

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 965

DATED 16 th November

[Despatch Abstract.]

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G.O., No. 965, 16th November 1897.

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Reserved Forests.

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Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 235, dated 17th June 1897 :—

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With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 696, dated 20th December 1895, and to paragraph 8 of my letter, No. 146-Tour, embodied in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 393, dated 28th August 1896, I have the honour to forward herewith draft notifications under section 4 of the Forest Act for the reservation of Kopparam block No. 1 and Muktesvaram reserves, with areas of 2,710 and 1,180 acres, respectively.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Certificate.

Certified that Kopparam block No. 1 and Muktesvaram block, in Narasaraopet taluk, in Kistna district, were selected after a personal inspection by Mr. A. W. Lushington in March 1896, boundaries perambulated by him and preliminarily demarcated by Ranger K. Asvadham Naidu in December 1896, and that the blocks were not inspected by the District Forest-officer nor was the demarcation checked by him.

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

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT of area and condition.

Total area of the taluk.	Extent of occupied and unoccupied Government land in the taluk.	Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 4.	Character of land proposed for reservation.	Sketch-map.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BQ. MLS. Narasaraopet taluk .. 712	ACS. Occupied .. 312,283 Unoccupied .. 77,738	ACS. 23,406	ACS. 1,115	ACS. Kopparam block No. 1 2,710 Muktesvaram .. 1,180	Scrub jungle.	Forms enclosure to Collector's letter, C. No. 3231, dated 8th April 1897.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 AND 4.—Draft notifications.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 5 AND 6.—Sketch-maps.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 7 AND 8.—Villagewar statements.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 21st April 1897, R.C. No. 2050.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 235, dated 17th June 1897.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The surveyed portions of Kopparam, Konidena and Ballikuruva villages do not appear to have been included within Kopparam block No. I. Particulars for these villages need not therefore have been given in the villagewar statement submitted by the Collector.

3. The distinction drawn between the village and the proposed boundary as indicated in the sketch-map in respect of Kopparam block should have been more marked, the village boundary being represented as usual by square stones.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (two original and two printed), two statements in original and two maps (to be returned).

„ Collector of Kistna.

„ Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

„ Forest Settlement-officer, Kistna, &c., districts.

Order—Mis. No. 3828, Revenue, dated 23rd July 1897.

The Board will be requested to report how the objection taken in paragraph 1 of Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 696, dated 20th December 1895, to the reservation of the Kopparam block No. I, has been overcome.

2. With regard to the Muktesvaram block, it is not clear from paragraph 9 of the Collector's letter, dated 24th February 1896, read in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 678, dated 11th May 1896, whether there is sufficient evidence to show that agrapham lands are not included within the block to any large extent. The Board will report further on this point also.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with two maps, two original notifications, and two statements (all to be returned with reply).

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1103, dated 26th October 1897 :—

Read—Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 776, dated 5th August 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Collector of Kistna, for a very early report, Government Order requesting the Board to furnish further information regarding the proposed Kopparam block I and Muktesvaram block, in the Narasaraopet taluk, Kistna district.

4 No. 965, REVENUE, 16TH NOVEMBER 1897.

Read—the following letter from J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated Masulipatam, 21st September 1897, Forest Dis. No. 739 of 1897-98:—

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 3828, dated 23rd July 1897, embodied in Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 776, dated 5th August 1897, I have the honour to reply as follows.

2. Paragraph 1.—From this office letter Forest Dis. No. 73, dated 6th July 1895, it will be seen that originally 22 forest blocks were proposed for reservation, of which only three exceeded the limit of 1 square mile. It was on this that the Board of Revenue expressed their opinion in the Proceedings quoted that the areas under 1 square mile having been eliminated it was not worth while retaining the other three. In the meantime, the District Forest-officer having found that the unsurveyed area containing Chinnapallem, Sinkaralingamgudipad, Kommalapad and Kopperapalem agharams amounted in all to 15,000 acres according to the taluk map, whereas according to the inam fair register the area put down for them was about 5,000 acres only; went more deeply into this matter and examined their title, and that of the adjoining villages to the hills included in that unsurveyed area. This is hardly the place to detail the evidence that he obtained, but he found that the line now adopted for Koppam I, Uppumagalur, Muktesvaram and Gokanakonda extension I reserves, excluded all land belonging to such agharams. Similarly he found that there were some unsurveyed hills belonging to Guntupalli. Consequently instead of the 22 reserves, 10,092 acres detailed in my letter above quoted, it was suggested that the following selections might be retained:—

