Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., Nos 894-894A

Dated 26th October

[Despatch Abstract.]

The draft Notifn. under Section 16 of the Madras Forest Act, for the Constitution of the Melpalamkam block in the Kallakurchi taluk, as a reserved forest, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the South Arcot Dt. Gazettes

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The draft notification will be published in the Fort St George and S. Arcot St gazettes, the 31st January 1898 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

2 The privilege of repairing the channels referred to in claims Nos 42(2) and 45(8) should be conceded by a departmental order.

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To the B.S. & R. with map.
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From The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Land Revenue Madras.

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SUBJECT.

Submg. draft Notice for the constitution of the Melpalankur block in the Kallakurchi taluk, S. Arcot Dt. as a reserved forest.

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stified under the order Contained in G.O 418 28-1-95. Neither the Collector nor the Board has recommended the grant of the Concession claimed in item 42(2) of the Register the last sentence of of claims although in para 7 of his letter, the D. S. Orefers to more than one Channel. The Collector's Report apparently overlooks the channel mention attention is limited to the Concession made in the western boundary description

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Fort St. George, October 26, 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.	Names of villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
South Arcot.	Kallakurchi.	Arasarampattu, Maiyyanur, Valaiyampattu, Palaiyanur, Kallerikuppam, Palaiyasiruvankar and Melpalankur.	209	Melpalankur.	*North.*—Starting from a village boundary stone about sixteen and quarter chains south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 103 of Arasarampattu a straight line east-north-eastwards to the south-west corner of survey No. 164 of Maiyyanur; thence south-eastwards a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 189; thence a straight line south-eastwards for three and-a-half furlongs to a demarcation post and cairn about seven and-a-half chains south-south-west of Nagasettikolam; thence a straight line to a khandam station at the southernmost point of survey No. 143; thence a straight line to the village boundary stone immediately south of the trijunction stone of Maiyyanur, Yal, and Melpalankur; thence northwards the eastern boundary of Maiyyanur village to the said trijunction stone; thence eastwards the southern boundary of Yal to a demarcation post and cairn in it two chains south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 100 of the said village. *East.*—Thence a straight line to the westernmost point of survey No. 236 of Melpalankur; thence its west side to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 249; thence a straight line to the khandam station at the north-west corner of survey No. 223; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 226; thence its west side to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 47; thence its west side to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the khandam station at the south-west corner of survey No. 42; thence south-south-eastwards a straight line to a demarcation post and cairn on the northern boundary of Sittal village five and a half chains south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 41, all of Melpalankur. *South.*—Thence south-westwards the northern boundary of Sittal to its junction with Melpalankur, Sitteripattu, and Palaiyasiruvankur villages; thence south-westwards a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 103 of Palaiyasiruvankur; thence its north side to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 149; thence its north side to its north-west corner; thence a straight line north-north-eastwards to the south-east corner of survey No. 482; thence its east side to its north-east corner; thence a straight line northwards to a demarcation post and cairn in Melpalankur village boundary about five and-a-half chains north of the eastern end of Pikuttai Eri (tank); thence north-north-westwards the said village boundary to the north-east corner of Nallatannikolam (tank); thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No. 517; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 520; thence the west sides of survey Nos. 520 and 521 to the south-west corner of the latter; thence a straight line to the southernmost point of survey No. 510; thence the west side of survey No. 506 to its south-west corner; thence a straight line southwards to a demarcation post and cairn, about eight and-a-quarter chains north of the north-east corner of survey No. 158; thence a straight line westwards to the north-west corner of survey No. 572, all of Palaiyasiruvankur; thence a straight line west-south-westwards to the north-west corner of survey No. 104 of Kallerikuppam; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 105 of the same village. *West.*—From the last named point a straight line north-north-eastwards to the south-east corner of survey No. 178 of Valaiyampattu; thence its east side to its north-east corner; thence north-north-eastwards a straight line to a village boundary stone about seven and-a-half chains south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 212 of Palaiyanur; thence a straight line north-eastwards to a village boundary stone about a furlong south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 209 of the same village; thence north-north-eastwards the eastern boundary of Palaiyanur village for one station; thence a straight line to the starting point.

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eastwards

REMARKS—A.—The undermentioned rights of way are allowed within the block:—

1. Cart-track from Mattur to Periyapagandai four yards wide and open for people, cattle, and carts.—It enters the block about three and-a-half chains east of the north-east corner of survey No. 105 of Kallerikuppam and running north-north-eastwards for about two and-a-half miles within the block leaves it about one and-a-half furlongs north-north-east of the trijunction of Arasarampattu, Palaiyanur, and Maiyyanur villages.

2. Cart-track four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block about eight chains west-south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 164 of Maiyyanur and running south-eastwards joins path No. A-3 *infra* about fourteen chains north of the point of exit of the latter. It again enters the block about two chains south-south-east of the south-east corner of Nallatannikolam (tank) in Palaiyasiruvankur, and running south-eastwards and then southwards leaves it about five chains north-east of the north-east corner of survey No. 103 of the said village. Its total length within the block is about three miles.

3. Cart-track from Maiyyanur to Palaiyasiruvankur four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block about ten chains south-south-west of the south-east corner of survey No. 197 of Maiyyanur and running south-westwards and then south-south-westwards for about nine and-a-half furlongs within the block leaves it about five chains west-north-west of the north-west corner of Nallatannikolam (tank) in Palaiyasiruvankur.

4. Foot-path to Kilpadi two yards wide and open for people and cattle.—It enters the block on the eastern boundary of Maiyyanur village about thirteen and-a-half chains south-south-west of the trijunction of Maiyyanur, Yal and Melpalankur villages and running eastwards for about two and-a-quarter furlongs joins path No. A-5 *infra* about two furlongs from the point of exit of the latter.

5. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Maiyyanur four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block about five-and-a-half chains west-north-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 249 of Melpalankur and running north-westwards for about a mile leaves it about five chains east of the trijunction of Melpalankur, Yal and Maiyyanur.

6. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Pallippatti, &c., villages four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block about four chains south of the south-west corner of survey No. 47 of Melpalankur and running south-westwards and then south-south-westwards for about three furlongs within the block leaves it on its southern boundary about a chain west of the boundary stone immediately east-north-east of the quadrajunction of Palaiyasiruvankur, Melpalankur, Sitteripattu and Sittal villages.

7. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Palaiyasiruvankur four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It branches from path A-6 *supra* about four chains south-west of Valaiyakkarankolam (tank) and running south-westwards for about four and-a-half furlongs leaves the block about a chain west of the northernmost point of survey No. 1 of Sitteripattu.

8. Cart-track from Palaiyanur to cart-track A-1 *supra* four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block at a point about six chains north of Vellaikuttai and running eastwards and north-eastwards for about ten chains joins path No. A-1 due east of the trijunction stone of Arasarampattu, Palaiyanur and Maiyyanur.

B. The following temples have been excluded from reservation and left as enclosures within the block with access as noted under each :—

1. Ayyanarkoil situated in a tope measuring 135 links north to south and 144 links east to west, one-and-a-half chains west of the south-west corner of survey No. 520 of Palaiyasiruvankur. The tope is excluded from reservation and left as an enclosure with the reservation that the trees should not be interfered with by the public. To be approached by the cleared line of the block up to the south-west corner of the said survey No. 520 and then by a path two yards wide and open for people and cattle running westwards to the temple enclosure.

2. A space of 40 × 20 yards on the north limit of Ponperimankolam (tank) in Melpalankur village where the villagers invoke their deity. To be approached by a path two yards wide and open for people and cattle entering the block about seven and-a-half chains due west of the north-west corner of survey No. 230 of the said village and running west-north-westwards to the enclosure.

C. The following rights are admitted within the block :—

1. Right of the people of Sittal to water their cattle in Valaiyakkarankolam (tank) in Melpalankur with ~~access~~ *access* by a path two yards wide and open for people and cattle running westwards to it from a point in the reserve boundary due east of the tank.

2. Right of the people of Melpalankur to water their cattle in the said Valaiyakkarankolam with access by cart-track A-6 *supra*.

D. The right to the usufruct of the following patta trees is admitted under section 11 of the Forest Act, subject to such rul s as may be made by the Governor in Council under section 12 (*b*) provided that no sale or other alienation shall be mad e except with the sanction of Government under section 19. The pattadar shall be free to sell or barter the produce :—

Village.	Survey number.	Number of trees.	Access.
Melpalankur.	230	3 Iluppai trees.	By a path two yards wide open for people only from the nearest point in the reserve boundary during Anti-Forest (June—October) every year.

(Signed) A. W. C. STANBROUGH,
District Forest-officer.

(Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU,
Forest Settlement-officer.

Secretary.

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 re-served forest.

Schedule

District	Taluk	Names of villages	No. of Block	Name of Block	Boundaries.
South Arcot	Kallakurichi	Arasarampattu Maiyyanur Vellaiyampattu Palaiyanur Kelliri-Kuppam Palaiyasiruvan-kur Melpalankur	209	Melpalankur	North.—Starting from a village boundary stone about 16¼ chains southeast of the southeast corner of survey no. 103 of Arasarampattu a straight line each northeastwards to the southwest corner of survey no. 164 of Maiyyanur; thence southeastwards a straight line to the southwest corner of survey no. 189; thence a straight line southeastwards for ½ furlongs to a demarcation post and cairn about 7½ chains south southwest of Nagaseri Kolam; thence a straight line to a Railway station at the southernmost point of survey no. 143; thence a straight line to the village boundary stone immediately south of the trijunction of Maiyyanur, Pal, and Melpalankur; thence northwards the eastern boundary of Maiyyanur village to the said trijunction stone; thence eastwards the southern boundary of Maiyyanur to a demarcation post and cairn in its 2 chains southwest

of the Southwest corner, of Survey no. 100 of the said village.

East. Thence a straight line to the westernmost point of Survey no. 236 of Melpalaiker, thence its west side to its Southwest corner; thence a straight line to the northwest corner of Survey no. 249; thence a straight line to the Khan-dane station at the northwest corner of Survey no. 223; thence a straight line to the northwest corner of Survey no. 226; thence its west side to its southwest corner; thence a straight line to the northwest corner Survey no. 47; thence its west side to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the Khandaye station at the Southwest corner of Survey no. 42; thence south Southeastwards a straight line to a demarcation post and cairn on the northern boundary of Sittal village 5½ chains Southeast of the Southwest corner of Survey no. 41; all of Melpalaiker.

