.	Ottapida- ram.	..	Additions to Mila- vittan Reserve No. 31.	<p>SITUATION.—The proposed additions are in the villages of Tuticorin and Milavittan. So much of patta field No. 595 A of Milavittan village which is to the south of the right bund of the Tuticorin drainage channel and part of S. No. 598 lying east of the right bund of the drainage channel.</p> <p>S. Nos. 839 A, 842 A, 832 B and portions of 830 lying west of the straight line from the south-west corner of 832 A to south-east corner of 833; and of the straight line from the south-east corner of 833 to the north-east corner of 835 B and S. No. 835 A, assessed waste, all of Milavittan village.</p> <p>S. Nos. 753 patta, 752 assessed waste, 719 patta, and so much of S. Nos. 720 and 721 patta as lie to the east of the drainage channel right bund, and also so much of the survey fields Nos. 715 patta, 493 waste as lie to the east of the drainage channel right bund; S. No. 494 (full) patta and so much of S. Nos. 495 patta, 506, 507, 608 assessed waste, 606 C patta, 605 A patta as lie to the east of the drainage channel; the triangular piece of land of No. 697 north of the north margin of the Palamcottah-Tuticorin road, all of Milavittan village.</p>

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased to appoint F. V. P. Gompertz, Esq., to be the Forest Settlement-officer who shall inquire 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 the land comprised within such limits to any forest produce of such land and deal with the same as provided in chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest officer, Tinnevely, for the time being to attend on behalf of Government during the inquiry.

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

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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