	Then supposed to be.	Now found to be.
	ACS.	ACS.
Yellamanda Blocks I and II	1,613	1,613
Uppumagalur	1,018	1,389
Koppam I and II	2,173	2,114
Gokanakonda and extension	1,331	1,731
Gorrepad	1,067	1,015
Muktesvaram	924	1,164
Nagarazupalli and extension	1,126	1,271
Total	9,252	10,297

These form two compact working circles capable of easy supervision, and the two defects which existed in the previous proposals, viz., (a) a number of small blocks under 1 square mile, or if they were excluded (b) paucity of reserves which would be distant and scattered, are now obviated. The suggestion to retain the eleven areas noted above was approved by the Board of Revenue in the Proceedings Forest Mis. No. 678, dated 11th May 1896. Five of these areas have already been notified under section 16—one is practically settled (awaiting appeal in the District Court from decision of Forest Settlement-officer in favour of Government), two are now submitted for notification under section 4, and the remaining three will also be submitted at an early date.

2. Paragraph 2.—It has already been explained in the foregoing paragraph that the District Forest-officer has made a careful investigation into the rights of the agharamdars, and that the lines adopted have excluded all land to which they are entitled. It is inadvisable to explain in a public letter the evidence that he has procured until the case comes on for hearing; but it may be mentioned that the District Forest-officer invariably does make a detailed investigation before submitting his proposals to the Board of Revenue, wherever there seems any possible doubt; and the fact that during the past year all of the eight agharam claims that have been preferred before the Forest Settlement-officer have been decided in favour of Government, seems to show that this work is not scamped.

Enforcement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle,
dated Waltair, 9th October 1897, R. C. No. 50.

Forwarded and recommended.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1103, dated 26th October 1897.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 3828, Revenue, dated 23rd July 1897.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with letter in original and six enclosures returned.

ORDER—No. 965, Revenue, dated 16th November 1897.

Forest No. 216.

In the circumstances now reported the draft notification forwarded by the Board with its Proceedings, Forest No. 235, dated 17th June 1897, is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and Kistna District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