South. Thence Southwestwards the northern boundary of Sittal to its junction with Mel-palaiker, Sitteripattu, and Palaiyasirumaiker villages; thence southeastwards a straight line to the northeast corner of Survey no. 103 of Palaiyasirumaiker; thence its north side to its northeast corner; thence a straight line to the northeast corner of Survey no. 149; thence its east side to its northwest corner; thence a straight line north northeastwards to the corner of Survey no. 482; thence its west side to its northwest corner; thence Melpalaiker village boundary line north of the eastern end of (tank); thence north northwestwards

the said village boundary to the northeast corner of Nallatanni Kolam (tank); thence a straight line to the northernmost point of Survey no. 517; thence a straight line to the northwest corner of survey no. 520, thence the west sides of Survey nos. 520 and 521 to the Southwest corner of the latter; thence a straight line to the Southernmost point of Survey no. 510; thence the west side of Survey no. 506 to its southwest corner; thence a straight line Southwards to a demarcation post and cairn, about 8.4 Chains north of the northeast corner of Survey no. 15-D; thence a straight line westwards to the north-west corner of Survey no. 512; all of Palaiya-sirumaiker; thence a straight line Southwestwards to the northwest corner of Survey no. 104 of Kallerikuppam; thence a straight line to the northeast corner of Survey no. 105 of the same village.

West. From the last named point a straight line northnorthwestwards to the southeast corner of Survey no. 178 of Valaiyanpattu; thence its east side to its northeast corner; thence northwards a straight line to a village boundary stone about 7½ chains southeast of the Southeast corner of Survey no. 2 of Palaiya-ner; thence a straight line northwestwards to a village boundary stone about 5 chains Southeast of the southeast corner of Survey no. 209 of the same village thence northwards the eastern boundary

of the Southwest
of Palaiyanur village for one station; thence
a straight line to the starting point of
the northern boundary.

Remarks

4. The undermentioned rights of way are allowed within the block.

1. Cart track from Mattur to Periyapagandai 4 yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts. It enters the block about 3½ chains east of the northeast corner of Survey no. 105 of Kallerikeppam and running northwestwards for about 2½ miles within the block leaves it about one and a half furlongs north northeast of the trijunction of Arasaramupattu, Palaiyanur, and Maiyya-

2. √ Cart-
track 4 yards wide and open for
people, cattle, and carts. It enters the block
about 8 chains west southwest of the
southwest corner of Survey no. 164 of Maiyyanur
and running southeastwards joins path
no. 43 infra about 14 chains north of the
point of exit of the latter. It again enters
the block about 2 chains south southeast
of the southeast corner of Nallatanni Kolam
(tank) in Palaiyasiruvanker, and running
southwestwards and then southwards leaves
it about 3 chains northeast of the northeast
corner of Survey no. 197 of Maiyyanur and
running southwestwards and then south
southwestwards for about 9½ furlongs with-
in the block leaves it about 5 chains west
northwest of the northwest corner of Valle-
-tanni Kolam (tank) in Palaiyasiruvanker

3. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Maiyyanur 4 yards wide and open for people, cattle, and carts. It enters the block about 5½ chains west northwest of the southwest corner of Survey no. 249 of Melpalan-
-kur and running northwestwards for about a mile leaves it about 5 chains east of the trijunction of Melpalankur, Yal, and Maiyya-
-nur

6. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Pallipatte
& villages 4 yards wide and open for people
cattle and carts. It enters the block about
4 chains south of the southwest corner of
Survey no. 47 of Melpalankur and running
southwestwards and then southwards for about 3 furlongs with-
-in the block
leaves it on its southern boundary about a
chain west of the boundary stone immediately
east northeast of the quadrajunction of Palaiyasiru-
-vankur, Melpalankur, Sittericpatte, and Sittal

4. Foot path to Kilpadi 2 yards wide and open for people and cattle. It enters the block on the eastern boundary of Maiyyanur village about 13½ chains south southwest of the trijunction of Maiyyanur, Yal, and Melpalankur villages and running eastwards for about 2¼ fur-
-longs joins path no. 45 infra about 2 furlongs from the point of exit of the latter.

5. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Maiyyanur 4 yards wide and open for people, cattle, and carts. It enters the block about 5½ chains west northwest of the southwest corner of Survey no. 249 of Melpalan-
-kur and running northwestwards for about a mile leaves it about 5 chains east of the trijunction of Melpalankur, Yal, and Maiyya-
-nur

villages.

7. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Palaiya-
-ranmankur 4 yards wide and open for people
cattle and cart. It branches from patta A6 supra
about 4 chains southwest of Valaiyakkaranakolam
(tank) and running southwestwards for about
4½ furlongs leaves the block about a chain west
of the northernmost point of survey no. 1 of Sitteri-
-pattu.

8. Cart-track from Palaiyanur to cart-track
A1 supra 4 yards wide and open for people, cattle,
and cart. It enters the block at a point about
6 chains north of Vellai Kuttai and running east-
wards and northeastwards for about 10 chains
to survey no. A1 due east of the trijunction stone
of Sittu, Palaiyanur, and Maiyyanur.

B. The following temples have been excluded
from reservation and left as enclosures within
the block with access as noted under C.
Each.

1. Ayyanar Koil situated in a tope measuring
135 links north to south and 144 links east
to west of the southwest corner of survey no. 520 of Palaiyasirumankur.
The tope is excluded from reservation and
left as an enclosure with the reservation that
the public should not be interfered with by
them. To be approached by the cleared
piece of land up to the southwest corner
of the said survey no. 520 and thence by a
path 2 links wide and open for people and
cattle running westwards to the temple
Enclosure.

2. A space of 40 × 20 yards on the north-west limit of
Poperimankolam (tank) in Melpalankur village
where the villagers invoke their deity.

To be approached by a path 2 yards wide and open
for people and cattle entering the block about
7½ chains due west of the northernmost corner of
Survey no. 230 of the said village and running west
northwestwards to the enclosure.

C. The following rights are admitted within
the block.

1. Right of the people of Sittal to water their
cattle in Valaiyakkaranakolam (tank) in Melpalan-
-kur with access by a path 2 yards wide and open
for people and cattle running westwards
to it from a point in the reserve boundary
due east of the tank.

2. Right of the people of Melpalankur to
water their cattle in the said Valaiyakkaran
Kolam with access by cart-track A6 supra.

D. The right to the usufruct of the following
patta trees is admitted under section 11 of the
Forest Act subject to such rules as may be made
by the Governor in Council under section 12(b) provided
that no sale or other alienation shall be made
except with the sanction of Government under
section 19. The pattadars shall be free to sell or
barter the produce.

Village	Survey no	No. of trees	Rights of access.
Melpalankur.	250	3 Illuppai trees	By path 2 yards wide only for people from the nearest point in the reserve boundary due east (Dec-ber) every year.

Assistant Forest Officer
Dy. Conservator
Forest Settlement

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed September th.

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SEPTEMBER.

Submitting to Government, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Melpalankur block, in the Kallakurchi taluk, South Arcot district, as a reserved forest.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 26th April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 329 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Melpalankur proposed reserved forest No. 209 in the Kallakurchi taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 457, dated 13th March 1897, with its enclosures, viz.—

1. B. Register of claims.
2. Draft notification under section 16.
3. Sketch-map.

3. Further, in accordance with orders, I append my District Forest-officer's statement of area and condition :—

STATEMENT of Area and Condition.

Taluk.	Number and name of block.		Total area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land.		Area of reserves already notified under section 15.	Area of reserve under settlement.	Area of reserve now submitted.	Character of land proposed for reservation		Sketch-map.
	Number.	Name.		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Forest.	Grass	
1	2		3	4		5	6	7	8		9
Kallakurchi.	209	Melpalankur.	658,913 acres.	182,242 as cs.	376,671 acres.	*61,909 acres.	16,276 acres.	2,981 acres.	2,240 acres.	741 acres.	One.

* Corrected in the Revenue Board's office.

4. The area of the block as notified under section 4 was 4,647 acres, but on account of the exclusions ordered at settlement nearly 1,666 acres have been thrown out. The area of the block as it stands is therefore 2,981 acres, which is the area entered in the sketch and the statement given above. The large exclusion was made so as to conform to the principles of the present forest policy under which a fair margin has to be allowed for the extension of cultivation.

5. With reference to the concluding portion of paragraph 7 of the Forest Settlement-officer's final report, the District Forest-officer states that a concession order will be issued in favour of the ryots of Melpalankur village allowing them to repair the odai claimed in item 8 of claim No. LVIII-15 after the block is notified under section 16 of the Forest Act, and with reference to paragraph 8 of the said report, necessary orders have been issued to the concerned range officer directing him to divert the path therein alluded to.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SINGARAVELU PILLAI, Avergal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., Districts, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Camp, Tinnevelly, 13th March 1897, No. 457.

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of the Melpalankur block, Kallakurchi taluk.

2. The block lies in the villages of Maiyyanur, Melpalankur, Palaiyasiruvankur, Arasarampattu, Valaiyampattu, Palaiyanur and Kallerikuppam.

3. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 5th February 1895, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued by Mr. McMurray on the 15th idem.

4. The settlement of the block, which was transferred to M.R.Ry. C. Rajusastri Avergal in November 1895, was begun by him but completed by me on the subsequent transfer of it to my name in September 1896.

5. The appeal time expired on 30th January 1897, but none was filed.

6. In all sixty-two claims were preferred as follows:—

(i) Twenty-four for patta and inam lands.
(ii) Nineteen for sivoijama lands.
(iii) One for non-reservation of the block.
(iv) Seven for nine temples or shrines.
(v) Nine for twenty-one rights of way.
(vi) Two for right to the usufruct of eleven patta trees.
(vii) The claims in items V and VI include also four water sources and right to repair two channels.

7. The claims in item (i), fourteen claims in item (ii), seven temples or shrines included in item (iv), ten rights of way in item (v), eight patta trees in item (vi) and two water sources were thrown out by revision of boundary proposed by the District Forest-officer as indicated in the sketch in green lines. One claim in item (ii), and item (iii) were withdrawn; four claims in item (ii) and claim to a water source and right to repair channels were rejected as being not based on right The remaining claims were admitted. Though the claim to repair the channels was rejected it has to be conceded by a departmental order.

8. A portion of the cart-track from Melpalankur to Pallippatti, to the north of right of way (A-6) in the notification and the sketch, appears to be included in the block—*vide* sketch-map. This portion has not been claimed by any one, and besides it is only a very small abutment into the reserve. It may well be diverted close to the block on the outside.

9. The following records are herewith sent :—

(1) Sketch-map.
(2) B. Register.
(3) Draft final notification.

10. The date in the draft final notification is left blank, as three months' time has to be allowed for a proper promulgation of the notification under section 16.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Melpalankur reserved forest block No. 209, Kallakurchi taluk, South Arcot 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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57 / I.	Sellaperumal goundan, son of Moorthigoundan of Kallerikuppam.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the land, 24 cents, in survey No. 97-A of Kallerikuppam, which he cultivates under sivoijama, may not be taken up for forest reserve.	....	....	Claimant has no right to the land in question. The claim is rejected. (Signed) C. RAJUSASTRI, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th March 1896.
61 / II.	Lakshminarayana Aier of Palaiyasiruvankur.	20th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the land, 20 acres, in survey No. 575 of Palaiyasiruvankur, which he cultivates under sivoijama, may be excluded from the reserve.	....	....	The claim is not based on right. But the land referred to lies outside the revised boundary of the forest. (Signed) C. RAJU SASTRI, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th March 1896.
30 / III.	Anthoni, son of Savrimuthu of Maiyyanur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays for the exclusion of 1·70 acres of land in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur cultivated by him under sivoijama.	Village accounts ..	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary of the block. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, MELPALANKUR, Forest Sett.-officer. 22nd October 1896.
33 / IV.	Kullan, son of Irusakonan, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of 80 cents of land in survey No. 198 of Maiyyanur cultivated by him under sivoijama.	Do. ..	Do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU. MELPALANKUR, Forest Sett.-officer. 22nd October 1896.
2 / V.	Kalathi Udyan, son of Velayuda Udyan of Yal.	16th Mar. 1896.	Prays for the exclusion of 1 acre 36 cents of land in survey No. 250-G of Melpalankur held on patta by his daughter of whom he is the guardian.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, MELPALANKUR, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
3 / VI.	Peria Kullappanaickan residing at Yal.	Do.	Prays that his patta land, 3 acres 93 cents, in survey No. 250-F and sivoijama land, 1·12 acres, in survey No. 250-A of Melpalankur may be exculded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary it may be excluded by revisicn of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly. The claim to sivoijama land is contested as unsupported by any right.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid.	The lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary of the block. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, MELPALANKUR, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
12 / VII.	Muniagoundan, son of Muniagoundan, pattadar No. 13 of Valaiyampattu.	17th Mar. 1896.	Prays that his sivoijama land, 50 cents in survey No. 176 of Valaiyampattu, may be exculded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, MELPALANKUR, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
13 / VIII.	Venkatachala goundan, son of Rama goundan of Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land, 6 acres 70 cents, in survey No. 181 of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, MELPALANKUR, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
15 / IX.	Subbusawmi Aiyar, son of Gurumurthi Aiyar, residing at Sittal.	Do.	Prays that the purohit inam land, 1·22 acres, in survey No. 3 of Aviriyur may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, MELPALANKUR, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
50 / X	Munia goundan, pattadar No. 74 of Valaiyampattu.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that a portion of his patta land about 20 cents in survey No. 184 of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 27th October 1896.
51 / XI.	Appasawmi Gurukkal, residing at Alattur.	Do.	Prays that the Pidarikoil inam land enjoyed by him in survey No. 178 of Valaiyampattu, 90 cents in extent, may be exculded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 27th October 1896.
52 / XII.	Souriraya goundan, son of Michael goundan of Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that his sivoijama land, 25 cents, in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur may be exculded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The claim is not based on right and is therefore rejected. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 27th October 1896.
60 / XIII.	Annamurthi Reddi residing at Palaiya siruvankur.	Do.	Prays that survey Nos. 572, 573 and a portion of survey No. 571 of Palaiyasiruvankur cultivated by him under sivoijama may be excluded from the forest.	Village accounts ..	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The claim is contested, the lands claimed being waste and the property of Government. With the exception of a small portion of survey No. 573, the fields lie in the portion proposed to be exculded.	Claim is withdrawn. It is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 27th October 1896.
36 / XIV.	Raman, son of Durman, residing at Sittal.	Do.	Prays that about 38 cents of land cultivated by him under sivoijama in a portion of survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
37 / XV.	Seenan, son of Ramanaikan of Sittal.	Do.	Prays that about 33 cents of land cultivated by him under sivoijama in survey No. 67 of Sittal may be exculded from the reserve.	Do. ..	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
38 / XVI.	Ramalingam, son of Tondaraya Pathan of Sittal.	Do.	Prays that 1 acre 8 cents of land cultivated by him and two others under sivoijama in survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.

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39 XVII.	Naravanan, son of Marimuttu Naik of Sittal.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that about 33 cents of land cultivated by him under sivoijama in survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts ..	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
43 XVIII.	Munian, son of Muthia Naikan of Sittal.	Do.	Prays that about 33 cents of land cultivated by him under sivoijama in survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
47 XIX.	Sinna Nondi, son of Asalan of Manjaputtur.	Do.	Prays that the totty inam land 83 cents in survey No. 179 of Valaivampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
48 XX	Munian, son of Muthu, residing at Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 65 cents in survey No 194-D of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
49 XXI.	Annamalai, son of Salaivan, residing at Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 54 cents in survey No. 194-F of Valaivampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
1 XXII.	Kattavapillai, son of Palaniappillai of Melpalankur.	16th Mar 1896.	Prays that his undivided nephew Mangarmayagam Pillai's patta right— (1) to the usufruct of three iluppai trees in survey No. 250, and (2) to fishery in respect of a tank in survey No 246 called Pillaiyar tangal both of Melpalankur. may be admitted within the reserve.	Village accounts ..	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The trees may be treated as enclosure if they are within the block; if situated in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly. Pillaiyar tangal lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	Item 2 lies outside the revised boundary. The claim to the usufruct of the patta iluppai* trees is admitted under section 11 of the Forest Act subject to such rules as may be made by the Governor in Council under section 12 (*b*) provided that no sale or other alienation shall be made except with the sanction of Government under section 19. The pattadar is free to sell or barter the produce. Access is allowed to the trees from the nearest point in the reserve boundary by a path two yards wide open for people only during Ani—Pertasi (June—October) months every year. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
4 XXIII.	Kannappa Goundan, son of Innasi Goundan of Yal.	Do.	Prays that his father's patta land 97 cents in survey No. 250-H of Melpalankur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary of the block. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
5 XXIV.	Veerabadra Goundan, son of Periya Irusa Goundan, residing at Valaiyampattu.	17th Mar. 1896.	Prays that his sivoijama land 14 cents in survey No. 194-A of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts ..	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The claim is not based on right and is therefore rejected. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
6 XXV.	Picha Goundan, son of Tandaroya Goundan of Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 1 acre in survey No. 194-C of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
7 XXVI.	Nachi Kuppa Goundan, son of Vayapuri Goundan of Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his father's patta land 6 cents in survey No. 175 of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
8 XXVII.	Tandava Goundan, son of Tandaroya Goundan of Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 34 cents in survey No. 194-O and his son's patta land 22 cents in survey No. 194-B of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary of the block. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
9 XXVIII.	Kullan, son of Periyatambi Udyan, residing at Manjaputhur.	Do.	Prays that the poojari inam land in survey No. 180 of Valaiyampattu 82 cents in extent enjoyed by him may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
10 XXIX.	Ariyabadra Goundan, son of Sena Goundan, residing at Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that the lands 50 cents in survey No. 176 of Valaiyampattu cultivated by him under sivoijama may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.

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11 XXX.	Chinna Nalla Goundan, son of Nalla Goundan, residing at Valaiyampattu.	17th Mar. 1896.	Prays that his patta land 1·20 acres in survey No. 194-G of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
16 XXXI.	Vela Goundan, son of Pichandi Goundan of Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 2·20 acres in survey No. 198-B and sivoijama land 2·51 acres in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Claim to patta land is not contested provided the patta is valid. It may be excluded if adjoining the boundary or treated as an enclosure if within the block; should it be situated in the portion to be excluded, orders may be passed in accordance therewith. Claim to sivoijama land is contested not being based on any right. The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the port on proposed to be excluded from the block.	The claim is withdrawn on the score of the lands being outside the revised boundary. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. TRICHINOPOLY, 5th November 1896.
17 XXXII.	Veeraladran, son of Panadarasari, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the carpenter service inam land 73 cents in survey No. 187 of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.		The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
18 XXXIII.	Sinnappan, son of Thatha Goundan, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the land cultivated by him under sivoijama in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur 25 cents in extent may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Claim to sivoijama land is contested as not being based on any right. However, if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett. officer. 5th November 1896.
19 XXXIV.	Aiyakunnu, son of Panadasari of Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the blacksmith service inam land 68 cents in survey No. 188 of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, ERODE, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
20 XXXV.	Sitta Arulanandam, son of Sourimuthu, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 24 cents in survey No. 198-C and sivoijama land 62 cents in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly. Claim to sivoijama land is contested.	The lands lie outside the revised boundary Claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. ERODE, 7th November 1896.
21 XXXVI.	Raman, son of Kuppan, talayari, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the talayari service inam land 4·76 acres in survey No. 197 of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, ERODE, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
24 XXXVII.	Subramania Iyer, monigar of Arasarampattu.	18th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the block:— (1) Cart-track from Palaiyanur, &c., villages to Tiruvannámalai.—This runs along the boundary of the forest partly in and at other intervals out of the reserve. This is required for people, cattle and carts to a width of ten yards. (2) Cart-track from Arasarampattu to Maiyyanur.—It enters the reserve near survey No. 97 of Arasarampattu and running eastwards leaves the block in survey No. 39 of Maiyyanur. This is required to a width of six yards for people, cattle and carts.	....	The District Forest-officer says that the cart-tracks lie in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The paths claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, ERODE, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
25 XXXVIII.	Veeraraghavier, karnam gumastah of Palaiyanur.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the reserve:— (1) Cart-track from Mattúr to Periyapagandai.—It enters the block south-south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 105 of Kallerikuppam and running north-north-eastwards leaves it east of the trijunction of Arasarampattu, Periyapagandai and Maiyyanur villages. (2) Cart-track from Palaiyanur to item No. 1.—It enters the reserve at a point about six chains north of Vellaikuttai and running eastwards and north-eastwards for about ten chains joins item No. 1 due east of the trijunction stone of Arasarampattu, Palaiyanur and Maiyyanur. These paths are required for people, cattle and carts to a width of six yards.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and says that they may be allowed to a width of four yards.	The rights of way * claimed are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of four yards for people, cattle and carts. Item No. 1 enters the block about 3½ chains east of the north-east corner of survey No. 105 of Kallerikuppam and running for about 2½ miles within the block leaves it about one-and-a-half furlongs north-north-east of the trijunction of Arasarampattu, Palaiyanur and Maiyyanur villages. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, ERODE, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
26 XXXIX.	Arulappa Goundan, son of Souriraya Goundan, residing at Palaiyanur.	Do.	Prays that a portion of his patta land about 10 cents in survey No. 215-B of Palaiyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—It is presumed that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded. Orders may be passed in accordance therewith.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, ERODE, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
27 XL.	Chinnasami Goundan, son of Arrokia Goundan, residing at Palaiyanur.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of a portion of his patta land 10 cents in survey No. 215-C of Palaiyanur.	Do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, ERODE, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
28 XLI.	Tandaraya Goundan, residing at Viriyur.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of his sivoijama land 25 cents in survey No. 91-A of Arasarampattu village.	Do.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Contested not being covered with patta right. The greater portion of the village limit has been proposed to be excluded. The claim is probably included within the excluded area.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, ERODE, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.

* *Claim* 25.—Items 1 and 2 are marked as A_1 and A_2, respectively, in the sketch.