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

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that it is proposed to constitute the areas, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule appended to this notification, as "reserved forests" under the Act.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Block.		Situation and boundaries.
		Number.	Name.	
Kistna..	Narasaraopet ..	91 (a) ..	Kopparam block I.	SITUATION.—About twelve miles south-west of Narasaraopet and one and a half miles east of Kommalapad Agraharam village. BOUNDARIES.—<i>North</i>.—From the south-west corner of survey No. 103 of Kopparam village which is a point on the southern surveyed boundary of that village, along that village boundary eastwards to its south-east corner; thence a straight line eastwards to the south-west corner of survey No. 909 of Konidena village, which is a point on the western surveyed boundary of that village. <i>East</i>.—Thence first south-east, then south-west, then west along that surveyed village boundary to the junction stone of the surveyed villages of Konidena and Ballikuruva and unsurveyed hill. <i>South</i>.—Thence westward along the northern surveyed boundary of Ballikuruva to the north-west corner of survey No. 358 of that village; then for five thousand and seven hundred links north-west to a point three thousand and seven hundred links west of the south-west corner of survey No. 181 of Kopparam; then five thousand and seven hundred links west to a point four thousand and five hundred links south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 106 of the same village, a point on the top of Chakaloddigundlu; then a straight line two thousand and three hundred links slightly south of west to the top of Addabodu three thousand and nine hundred links slightly east of south of the same corner; then in the same direction for one thousand seven hundred and fifty links, another straight line to the top of Tamatambodu (hillock of Malappakonda); then running along the ridge of the Malappakonda hill first slightly south of west and then south-south-west to the top of the Annakonda hillock of that hill; then west-south-west, over the top of Malabodu, for two thousand and four hundred links to a point eight thousand six hundred and fifty links south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 106 of Kopparam. <i>West</i>.—Thence a straight line almost north for one thousand links; then another one thousand one hundred and seventy links north-west; then another one thousand and fifty links slightly west of north-west; then another three thousand five hundred and seventy links north-north-west; then another one thousand nine hundred and seventy links north-north-east; then another two thousand one hundred and fifty links east-north-east; then another two thousand and nine hundred links north-east to the starting point.
Do.	Narasaraopet ..	200 ..	Muktesvaram ..	SITUATION.—About three miles south of Kommalapad, east of the old trunk road from Madras that passes through that village. BOUNDARIES.—<i>North</i>.—From the north-east corner of survey No. 83 of Muktesvaram, a straight line to the southernmost corner of survey No. 143; then its east side, the south side of survey No. 141, the west and south sides of survey No. 176, the south side of survey No. 175, the west sides of survey Nos. 174, 173, 172 and 170, the north and west sides of survey No. 171, the west sides of survey Nos. 149, 170 (again) and 164 to the south-west corner of the last field; then a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 160; then its west side, the west and south sides of survey No. 159, the south sides of survey Nos. 194 and 197 to the surveyed village boundary stone on the latter; then that surveyed village boundary first south-east; then slightly east of north to a survey stone seven hundred and fifty links slightly west of south of the north-east corner of survey No. 255; then straight lines first slightly north of east for two thousand and six hundred links to a point two thousand and one hundred links east of that corner; then south-south-east for one thousand and five hundred links; then south for two thousand and one hundred links to the north-west corner of survey No. 306. <i>East and South</i>.—Thence the west side of survey No. 306 to its south-west corner; then a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 304, a point on the surveyed village boundary; then that surveyed boundary first southward; then south-westwards; then west-north-westwards; then south-south-westwards, to the south-west corner of survey No. 498. <i>West</i>.—Thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 30; then its south-east side; then the east sides of survey Nos. 31, 33, 40, 41, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 81, 82 and 83 (all of Muktesvaram) to the starting point.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased to appoint Mr. E. A. Smith to be the Forest Settlement-officer, who shall enquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any rights claimed by, or alleged to exist in favour of, any person in or over the land comprised within such limits or to any forest produce of such land, and deal with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest-officer, Kistna, for the time being, to attend on behalf of Government during the inquiry.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased, under the authority vested in him by section 14 of the said Act, to appoint the Collector of Kistna to hear appeals from orders passed by the Forest Settlement-officer under sections 11, 12 and 13 of the said Act.

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The Rd of Rev. L. R. Maddox.

In the circumstances now reported

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the draft notification forwarded by the

BS with its Proceedings No. 235 Joz. L

Dated 26. 10. 1897

dated 17th June 1897 ^{is approved} will be published in

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 Subm^g to Govt. with reference to
 G. O. No. 1205. N. 38289 23.7.1897
 Letter from the Collector of Krishna
 furnishing further information
 regarding the proposed Koppuram
 Block I & the Mukkthurawan
 block in the Narasaraopet Tk,
 Krishna Dist.

to the BS: LR with map and enclosures.

Sept 04: 8. Press with notification.

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Note Please see note under 3.6

3828 mis D. 23. 7. 97. The Collector now reports that the four large blocks mentioned in the list on page 1 of G. O.

790 D. 3. 12. 95 together with ^{Some others} ~~mentioned below~~ form two compact working circles capable of easy supervision.

Submitted therefore that the notification relating to Koppuram I block may be ordered to be published.

2 With regard to the Mankhesaram block, it is now stated that the D. I. O. has already enclosed all the Agrahar lands and that he is in possession of sufficient evidence to show that the lands included within the block belong to the Govt. The notification relating to the block may, it is submitted, also issue.