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22 / XLII.	Rama Goundan and others of Arasarampattu village.	18th Mar. 1896.	Pray that the lands in their village limits may not be taken for forest reservation.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Almost the whole of the Arasarampattu village has been proposed to to be excluded.	The claim is withdrawn. It is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
23 / XLIII.	Rama Goundan and others of Arasarampattu village.	Do.	Pray that the right to water their cattle in Nallatannikolam within the limits of Maiyyanur may be allowed with access thereto.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The tank lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
29 / XLIV.	Kalvarava Goundan, son of Sevi Goundan of Arasarampattu.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of his son's sivoijama land, about 25 cents in survey No. 91-A of Arasarampattu.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Contested not being covered with patta right. The greater portion of the village limit has been proposed to be excluded. The claim is probably included within the excluded area.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
31 / XLV.	Anthony, son of Esu Odyan of Maiyyanur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays for the exclusion of his sivoijama land, about 1 acre in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur.	Karnam's evidence ..	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Contested as not based on any right.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
32 / VI.	Munian, son of Kuppan of Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the toty service inam 1 acre in survey No. 189 and 28 cents in survey No. 190 of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	The District Forest-officer says that the lands claimed lie in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
34 / XLVII.	Aiyalukone, son of Samba Chetty, residing at Yal.	Do.	Prays that his patta land, 1·17 acres in survey No. 2 and sivoijama land, 89 cents in survey No. 1-A of Aviriyur may be excluded from the block.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer says that the lands claimed lie in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
35 / XLVIII.	Shanmugam Pillai, karnam of Sittal.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the block :— (1) Cart-track from Sittal to Palaiyasiruvankur. It enters the reserve in survey No 65 of Sittal, and running south-west, leaves on the southern boundary, west of survey No 66. (2) Cart-track from Melpalankur to Pallippatti, &c., villages. It enters the block north-east of Valaiyakkarankolam, and running south-south-west, leaves near the point of exit of item No. 1. The paths are required for people, cattle and carts to a width of six yards.	....	*The District Forest-officer's answer.*—Item (1) It lies in the portion proposed to be excluded. Item (2) not contested and may be allowed to a width of four yards.	Item 1 lies outside the revised boundary. The claim to item 2 is admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of four yards for people, cattle and carts. It enters the block about four chains south of the south-west corner of survey No. 47 of Melpalankur, and running south-westwards and then south-south-westwards for about three furlongs within the block, leaves it on its southern boundary, about a chain west of the boundry stone immediately east-north-east of the quadra junction of Palaiyasiruvankur, Melpalankur, Sitteripattu and Sittal villages. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVALU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
40-A. / XLIX.	Kuppayi Pillai, monigar of Aviriyur.	Do.	Prays that the rock called Sakthikul in survey No. 1 of Aviriyur between survey Nos. 2 and 3, about 15 cents in extent may be excluded with a space of four yards round it	....	*District Forest-officer's answer*—The land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The rock, &c., claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
40-B. / L.	Kuppayi Pillai, monigar of Aviriyur.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the reserve :— (1) Cart-track from Aviriyur to Yal, running near the north-east corner of the reserve for a short distance. (2) Access to the temple mentioned in claim No. 40-A from the tank east of survey No 3, running north-westwards to it.	....	The District Forest-officer says that the subject of the claim lies in the portion excluded from the block.	The paths claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
41 / LI.	Sankarier, son of Gurumoorti Aiyar of Sittal.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following temple may be excluded from the reserve. Ayyanarkoil in Sittal consisting of a stone building to the extent of 7 cents situated near the junction of two cart-tracks three chains north of the southern boundary. A space of 60 cents in front and 40 cents round the temple is required. (2) A space of 1 acre 2½ chains south of the temple is required for people to stand and invoke the god.	....	The District Forest-officer says that the items claimed lie in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The temple, &c., lie outside the revised boundary The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
42 / LII.	Sankarier, residing at Sittal.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way, &c., may be allowed within the reserve :— (1) Right to water cattle in the Valaiyakkarankolam in Melpalankur. (2) Right to repair the supply channel of their village (3) Access to the tank, item 1.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Claim to water cattle in Valaiyakkarankolam may be admitted. Right to clear the supply channel may be allowed with the usual conditions— (1) That due notice should be given to the officers of the Forest Department before the work is undertaken. (2) The clearings should be handed over to the Forest Department.	Item 2 is not an admissible right and is one for the Forest Department to consider. Items 1 and 3 are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. Item 3 will be two yards wide and open for people and cattle. It runs westwards to item No. 1 from a point in the reserve boundary due east of it (item 1). (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.

REMARKS—*Claim* 35.—Item 2 is marked A_6 in the sketch. *Claim* 42.—Item 1 is marked C_1 in the sketch.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Melpalankur 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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44 LIII.	Moorti Reddi and four others of Sitteripattu village.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the lands—10 cawnies in survey No. 530 and survey No. 575 of Palaiyasiruvankur cultivated by him under sivoijama may be excluded from the reserve.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Contested, as all the assessed fields and all the cultivable land adjoining them to meet extension of cultivation have been proposed to be excluded by revision of boundary.	The claim is not based on right and is rejected. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
58 LIV.	Ramasami Pillai, karnam of Kallerikuppam.	Do.	Prays that the following temple may be excluded from reservation. Ayyanarkoil situated on a rock on the north side of survey No. 103, 25 cents in extent. A space of 25 cents is required in front of the temple for cooking offerings, &c.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The koil lies in the portion proposed to be excluded by revision of boundary.	The temple lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
59 LV.	Ramasami Pillai, karnam of Kallerikuppam.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the reserve:— (1) Cart-track from Valaiyampattu to Palaiyasiruvankur. It enters the block south of the south-east corner of survey No. 183 of Valaiyampattu and leaves near the north-west corner of survey No 92 of Kallerikuppam. (2) Access to the temple mentioned in claim No 58 by a path branching from No. 1 at a point due west of the temple and running eastwards to it.	....	The District Forest-officer says that the subject of the claim lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The paths claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
54 LVI.	Venkataramier, karnam gumastah of Maiyyanur	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the Garudalenankoil to a space of 10 cents situated on the top of a hill south of Pudukolam may be excluded from the reserve. A space of 2 acres east of the hill is required for carts to stand. A space of 2 acres near Pudukolam is also required	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The temple and the lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
53 LVII.	Venkataramier, karnam gumastah of Maiyyanur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following rights may be allowed within the reserve:— (1) Cart-track from Maiyyanur to Palaiyasiruvankur. It enters the reserve east of survey No. 95 of Maiyyanur and running south, leaves the block east of the south-east corner of survey No. 509 of Palaiyasiruvankur. (2) Cart-track branching from the cart-track to Pazandal at its junction with the cart-track to Arasarampattu and running south-east. It leaves the block about one furlong west of the Ayyanarkoil in Sittal. (3) Foot-path to Kilpati. It enters the reserve south of the south-east corner of survey No. 195 of Maiyyanur and running eastwards and south-eastwards, leaves it south of the south-west corner of survey No 219 of Melpalankur. (4) Right to use the water of Pudukolam. (5) Access to the tank item No. 4 from the temple in claim No 54. (6) Path entering the reserve on the south side of survey No. 143 and running to the tank item No. 4 and thence to the hill claimed in claim No. 54.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and says that Pudukolam lies in the portion excluded from the block.	Items 1, 5 and 6 lie outside the revised boundary. The claim to items 1 to 3 is admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. Items 1 and 2 will be four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts; and item 3 two yards wide and open for people and cattle. Item 1 enters the block about ten chains south-south-west of the south-east corner of survey No 197 of Maiyyanur and running south-westwards and then south-south-westwards for about nine and a half furlongs within the block, leaves it about five chains west-north-west of the north-west corner of Nallatannikolam in Palaiyasiruvankur. Item 2 branches from the cart-track from Mettur to Periyapagandai, about six chains south of its junction with the cart-track from Arasarampattu to Maiyyanur, and running south-eastwards, joins item No. 1 about fourteen chains north of the point of exit of the latter. It again enters the block about two chains south-south-east of the south-east corner of the said Nallatannikolam and running south-eastwards and southwards, leaves it about five chains north-east of the north-east corner of survey No. 103, of Palaiyasiruvankur. Its length within the block is about three miles. COIMBATORE, (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, 13th November 1896. Forest Sett.-officer.
45 LVIII.	Sinnatambi Pillai, monigar of Melpalankur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following rights may be allowed within the block:— (1) Cart-track from Melpalankur to Palaiyasiruvankur. It enters the reserve west of survey No. 46 and running south-west, leaves near the junction of Melpalankur, Sittal, Sitteripattu and Palaiyasiruvankur villages. (2) Cart-track from Melpalankur to Sittal. It branches from item No. 1 and running south-south-west, leaves on the southern boundary of the block. (3) Cart-track from Melpalankur to Maiyyanur. It enters the block south of survey No. 249 of Melpalankur and running north-west, leaves near the trijunction of Maiyyanur, Yal and Melpalankur. (4) Foot-path from Melpalankur to a Yal. It enters the reserve north of survey No. 249 and running northwards, leaves at the north-east corner of Pillaiyar tangal survey No. 236. (5) Right to water cattle in Ponperimankolam with access thereto by a path running westwards from survey No. 51 to it to a width of four yards for people and cattle. (6) Right to water cattle in Valaiyakkarankolam with access by item No. 2 in claim No. 35. (7) Access to the space claimed in claim No. 46 from survey No. 51 westwards. (8) Right of people to repair the odai which supplies the village tank.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim as regards items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 and says that item No. 4 lies in the portion excluded from the block and that item No. 5 is unnecessary and that item No. 8 may be allowed subject to the usual conditions.	Items Nos. 1 to 3 are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of four yards, for people, cattle and carts. Item No. 4 lies outside the revised boundary. Item No. 5 is unnecessary and the claim to it is rejected. Items Nos. 6 and 7 are admitted. Item No. 7 will be two yards wide and open for people and cattle. It enters the block due west of the north-west corner of survey No. 230 of Melpalankur and runs west-north-westwards to the enclosure. Item No. 8 is not a right. The Forest Department may be requested to concede the necessary permission on application. Item No. 1 branches from item No. 2 in claim No. 35, about four chains south-west of Valaiyakkarankolam and running south-west for about four and a half furlongs, leaves the block about a chain west of the northernmost point of survey No. 1 of Sitteripattu. Item No. 3 enters the block about five and a half chains west-north-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 249 of Melpalankur and running north-westwards for about a mile, leaves it about five chains east of the trijunction of Melpalankur, Yal and Maiyyanur. Item No. 2 has been allowed in claim No. 35. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
46 LIX.	Sinnatambi Pillai, monigar of Melpalankur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that a space of 16 cents on the north limit of Ponperumankulam (tank) in Melpalankur, where the villagers invoke their deity may be excluded from the reserve.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The claim is admitted under section 10 of the Forest Act and the land * claimed will be excluded from reservation to a space of 40 × 20 yards and left as an enclosure with access by the path allowed in claim No. 45. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
56 LX.	Annamalai Reddi, monigar of Palaiyasiruvankur.	Do.	Prays that the following rights may be allowed within the block:— (1) Right of people and cattle to use the water of Nallatannikolam with access to it by a path branching from the cart-track to Maiyyanur at a point due west of the tank and running eastwards to it. (2) Access to the temple claimed in claim No. 55 by the cleared line up to the south-west corner of survey No. 520 and thence westwards to the temple.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and says that Nallatannikolam lies in the portion proposed to be excluded by revision of boundary.	Item No. 1 lies outside the revised boundary. Item No. 2 is admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of two yards for people and cattle. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
55 LXI.	Annamalai Reddi, monigar of Palaiyasiruvankur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following temple may be excluded from the reserve:—† Ayyanar koil situated in a tope (25 cents in extent) one and a half chains west of the south-west corner of survey No. 520 of Palaiyasiruvankur.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The claim is admitted under section 10 of the Forest Act and the tope, measuring one hundred and thirty-five links north to south and one hundred and forty-four links east to west, in which the temple is situated will be excluded and left as an enclosure with the reservation that the trees should not be interfered with by the public. Access to it will be by the path admitted in claim No. 56. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, COIMBATORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
14 LXII.	Lakshmana Reddi, son of Palama Reddi, residing at Palaiyasiruvankur.	17th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the right to the usufruct of six tamarind, one Iluppai and one mango tree in survey No. 575 of Palaiyasiruvankur may be admitted.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The trees claimed may be treated as enclosures if within the block but if situated in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed in accordance therewith.	The claim to the usufruct of the patta trees ‡ is admitted under section 11 of the Forest Act subject to such rules as may be made by the Governor in Council under section 12 (*b*) provided that no sale or other alienation shall be made except with the sanction of the Government under section 19. The pattadar is free to sell or barter the produce. Access is allowed to the trees from the nearest point in the reserve boundary by paths two yards wide and open for people only during fruit seasons. CHENGAPALLI, (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, 30th November 1896. Forest Sett.-officer.

REMARKS.—Items Nos. 1 to 3 are marked as A_3, A_2 and A_4, respectively, in the sketch. Owing to revision of boundary, item No. 2 enters the block about eight chains west-south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 164 of Maiyyanur.

Claim No. 53. Item No. 3 enters the block on the eastern boundary of Maiyyanur village, about thirteen and a half chains south-south-west of the trijunction of Maiyyanur, Yal and Melpalankur villages and running eastwards for about two and a quarter furlongs, joins path No. A_5 in the sketch about two furlongs from the point of exit of the latter.

Claim No. 45.—Item No. 7 enters the block about seven and a half chains due west of the north-west corner of survey No. 230. Items Nos. 1, 3 and 6 are marked as A_7, A_8 and C_2, respectively, in the sketch. *Claim No.* 46.—*Marked as B_2 in the sketch. *Claim No.* 55.—† Marked B_1 in the sketch. *Claim No.* 14.—‡ The trees lie outside the revised boundary of the block.

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 2nd May 1897, No. 1626.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 410, dated 23rd September 1897.

Submitted to Government with the request that the draft final notification received with the letter read above may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the reservation to take effect from the 31st January next.

2. It is observed from paragraph 5 of the Collector's covering letter that the right to repair the odai (supply-channel) dealt with in item 8 of claim (LVIII) will be conceded to the villagers concerned by a departmental order and that the Melpalankur-Pallippatti cart-track to the north of right of way (A 6) will be diverted along the boundary line as proposed by the Forest Settlement-officer.

3. Owing to the exclusion of most of the sivoijama lands claimed at settlement, the area of the block has been reduced from 4,647 to 2,981 acres.

(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 South Arcot.
„ Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
„ Forest Settlement-officer, South Arcot, &c., districts.

Ex/ M/ Pahliwan.

Government {1897} of Madras.

REVENUE.

Recd.	1897.	*Enclosures*
Regd.		*Spare copies*

G.O., Nos. 894, 894A, 26th October 1897.

OCTOBER.

Reserved Forest.

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

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 410, dated 23rd September 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 26th April 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 329 :—

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the Melpalankur proposed reserved forest No. 209 in the Kallakurchi taluk of this district.

2. I enclose the Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 457, dated 13th March 1897, with its enclosures, viz.—

1. B. Register of claims.
2. Draft notification under section 16.
3. Sketch-map.

3. Further, in accordance with orders, I append my District Forest-officer's statement of area and condition :—

Statement of Area and Condition.

Taluk.	Number and name of block.		Total area of the taluk.	Extent of Government land.		Area of reserves already not fixed under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserve now submitted.	Character of land proposed for reservation.		Sketch-map.
	Number.	Name.		Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Forest.	Grass	
1	2		3	4		5	6	7	8		9
Kallakurchi.	209	Melpalankur.	553,913 acres.	183,242 acres.	376,671 acres.	*61,909 acres.	16,234 acres.	2,981 acres.	2,240 acres.	741 acres.	One.

* Corrected in the Revenue Board's office.

4. The area of the block as notified under section 4 was 4,647 acres, but on account of the exclusions ordered at settlement nearly 1,666 acres have been thrown out. The area of the block as it stands is therefore 2,981 acres, which is the area entered in the sketch and the statement given above. The large exclusion was made so as to conform to the principles of the present forest policy under which a fair margin has to be allowed for the extension of cultivation.

5. With reference to the concluding portion of paragraph 7 of the Forest Settlement-officer's final report, the District Forest-officer states that a concession order will be issued in favour of the ryots of Melpalankur village allowing them to repair the odai claimed in item 8 of claim No. LVIII-45 after the block is notified under section 16 of the Forest Act, and with reference to paragraph 8 of the said report, necessary orders have been issued to the concerned range officer directing him to divert the path therein alluded to.

Enclosure No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. P. S. SINGARAVELU PILLAI, Avergal, Forest Settlement-officer, Trichinopoly, &c., Districts, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Camp, Tinnevelly, 13th March 1897, No. 457.

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of the Melpalankur block, Kallakurchi taluk.

2. The block lies in the villages of Maiyyanur, Melpalankur, Palaiyasiruvankur, Arasarampattu, Valaiyampattu, Palaiyanur and Kallerikuppam.

3. The notification under section 4 of the Forest Act appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 5th February 1895, and the proclamation under section 6 was issued by Mr. McMurray on the 15th idem.

4. The settlement of the block, which was transferred to M.R.Ry. C. Rajusastri Avergal in November 1895, was begun by him but completed by me on the subsequent transfer of it to my name in September 1896.

5. The appeal time expired on 30th January 1897, but none was filed.

6. In all sixty-two claims were preferred as follows:—

(i) Twenty-four for patta and inam lands.
(ii) Nineteen for sivoijama lands.
(iii) One for non-reservation of the block.
(iv) Seven for nine temples or shrines.
(v) Nine for twenty-one rights of way.
(vi) Two for right to the usufruct of eleven patta trees.
(vii) The claims in items V and VI include also four water sources and right to repair two channels.

7. The claims in item (i), fourteen claims in item (ii), seven temples or shrines included in item (iv), ten rights of way in item (v), eight patta trees in item (vi) and two water sources were thrown out by revision of boundary proposed by the District Forest-officer as indicated in the sketch in green lines. One claim in item (ii), and item (iii) were withdrawn; four claims in item (ii) and claim to a water source and right to repair channels were rejected as being not based on right The remaining claims were admitted. Though the claim to repair the channels was rejected it has to be conceded by a departmental order.

8. A portion of the cart-track from Melpalankur to Pallippatti, to the north of right of way (A-6) in the notification and the sketch, appears to be included in the block—*vide* sketch-map. This portion has not been claimed by any one, and besides it is only a very small abutment into the reserve. It may well be diverted close to the block on the outside.

9. The following records are herewith sent :—

(1) Sketch-map.
(2) R. Register.
(3) Draft final notification.

10. The date in the draft final notification is left blank, as three months' time has to be allowed for a proper promulgation of the notification under section 16.

Enclosure No. 2.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Melpalankur reserved forest block No. 209, Kallakurchi taluk, South Arcot district.

No.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claims.	Nature and extent of claims preferred.	Brief summary of the evidence adduced in suppo.. 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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57 / I.	Sellaperumal goundan, son of Moorthigoundan of Kallerikuppam.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the land, 24 cents, in survey No. 97-A of Kallerikuppam, which he cultivates under sivoijama, may not be taken up for forest reserve.	....	....	Claimant has no right to the land in question. The claim is rejected. (Signed) C. RAJUSASTRI, Trichinopoly, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th March 1896.
61 / II.	Lakshminarayana Aier of Palaiyasiruvankur.	20th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the land, 20 acres, in survey No. 575 of Palaiyasiruvankur, which he cultivates under sivoijama, may be excluded from the reserve.	....	....	The claim is not based on right. But the land referred to lies outside the revised boundary of the forest. (Signed) C. RAJUSASTRI, Trichinopoly, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th March 1896.
30 / III.	Anthoni, son of Savrimuthu of Maiyyanur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays for the exclusion of 1·70 acres of land in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur cultivated by him under sivoijama.	Village accounts ..	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary of the block. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Melpalankur, Forest Sett.-officer. 22nd October 1896.
33 / IV.	Kollan, son of Irusakonan, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of 80 cents of land in survey No. 198 of Maiyyanur cultivated by him under sivoijama.	Do. ..	Do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU. Melpalankur, Forest Sett.-officer. 22nd October 1896.
2 / V.	Kalathi Udyan, son of Velayuda Udyan of Yal.	16th Mar. 1896.	Prays for the exclusion of 1 acre 36 cents of land in survey No. 250-G of Melpalankur held on patta by his daughter of whom he is the guardian.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Melpalankur, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
8 / VI.	Peria Kullappanaickan residing at Yal.	Do.	Prays that his patta land, 3 acres 92 cents, in survey No. 250-F and sivoijama land, 1·12 acres, in survey No. 250-A of Melpalankur may be exluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly. The claim to sivoijama land is contested as unsupported by any right.	The lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary of the block. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Melpalankur, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
12 / VII.	Muniagoundan, son of Muniagoundan, pattadar No. 13 of Valaiyampattu.	17th Mar. 1896.	Prays that his sivoijama land, 50 cents in survey No. 176 of Valaiyampattu, may be exluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Melpalankur, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
13 / VIII.	Venkatachala goundan, son of Rama goundan of Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land, 6 acres 70 cents, in survey No. 181 of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Melpalankur, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
15 / IX.	Subbusawmi Aiyar, son of Gurumurthi Aiyar, residing at Sittal.	Do.	Prays that the purohit inam land, 1·22 acres, in survey No. 3 of Aviriyur may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Melpalankur, Forest Sett.-officer. 24th October 1896.
50 / X	Munia goundan, pattadar No. 74 of Valaiyampattu.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that a portion of his patta land about 20 cents in survey No. 184 of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Kallakurchi, Forest Sett.-officer. 27th October 1896.
51 / XI.	Appasawmi Gurukkal, residing at Alattur.	Do.	Prays that the Pidarikoil inam land enjoyed by him in survey No. 178 of Valaiyampattu, 90 cents in extent, may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Kallakurchi, Forest Sett.-officer. 27th October 1896.
52 / XII.	Souriraya goundan, son of Michael goundan of Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that his sivoijama land, 25 cents, in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The claim is not based on right and is therefore rejected. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Kallakurchi, Forest Sett.-officer. 27th October 1896.
60 / XIII.	Annamurthi Reddi residing at Palaiya siruvankur.	Do.	Prays that survey Nos. 572, 573 and a portion of survey No. 571 of Palaiyasiruvankur cultivated by him under sivoijama may be excluded from the forest.	Village accounts ..	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The claim is contested, the lands claimed being waste and the property of Government. With the exception of a small portion of survey No. 573, the fields lie in the portion proposed to be excluded.	Claim is withdrawn. It is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Kallakurchi, Forest Sett.-officer. 27th October 1896.
26 / XIV.	Raman, son of Durman, residing at Sittal.	Do.	Prays that about 38 cents of land cultivated by him under sivoijama in a portion of survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Kallakurchi, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
37 / XV.	Seenan, son of Ramanaikan of Sittal.	Do.	Prays that about 33 cents of land cultivated by him under sivoijama in survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Kallakurchi, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
38 / XVI.	Ramalingam, son of Tondaraya Pathan of Sittal.	Do.	Prays that 1 acre 8 cents of land cultivated by him and two others under sivoijama in survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	Do do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Kallakurchi, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.