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Schedule

District	Taluk	Block		Situation and boundaries
		No.	Name	
Krishna	Amravar	91 (a)	Koppuram Block I	<u>Situation.</u>— About 12 miles South West of Kommalapada Agraharam village. <u>Boundaries.</u> <u>North.</u>— From the South West corner of Survey plot 103 of Koppuram village which is a point on the Southern boundary of that village along that village boundary Eastwards to its South East corner then a straight line Eastwards to the South West corner of Survey plot 969 of Konidena village, which is a point on the Western Surveyed boundary of that village. <u>East.</u>— Thence first South East, then South West, then ^{West} ~~South~~, along that Surveyed village boundary to the trigonometrical station of the Surveyed Villages of Konidena and Ballikurnwa and unsurveyed Hill. <u>South.</u>— Thence westwards along the Northern Surveyed boundary of Ballikurnwa to the North West corner of Survey plot 358 of that village, then for 5700 links North West to a point 3700 links South of the South West corner of Survey plot 181 of Koppuram, then 5700 links West South West to a point 4500 links South East of the South East corner of Survey plot 106 of the same village, a point on the top of Challeloddigumshi, then a straight line 2300 links slightly South of West to the top of Adalabodu 3900 links slightly East of South of the same corner, then in the same direction for 1750 links another straight line to the top of Samatombodu (hillock of Brallappaconda) then running along the top of the Malappa Kondra hill first slightly South of West and then South South West to the top of the Annahonda hillock of that hill then West South West, over the top of Adalabodu, for 2400 links to a point 8650 links South West of the South West corner.

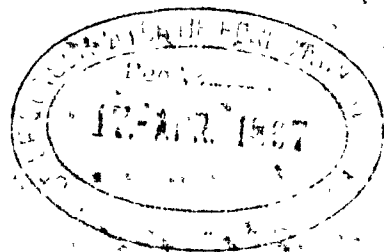
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then another 1970 links North North East then another 2150
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to the starting point.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased
to appoint Mr. to be the Forest Settlement Officer,
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and extent of any rights claimed by or alleged to exist in
favour of, any person in or over the land comprised within
such limits or to any forest produce of such land, and deal
with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Act,
and the District Forest Officer, Kinnaird for the time being,
to attend on behalf of Government during the inquiry.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased,
under the authority vested in him by Section 14 of the said
Act, to appoint the Collector of Kinnaird to hear appeals from
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For District Forest Officer



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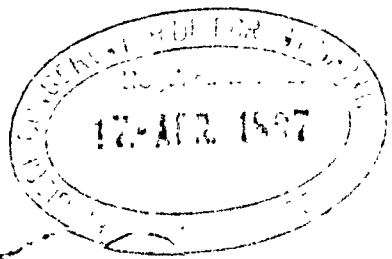
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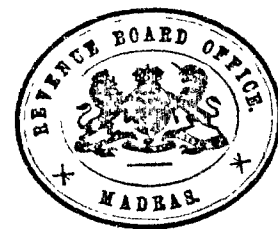
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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Certificate.

Certified that Kopparam block No. 1 and Muktesvaram block, in Narasaraopet taluk, in Kistna district, were selected after a personal inspection by Mr. A. W. Lushington in March 1896, boundaries perambulated by him and preliminarily demarcated by Ranger K. Asvadhnam Naidu in December 1896, and that the blocks were not inspected by the District Forest-officer nor was the demarcation checked by him.

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

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT of area and condition.

Total area of the taluk.	Extent of occupied and unoccupied Government land in the taluk.	Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserves submitted for notification under section 4.	Character of land proposed for reservation.	Sketch-map.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SQ. MLS. Narasaraopet taluk .. 712	ACS. Occupied .. 312,283 Unoccupied .. 77,736	ACS. 23,406	ACS. 1,115	ACS. Kopparam block No. 1. 2,710 Muktesvaram .. 1,180	Scrub jungle.	Forms enclosure to Collector's letter, C. No. 3231, dated 8th April 1897.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 AND 4.—Draft notifications.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 5 AND 6.—Sketch-maps.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 7 AND 8.—Villagewar statements.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated Waltair, 21st April 1897, R.C. No. 2050.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 235, dated 17th June 1897.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The surveyed portions of Kopparam, Konidena and Ballikuruva villages do not appear to have been included within Kopparam block No. I. Particulars for these villages need not therefore have been given in the villagewar statement submitted by the Collector.

3. The distinction drawn between the village and the proposed boundary as indicated in the sketch-map in respect of Kopparam block should have been more marked, the village boundary being represented as usual by square stones.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notifications (two original and two printed), two statements in original and two maps (to be returned).

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

Order—Mis. No. 3828, Revenue, dated 23rd July 1897.

The Board will be requested to report how the objection taken in paragraph 1 of Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 696, dated 20th December 1895, to the reservation of the Kopparam block No. I, has been overcome.

2. With regard to the Muktesvaram block, it is not clear from paragraph 9 of the Collector's letter, dated 24th February 1896, read in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 678, dated 11th May 1896, whether there is sufficient evidence to show that aghaham lands are not included within the block to any large extent. The Board will report further on this point also.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with two maps, two original notifications, and two statements (all to be returned with reply).

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1103, dated 26th October 1897 :—

Read—Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 776, dated 5th August 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Collector of Kistna, for a very early report, Government Order requesting the Board to furnish further information regarding the proposed Kopparam block I and Muktesvaram block, in the Narasaraopet taluk, Kistna district.

Read—the following letter from J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated Masulipatam, 21st September 1897, Forest Dis. No. 739 of 1897–98:—

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 3828, dated 23rd July 1897, embodied in Board's Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 776, dated 5th August 1897, I have the honour to reply as follows.

2. Paragraph 1.—From this office letter Forest Dis. No. 73, dated 6th July 1895, it will be seen that originally 22 forest blocks were proposed for reservation, of which only three exceeded the limit of 1 square mile. It was on this that the Board of Revenue expressed their opinion in the Proceedings quoted that the areas under 1 square mile having been eliminated it was not worth while retaining the other three. In the meantime, the District Forest-officer having found that the unsurveyed area containing Chinnapallem, Sinkaralingamgudipad, Kommalapad and Kopperapalem agharams amounted in all to 15,000 acres according to the taluk map, whereas according to the inam fair register the area put down for them was about 5,000 acres only; went more deeply into this matter and examined their title, and that of the adjoining villages to the hills included in that unsurveyed area. This is hardly the place to detail the evidence that he obtained, but he found that the line now adopted for Koppam I, Uppumagalur, Muktesvaram and Gokanakonda extension I reserves, excluded all land belonging to such agharams. Similarly he found that there were some unsurveyed hills belonging to Guntupalli. Consequently instead of the 22 reserves, 10,092 acres detailed in my letter above quoted, it was suggested that the following selections might be retained:—

	Then supposed to be.	Now found to be.
	ACS.	ACS.
Yellamanda Blocks I and II	1,613	1,613
Uppumagalur	1,018	1,389
Koppam I and II	2,173	2,114
Gokanakonda and extension	1,331	1,731
Gorrepad	1,067	1,015
Muktesvaram	924	1,164
Nagarazupalli and extension	1,126	1,271
Total	9,252	10,297

These form two compact working circles capable of easy supervision, and the two defects which existed in the previous proposals, viz., (a) a number of small blocks under 1 square mile, or if they were excluded (b) paucity of reserves which would be distant and scattered, are now obviated. The suggestion to retain the eleven areas noted above was approved by the Board of Revenue in the Proceedings Forest Mis. No. 678, dated 11th May 1896. Five of these areas have already been notified under section 16—one is practically settled (awaiting appeal in the District Court from decision of Forest Settlement-officer in favour of Government), two are now submitted for notification under section 4, and the remaining three will also be submitted at an early date.