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39 XVII.	Narayanan, son of Marimuttu Naik of Sittal.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that about 33 cents of land cultivated by him under sivoijama in survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts ..	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
43 XVIII.	Munian, son of Muthia Naikan of Sittal.	Do.	Prays that about 33 cents of land cultivated by him under sivoijama in survey No. 67 of Sittal may be excluded from the reserve.	Do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
47 XIX.	Sinna Nondi, son of Asalan of Manjapattur.	Do.	Prays that the totty inam land 83 cents in survey No. 179 of Valaivampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
48 XX	Munian, son of Muthu, residing at Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 65 cents in survey No. 194-D of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
49 XXI.	Annamalai, son of Sadaiyan, residing at Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 53 cents in survey No. 194-E of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, KALLAKURCHI, Forest Sett.-officer. 28th October 1896.
1 XXII.	Kattayapillai, son of Palaniapillai of Melpalankur.	16th Mar. 1896.	Prays that his undivided nephew Maduranayagam Pillai's patta right— (i) to the usufruct of three iluppai trees in survey No. 250, and (ii) to fishery in respect of a tank in survey No. 236 called Pillaiyar tangal both of Melpalankur may be admitted within the reserve.	Village accounts ..	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The trees may be treated as enclosure if they are within the block; if situated in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly. Pillaiyar tangal lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	Item 2 lies outside the revised boundary. The claim to the usufruct of the patta iluppai * trees is admitted under section 11 of the Forest Act subject to such rules as may be made by the Governor in Council under section 12 (*b*) provided that no sale or other alienation shall be made except with the sanction of Government under section 19. The pattadar is free to sell or barter the produce. Access is allowed to the trees from the nearest point in the reserve boundary by a path two yards wide open for people only during Ani—Pertasi (June—October) months every year. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
4 XXIII.	Kannappa Goundan, son of Innasi Goundan of Yal.	Do.	Prays that his father's patta land 97 cents in survey No. 250-H of Melpalankur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary of the block. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
5 XXIV.	Veerabadra Goundan, son of Periya Irusa Goundan, residing at Valaiyampattu.	17th Mar. 1896.	Prays that his sivoijama land 14 cents in survey No. 194-A of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts ..	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The claim is not based on right and is therefore rejected. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
6 XXV.	Picha Goundan, son of Tandaroya Goundan of Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 1 acre in survey No. 194-C of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
7 XXVI.	Nachi Kuppa Goundan, son of Vayapuri Goundan of Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his father's patta land 6 cents in survey No. 175 of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. ..	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, CUDDALORE, Forest Sett.-officer. 2nd November 1896.
8 XXVII.	Tandava Goundan, son of Tandaroya Goundan of Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 34 cents in survey No. 194-O and his son's patta land 22 cents in survey No. 194-B of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary of the block. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
9 XXVIII.	Kullan, son of Periyatambi Udyan, residing at Manjaputhur.	Do.	Prays that the poojari inam land in survey No. 180 of Valaiyampattu 82 cents in extent enjoyed by him may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
13 XXIX.	Ariyabadra Goundan, son of Sena Goundan, residing at Valaiyampattu.	Do.	Prays that the lands 50 cents in survey No. 176 of Valaiyampattu cultivated by him under sivoijama may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, TRICHINOPOLY, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.

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11 / XXX.	Chinna Nalla Goundan, son of Nalla Goundan, residing at Valaiyampattu.	17th Mar. 1896.	Prays that his patta land 1·20 acres in survey No. 194-6 of Valaiyampattu may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	Not contested provided the patta is valid. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary, it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Trichinopoly, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
16 / XXXI.	Veda Goundan, son of Pichandi Goundan of Maiyyanur.	Do	Prays that his patta land 2·20 acres in survey No. 198-B and sivoijama land 2·51 acres in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Claim to patta land is not contested provided the patta is valid. It may be excluded if adjoining the boundary or treated as an enclosure if within the block; should it be situated in the portion to be excluded, orders may be passed in accordance therewith. Claim to sivoijama land is contested not being based on any right.	The claim is withdrawn on the score of the lands being outside the revised boundary. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Forest Sett.-officer. Trichinopoly, 5th November 1896.
17 / XXXII.	Veerabadran, son of Panadaisami, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the carpenter service inam land 73 cents in survey No. 187 of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Trichinopoly, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
18 / XXXIII.	Sinnappan, son of Thatha Goundan, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the land cultivated by him under sivoijama in survey No. 198 A of Maiyyanur 25 cents in extent may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	Claim to sivoijama land is contested as not being based on any right. However, if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Trichinopoly, Forest Sett.-officer. 5th November 1896.
19 / XXXIV.	Aiyakunnu, son of Panadaisami of Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the blacksmith service inam land 64 cents in survey No. 188 of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer says that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Erode, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
20 / XXXV.	Sitta Arulanandam, son of Sourimuthu, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that his patta land 24 cents in survey No. 198-C and sivoijama land 62 cents in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Do. do. The land claimed may be treated as an enclosure if within the block; if it adjoins the boundary it may be excluded by revision of same; if it lies in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed accordingly. Claim to sivoijama land is contested.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Not contested provided the patta is valid.	The lands lie outside the revised boundary Claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Erode, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
21 / XXXVI.	Raman, son of Kuppan, talayari, residing at Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the talayari service inam land 4·76 acres in survey No. 197 of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Erode, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
24 / XXXVII.	Subramania Iyer, monigar of Arasarampattu.	18th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the block:— (1) Cart-track from Palaiyanur, &c., villages to Tiruvannámalai.—This runs along the boundary of the forest partly in and at other intervals out of the reserve. This is required for people, cattle and carts to a width of ten yards. (2) Cart-track from Arasarampattu to Maiyyanur.—It enters the reserve near survey No. 97 of Arasarampattu and running eastwards leaves the block in survey No. 39 of Maiyyanur. This is required to a width of six yards for people, cattle and carts.	....	The District Forest-officer says that the cart-tracks lie in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The paths claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Erode, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
25 / XXXVIII.	Veeraraghavier, karnam gumastah of Palaiyanur.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the reserve:— (1) Cart-track from Mattúr to Periyapagandai.—It enters the block south-south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 105 of Kallerikuppam and running north-north-eastwards leaves it east of the trijunction of Arasarampattu, Periyapagandai and Maiyyanur villages. (2) Cart-track from Palaiyanur to item No. 1.—It enters the reserve at a point about six chains north of Vellaikuttai and running eastwards and north-eastwards for about ten chains joins item No. 1 due east of the trijunction stone of Arasarampattu, Palaiyanur and Maiyyanur. These paths are required for people, cattle and carts to a width of six yards.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and says that they may be allowed to a width of four yards.	The rights of way * claimed are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of four yards for people, cattle and carts. Item No. 1 enters the block about 3½ chains east of the north-east corner of survey No. 105 of Kallerikuppam and running for about 2½ miles within the block leaves it about one-and-a-half furlongs north-north-east of the trijunction of Arasarampattu, Palaiyanur and Maiyyanur villages. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Erode, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
26 / XXXIX.	Arulappa Goundan, son of Souriraya Goundan, residing at Palaiyanur.	Do.	Prays that a portion of his patta land about 10 cents in survey No. 215-B of Palaiyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—It is presumed that the land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded. Orders may be passed in accordance therewith.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Erode, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
27 / XL.	Chinnasami Goundan, son of Arrokia Goundan, residing at Palaiyanur.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of a portion of his patta land 10 cents in survey No. 215-C of Palaiyanur.	Do.	Do. do.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Erode, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.
28 / XLI.	Tandaraya Goundan, residing at Viriyur.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of his sivoijama land 25 cents in survey No. 91-A of Arasarampattu village.	Do.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Contested not being covered with patta right. The greater portion of the village limit has been proposed to be excluded. The claim is probably included within the excluded area.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Erode, Forest Sett.-officer. 7th November 1896.

* *Claim* 25.—Items 1 and 2 are marked as A_1 and A_2, respectively, in the sketch.

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22 XLII.	Rama Goundan and others of Arasarampattu village.	18th Mar. 1896.	Pray that the lands in their village limits may not be taken for forest reservation.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Almost the whole of the Arasarampattu village has been proposed to to be excluded.	The claim is withdrawn. It is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
23 XLIII.	Rama Goundan and others of Arasarampattu village.	Do.	Pray that the right to water their cattle in Nallatannikolam within the limits of Maiyyanur may be allowed with access thereto.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The tank lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
29 XLIV.	Kalvaraya Goundan, son of Sevi Goundan of Arasarampattu.	Do.	Prays for the exclusion of his son's sivoijama land, about 25 cents in survey No. 91-A of Arasarampattu.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Contested not being covered with patta right. The greater portion of the village limit has been proposed to be excluded. The claim is probably included within the excluded area.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
31 XLV.	Anthony, son of Esu Odyan of Maiyyanur.	19th Mar. 896.	Prays for the exclusion of his sivoijama land, about 1 acre in survey No. 198-A of Maiyyanur.	Karnam's evidence ..	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Contested as not based on any right.	The land claimed lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
32 VI.	Muniun, son of Kuppan of Maiyyanur.	Do.	Prays that the toty service inam 1 acre in survey No. 189 and 28 cents in survey No 190 of Maiyyanur may be excluded from the reserve.	Village accounts and karnam's evidence.	The District Forest-officer says that the lands claimed lie in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
34 XLVII.	Aiyalukone, son of Samba Chetty, residing at Yal.	Do.	Prays that his patta land, 1·17 acres in survey No. 2 and sivoijama land, 89 cents in survey No. 1-A of Aviriyur may be excluded from the block.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer says that the lands claimed lie in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th November 1896.
35 XLVIII.	Shanmugam Pillai, karnam of Sittal.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the block :— (1) Cart-track from Sittal to Palaiyasiruvankur. It enters the reserve in survey No 65 of Sittal, and running south-west, leaves on the southern boundary, west of survey No. 66. (2) Cart-track from Melpalankur to Pallippatti, &c., villages. It enters the block north-east of Valaiyakkarankolam, and running south-south-west, leaves near the point of exit of item No. 1. The paths are required for people, cattle and carts to a width of six yards.	....	*The District Forest-officer's answer.*—Item (1) It lies in the portion proposed to be excluded. Item (2) not contested and may be allowed to a width of four yards.	Item 1 lies outside the revised boundary. The claim to item 2 is admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of four yards for people, cattle and carts. It enters the block about four chains south of the south-west corner of survey No. 47 of Melpalankur, and running south-westwards and then south-south-westwards for about three furlongs within the block, leaves it on its southern boundary, about a chain west of the boundry stone immediately east-north-east of the quadra junction of Palaiyasiruvankur, Melpalankur, Sitteripattu and Sittal villages. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVALU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
40-A. XLIX.	Kappayi Pillai, monigar of Aviriyur.	Do.	Prays that the rock called Sakthikul in survey No. 1 of Aviriyur between survey Nos. 2 and 3, about 15 cents in extent may be excluded with a space of four yards round it.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The land claimed lies in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The rock, &c., claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
40-B. L.	Kuppayi Pillai, monigar of Aviriyur.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the reserve :— (1) Cart-track from Aviriyur to Yal, running near the north-east corner of the reserve for a short distance. (2) Access to the temple mentioned in claim No. 40-A from the tank east of survey No. 3, running north-westwards to it.	....	The District Forest-officer says that the subject of the claim lies in the portion excluded from the block.	The paths claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
41 LI.	Sankarier, son of Gurumoorti Aiyar of Sittal.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following temple may be excluded from the reserve Ayyanarkoil in Sittal consisting of a stone building to the extent of 7 cents situated near the junction of two cart-tracks three chains north of the southern boundary. A space of 60 cents in front and 40 cents round the temple is required. (2) A space of 1 acre 2½ chains south of the temple is required for people to stand and invoke the god.	....	The District Forest-officer says that the items claimed lie in the portion proposed to be excluded.	The temple, &c., lie outside the revised boundary The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
42 LII.	Sankarier, residing at Sittal.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way, &c., may be allowed within the reserve :— (1) Right to water cattle in the Valaiyakkarankolam in Melpalankur. (2) Right to repair the supply channel of their village. (3) Access to the tank, item 1.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Claim to water cattle in Valaiyakkarankolam may be admitted. Right to clear the supply channel may be allowed with the usual conditions— (1) That due notice should be given to the officers of the Forest Department before the work is undertaken. (2) The clearings should be handed over to the Forest Department.	Item 2 is not an admissible right and is one for the Forest Department to consider. Items 1 and 3 are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. Item 3 will be two yards wide and open for people and cattle. It runs westwards to item No. 1 from a point in the reserve boundary due east of it (item 1) (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.

Remarks—*Claim* 35.—Item 2 is marked A_2 in the sketch.

Claim 42.—Item 1 is marked C_1 in the sketch.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Melpalankur 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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44 LIII.	Moorti Reddi and four others of Sitteripattu village.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the lands—10 cawnies in survey No. 530 and survey No. 575 of Palaiyasiruvankur cultivated by him under sivorjama may be excluded from the reserve.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—Contested, as all the assessed fields and all the cultivable land adjoining them to meet extension of cultivation have been proposed to be excluded by revision of boundary.	The claim is not based on right and is rejected. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
58 LIV.	Ramasami Pillai, karnam of Kallerikuppam.	Do.	Prays that the following temple may be excluded from reservation. Ayyanarkoil situated on a rock on the north side of survey No. 103, 25 cents in extent. A space of 25 cents is required in front of the temple for cooking offerings, &c.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The koil lies in the portion proposed to be excluded by revision of boundary.	The temple lies outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
59 LV.	Ramasami Pillai, karnam of Kallerikuppam.	Do.	Prays that the following rights of way may be allowed within the reserve:— (1) Cart-track from Valaiyampattu to Palaiyasiruvankur. It enters the block south of the south-east corner of survey No. 183 of Valaiyampattu and leaves near the north-west corner of survey No 92 of Kallerikuppam. (2) Access to the temple mentioned in claim No 58 by a path branching from No. 1 at a point due west of the temple and running eastwards to it.	....	The District Forest-officer says that the subject of the claim lies in the portion proposed to be excluded from the block.	The paths claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 12th November 1896.
54 LVI.	Venkatarammer, karnam gumastah of Maiyyanur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the Garudalenankoil to a space of 10 cents situated on the top of a hill south of Pudukolam may be excluded from the reserve. A space of 2 acres east of the hill is required for carts to stand. A space of 2 acres near Pudukolam is also required	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The temple and the lands claimed lie outside the revised boundary. The claim is therefore struck off. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
53 LVII.	Venkatarammer, karnam gumastah of Maiyyanur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following rights may be allowed within the reserve:— (1) Cart-track from Maiyyanur to Palaiyasiruvankur. It enters the reserve east of survey No. 95 of Maiyyanur and running south, leaves the block east of the north-east corner of survey No. 509 of Palaiyasiruvankur. (2) Cart-track branching from the cart-track to Parandai at its junction with the cart-track to Arasarampattu and running south-east. It leaves the block about one furlong west of the Ayyanarkoil in Sittal. (3) Foot-path to Kilpadi. It enters the reserve south of the south-east corner of survey No. 199 of Maiyyanur and running eastwards and south-eastwards, leaves it south of the south-west corner of survey No. 249 of Melpalankur. (4) Right to use the water of Pudukolam. (5) Access to the tank item No. 4 from the temple in claim No 54. (6) Path entering the reserve on the south side of survey No. 145 and running to the tank item No. 4 and thence to the hill claimed in claim No. 54.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and says that Pudukolam lies in the portion excluded from the block.	Items 4, 5 and 6 lie outside the revised boundary. The claim to items 1 to 3 is admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act. Items 1 and 2 will be four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts; and item 3 two yards wide and open for people and cattle. Item 1 enters the block about ten chains south-south-west of the south-east corner of survey No 197 of Maiyyanur and running south westwards and then south-south-westwards for about nine and a half furlongs within the block, leaves it about five chains west-north-west of the north-west corner of Nallatannikolam in Palaiyasiruvankur. Item 2 branches from the cart-track from Mattur to Periyapagandai, about six chains south of its junction with the cart track from Arasarampattu to Maiyyanur, and running south eastwards, joins item No. 1 about fourteen chains north of the point of exit of the latter. It again enters the block about two chains south-south-east of the south-east corner of the said Nallatannikolam, and running south-eastwards and southwards, leaves it about five chains north-east of the north-east corner of survey No. 103, of Palaiyasiruvankur. Its length within the block is about three miles. Coimbatore, (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, 12th November 1896. Forest Sett.-officer.
45 LVIII.	Sinnatambi Pillai, monigar of Melpalankur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following rights may be allowed with the block:— (1) Cart-track from Melpalankur to Palaiyasiruvankur. It enters the reserve west of survey No. 46 and running south-west, leaves near the junction of Melpalankur, Sittal, Sitteripattu and Palaiyasiruvankur villages. (2) Cart-track from Melpalankur to Sittal. It branches from item No. 1 and running south-south-west, leaves on the southern boundary of the block. (3) Cart-track from Melpalankur to Maiyyanur. It enters the block south of survey No. 249 of Melpalankur and running north-west, leaves near the trijunction of Maiyyanur, Yal and Melpalankur. (4) Foot-path from Melpalankur to a Yal. It enters the reserve north of survey No. 249 and running northwards, leaves at the north-east corner of Pillaiyar tangal survey No. 236. (5) Right to water cattle in Ponperimankolam with access thereto by a path running westwards from survey No. 51 to it to a width of four yards for people and cattle. (6) Right to water cattle in Valaiyakkaranlkolam with access by item No. 2 in claim No. 35. (7) Access to the space claimed in claim No. 46 from survey No. 51 westwards. (8) Right of people to repair the odai which supplies the village tank.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim as regards items Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 and says that item No. 4 lies in the portion excluded from the block and that item No. 5 is unnecessary and that item No. 8 may be allowed subject to the usual conditions.	Items Nos. 1 to 3 are admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of four yards, for people, cattle and carts. Item No. 4 lies outside the revised boundary. Item No. 5 is unnecessary and the claim to it is rejected. Items Nos. 6 and 7 are admitted. Item No. 7 will be two yards wide and open for people and cattle, enters the block due west of the north-west corner of survey No. 230 of Melpalankur and runs west-north-westwards to the enclosure. Item No 8 is not a right. The Forest Department may be requested to concede the necessary permission on application. Item No. 1 branches from item No. 2 in claim No. 35, about four chains south-west of Valaiyakkaranlkolam and running south-west for about four and a half furlongs, leaves the block about a chain west of the northernmost point of survey No. 1 of Sitteripattu. Item No 3 enters the block about five and a half chains west-north-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 249 of Melpalankur and running north-westwards for about a mile, leaves it about five chains east of the trijunction of Melpalankur, Yal and Maiyyanur. Item No. 2 has been allowed in claim No. 35. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
46 LIX.	Sinnatambi Pillai, monigar of Melpalankur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that a space of 16 cents on the north limit of Ponperumankulam (tank) in Melpalankur, where the villagers invoke their deity may be excluded from the reserve.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The claim is admitted under section 10 of the Forest Act and the land * claimed will be excluded from reservation to a space of 40 × 20 yards and left as an enclosure with access by the path allowed in claim No. 45. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
56 LX.	Annamalai Reddi, monigar of Palaiyasiruvankur.	Do.	Prays that the following rights may be allowed within the block:— (1) Right of people and cattle to use the water of Nallatannikolam with access to it by a path branching from the cart-track to Maiyyanur at a point due west of the tank and running eastwards to it. (2) Access to the temple claimed in claim No. 55 by the cleared line up to the south-west corner of survey No. 520 and thence westwards to the temple.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and says that Nallatannikolam lies in the portion proposed to be excluded by revision of boundary.	Item No. 1 lies outside the revised boundary. Item No. 2 is admitted and recorded under section 11 of the Forest Act to a width of two yards for people and cattle. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
55 LXI.	Annamalai Reddi, monigar of Palaiyasiruvankur.	19th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the following temple may be excluded from the reserve: † Ayyanar koil situated in a tope (25 cents in extent) one and a half chains west of the south-west corner of survey No. 520 of Palaiyasiruvankur.	....	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The claim is admitted under section 10 of the Forest Act and the tope, measuring one hundred and thirty-five links north to south and one hundred and forty-four links east to west, in which the temple is situated will be excluded and left as an enclosure with the reservation that the trees should not be interfered with by the public. Access to it will be by the path admitted in claim No. 56. (Signed) P. S. SINGARAVELU, Coimbatore, Forest Sett.-officer. 13th November 1896.
14 LXII.	Lakshmana Reddi, son of Palama Reddi, residing at Palaiyasiruvankur.	17th Mar. 1896.	Prays that the right to the usufruct of six tamarind, one Iluppai and one mango tree in survey No. 575 of Palaiyasiruvankur may be admitted.	....	*District Forest-officer's answer.*—The trees claimed may be treated as enclosures if within the block but if situated in the portion proposed to be excluded, orders may be passed in accordance therewith.	The claim to the usufruct of the patta trees ‡ is admitted under section 11 of the Forest Act subject to such rules as may be made by the Governor in Council under section 12 (*b*) provided that no sale or other alienation shall be made except with the sanction of the Government under section 19. The pattadar is free to sell or barter the produce. Access is allowed to the trees from the nearest point in the reserve boundary by paths two yards wide and open for people only during fruit seasons. (Signed) P. S SINGARAVELU, Chengapalli, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th November 1896.

Remarks.—Items Nos. 1 to 3 are marked as A_3, A_2 and A_4, respectively, in the sketch. Owing to revision of boundary, item No. 2 enters the block about eight chains west-south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 164 of Maiyyanur.

Claim No. 53. Item No. 3 enters the block on the eastern boundary of Maiyyanur village, about thirteen and a half chains south-south-west of the trijunction of Maiyyanur, Yal and Melpalankur villages and running eastwards for about two and a quarter furlongs, joins path No. A_3 in the sketch about two furlongs from the point of exit of the latter. Items Nos. 1, 3 and 6 are marked as A_7, A_5 and C_2, respectively, in the sketch.

Claim No. 45.—Item No. 7 enters the block about seven and a half chains due west of the north-west corner of survey No. 230.

Claim No. 46.—*Marked as B_2 in the sketch.

Claim No. 55.—† Marked B_1 in the sketch.

Claim No. 14.—‡ The trees lie outside the revised boundary of the block.

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 2nd May 1897, No. 1626.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 410, dated 23rd September 1897.

Submitted to Government with the request that the draft final notification received with the letter read above may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the reservation to take effect from the 31st January next.

2. It is observed from paragraph 5 of the Collector's covering letter that the right to repair the odai (supply-channel) dealt with in item 8 of claim (LVIII) will be conceded to the villagers concerned by a departmental order and that the Melpalankur-Pallippatti cart-track to the north of right of way (A 6) will be diverted along the boundary line as proposed by the Forest Settlement-officer.

3. Owing to the exclusion of most of the sivoijama lands claimed at settlement, the area of the block has been reduced from 4,647 to 2,981 acres.

(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 South Arcot.
" Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
" Forest Settlement-officer, South Arcot, &c., districts.

Order—No. 894, Revenue, dated 26th October 1897.

Forest No. 200.

The draft notification will be published in the Fort St. George and South Arcot District Gazettes, the 31st January 1898 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

2. The privilege of repairing the channels referred to in claims Nos. 42 (2) and 45 (8) should be conceded by a departmental order.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

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

Endorsement No. 894A.

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

(Signed) G. STOKES,
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 January 1898 the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule annexed to this notification, shall be constituted "reserved forest."

Schedule.

District.	Taluk.	Names of villages.	Number of block.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
South Arcot.	Kallakurchi.	Arasarampattu, Maiyyanur, Valaiyampattu, Palaiyanur, Kallerikuppam, Palaiyasiruvankur and Melpalankur.	209	Melpalankur.	*North.*—Starting from a village boundary stone about sixteen and quarter chains south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 103 of Arasarampattu a straight line east-north-eastwards to the south-west corner of survey No. 164 of Maiyyanur; thence south-eastwards a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 189; thence a straight line south-eastwards for three and-a-half furlongs to a demarcation post and cairn about seven and-a-half chains south-south-west of Nagasettikolam; thence a straight line to a khandam station at the southernmost point of survey No. 143; thence a straight line to the village boundary stone immediately south of the trijunction stone of Maiyyanur, Yal and Melpalankur; thence northwards the eastern boundary of Maiyyanur village to the said trijunction stone; thence eastwards the southern boundary of Yal to a demarcation post and cairn in it two chains south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 100 of the said village. *East.*—Thence a straight line to the westernmost point of survey No. 236 of Melpalankur; thence its west side to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 249; thence a straight line to the khandam station at the north-west corner of survey No. 223; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 226; thence its west side to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 47; thence its west side to its south-west corner; thence a straight line to the khandam station at the south-west corner of survey No. 42; thence south-south-eastwards a straight line to a demarcation post and cairn on the northern boundary of Sittal village five and a half chains south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 41, all of Melpalankur. *South.*—Thence south-westwards the northern boundary of Sittal to its junction with Melpalankur, Sitteripattu, and Palaiyasiruvankur villages; thence south-westwards a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 103 of Palaiyasiruvankur; thence its north side to its north-west corner; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 149; thence its north side to its north-west corner; thence a straight line north-north-eastwards to the south-east corner of survey No. 482; thence its east side to its north-east corner; thence a straight line northwards to a demarcation post and cairn in Melpalankur village boundary about five and-a-half chains north of the eastern end of Pikuttai Eri (tank); thence north-north-westwards the said village boundary to the north-east corner of Nallatannikolam (tank); thence a straight line to the northernmost point of survey No. 517; thence a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 520, thence the west sides of survey Nos. 520 and 521 to the south-west corner of the latter; thence a straight line to the southernmost point of survey No. 510; thence the west side of survey No. 506 to its south-west corner; thence a straight line southwards to a demarcation post and cairn, about eight and-a-quarter chains north of the north-east corner of survey No. 158; thence a straight line westwards to the north-west corner of survey No. 572, all of Palaiyasiruvankur; thence a straight line west-south-westwards to the north-west corner of survey No. 104 of Kallerikuppam; thence a straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 105 of the same village. *West.*—From the last named point a straight line north-north-eastwards to the south-east corner of survey No. 178 of Valaiyampattu; thence its east side to its north-east corner; thence north-north-eastwards a straight line to a village boundary stone about seven and-a-half chains south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 212 of Palaiyanur; thence a straight line north-eastwards to a village boundary stone about a furlong south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 209 of the same village; thence north-north-westwards the eastern boundary of Palaiyanur village for one station; thence a straight line to the starting point.

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

1. Cart-track from Mattur to Periyapagandai four yards wide and open for people, cattle, and carts.—It enters the block about three and-a-half chains east of the north-east corner of survey No. 105 of Kallerikuppam and running north-north-eastwards for about two and-a-half miles within the block leaves it about one and-a-half furlongs north-north-east of the trijunction of Arasarampattu, Palaiyanur, and Maiyyanur villages.

2. Cart-track four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block about eight chains west-south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 164 of Maiyyanur and running south-eastwards joins path No. A-3 *infra* about fourteen chains north of the point of exit of the latter. It again enters the block about two chains south-south-east of the south-east corner of Nallatannikolam (tank) in Palaiyasiruvankur, and running south-eastwards and then south-wards leaves it about five chains north-east of the north-east corner of survey No. 103 of the said village. Its total length within the block is about three miles.

3. Cart-track from Maiyyanur to Palaiyasiruvankur four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block about ten chains south-south-west of the south-east corner of survey No. 197 of Maiyyanur and running south-westwards and then south-south-westwards for about nine and-a-half furlongs within the block leaves it about five chains west-north-west of the north-west corner of Nallatannikolam (tank) in Palaiyasiruvankur.

4. Foot-path to Kilpadi two yards wide and open for people and cattle.—It enters the block on the eastern boundary of Maiyyanur village about thirteen and-a-half chains south-south-west of the trijunction of Maiyyanur, Yal and Melpalankur villages and running eastwards for about two and-a-quarter furlongs joins path No. A-5 *infra* about two furlongs from the point of exit of the latter.

5. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Maiyyanur four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block about five-and-a-half chains west-north-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 249 of Melpalankur and running north-westwards for about a mile leaves it about five chains east of the trijunction of Melpalankur, Yal and Maiyyanur.

6. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Pallippatti, &c., villages four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block about four chains south of the south-west corner of survey No. 47 of Melpalankur and running south-westwards and then south-south-westwards for about three furlongs within the block leaves it on its southern boundary about a chain west of the boundary stone immediately east-north-east of the quadrajunction of Palaiyasiruvankur, Melpalankur, Sitteripattu and Sittal villages.

7. Cart-track from Melpalankur to Palaiyasiruvankur four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It branches from path A-6 *supra* about four chains south-west of Valaikarankolam (tank) and running south-westwards

for about four and-a-half furlongs leaves the block about a chain west of the northernmost point of survey No. 1 of Sit. pattu.

8. Cart-track from Palaiyanur to cart-track A-1 *supra* four yards wide and open for people, cattle and carts.—It enters the block at a point about six chains north of Vellaikuttai and running eastwards and north-eastwards for about ten chains joins path No. A-1 due east of the trijunction stone of Arasarampattu, Palaiyanur and Maiyyanur.

B. The following temples have been excluded from reservation and left as enclosures within the block with access as noted under each :—

1. Ayyanarkoil situated in a tope measuring 135 links north to south and 144 links east to west, one-and-a-half chains west of the south-west corner of survey No. 520 of Palaiyasiruvankur. The tope is excluded from reservation and left as an enclosure with the reservation that the trees should not be interfered with by the public. To be approached by the cleared line of the block up to the south-west corner of the said survey No. 520 and then by a path two yards wide and open for people and cattle running westwards to the temple enclosure.

2. A space of 40 × 20 yards on the north limit of Ponperimankolam (tank) in Melpalankur village where the villagers invoke their deity. To be approached by a path two yards wide and open for people and cattle entering the block about seven and-a-half chains due west of the north-west corner of survey No. 230 of the said village and running we north-westwards to the enclosure.

C. The following rights are admitted within the block :—

1. Right of the people of Sittal to water their cattle in Valaiyakkarankolam (tank) in Melpalankur with ac by a path two yards wide and open for people and cattle running westwards to it from a point in the reserve boun due east of the tank.

2. Right of the people of Melpalankur to water their cattle in the said Valaiyakkarankolam with access by ca[illegible]-track A-6 *supra*.

D. The right to the usufruct of the following patta trees is admitted under section 11 of the Forest Act, subject to such rules as may be made by the Governor in Council under section 12 (*b*) provided that no sale or other alienation shall be made except with the sanction of Government under section 19. The pattadar shall be free to sell or barter the produce :—

Village.	Survey number.	Number of trees.	Access.
Melpalankur.	250	3 Iluppai trees.	By a path two yards wide open during Ani—Pertasi (June—October) every year for people only from the nearest point in the reserve boundary.

Exd. C. M. Thambuswami.

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