2. Paragraph 2.—It has already been explained in the foregoing paragraph that the District Forest-officer has made a careful investigation into the rights of the agharamdars, and that the lines adopted have excluded all land to which they are entitled. It is inadvisable to explain in a public letter the evidence that he has procured until the case comes on for hearing; but it may be mentioned that the District Forest-officer invariably does make a detailed investigation before submitting his proposals to the Board of Revenue, wherever there seems any possible doubt; and the fact that during the past year all of the eight agharam claims that have been preferred before the Forest Settlement-officer have been decided in favour of Government, seems to show that this work is not scamped.

Endorsement by A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle,
dated Waltair, 9th October 1897, R. C. No. 50.

Forwarded and recommended.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1103, dated 26th October 1897.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 3828, Revenue, dated 23rd July 1897.

2. According to the Collector's report now submitted, the blocks in question, together with certain others named by him, were, at the instance of the District Forest-officer, proposed to be retained in lieu of the smaller blocks in the Narasaraopet taluk already * ordered by Government to be abandoned. As these blocks are reported to form two compact working circles capable of easy supervision, the objection taken by the † Board to the proposed reservation of the Koppam block and three others on the ground that they were scattered over a large area, no longer holds good. It is also noted that the District Forest-officer has made a careful investigation into the rights of the agharamdars in the Muktesvaram and other blocks, and has excluded all lands to which they are entitled. In these circumstances the Board considers that the Collector's proposals are not open to any objection.

* *Vide* Government Order in Board's Proceedings, No. 696, dated 20th December 1895.

† Board's Proceedings, No. 696, dated 20th December 1895, paragraph 1.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with letter in original and six enclosures returned.

ORDER—No. 965, Revenue, dated 16th November 1897.

Forest No. 216.

In the circumstances now reported the draft notification forwarded by the Board with its Proceedings, Forest No. 235, dated 17th June 1897, is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and Kistna District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

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

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that it is proposed to constitute the areas, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule appended to this notification, as "reserved forests" under the Act.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Taluk.	Block.		Situation and boundaries.
		Number.	Name.	
Kistna.	Narasaraopet ..	91 (a) ..	Kopparam block I.	SITUATION.—About twelve miles south-west of Narasaraopet and one and a half miles east of Kommalapad Agraharam village. BOUNDARIES.—<i>North</i>.—From the south-west corner of survey No. 103 of Kopparam village which is a point on the southern surveyed boundary of that village, along that village boundary eastwards to its south-east corner; then a straight line eastwards to the south-west corner of survey No. 909 of Konidena village, which is a point on the western surveyed boundary of that village. <i>East</i>.—Thence first south-east, then south-west, then west along that surveyed village boundary to the junction stone of the surveyed villages of Konidena and Balikurva and unsurveyed hill. <i>South</i>.—Thence westwards along the northern surveyed boundary of Balikurva to the north-west corner of survey No. 358 of that village; then for five thousand and seven hundred links north-west to a point three thousand and seven hundred links south of the south-west corner of survey No. 181 of Kopparam; then five thousand and seven hundred links west-south-west to a point four thousand and five hundred links south-east of the south-east corner of survey No. 106 of the same village, a point on the top of Chakaloddigundlu; then a straight line two thousand and three hundred links slightly south of west to the top of Addabodu three thousand and nine hundred links slightly east of south of the same corner; then in the same direction for one thousand seven hundred and fifty links, another straight line to the top of Tanatonibodu (hillock of Malappokonda); then running along the ridge of the Malappokonda hill first slightly south of west and then south-south-west to the top of the Annakonda hillock of that hill; then west-south-west, over the top of Malabodu, for two thousand and four hundred links to a point eight thousand six hundred and fifty links south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 106 of Kopparam. <i>West</i>.—Thence a straight line almost north for one thousand links; then another one thousand one hundred and seventy links north-west; then another one thousand and fifty links slightly west of north-west; then another three thousand five hundred and seventy links north-north-west; then another one thousand nine hundred and seventy links north-north-east; then another two thousand one hundred and fifty links east-north-east; then another two thousand and nine hundred links north-east to the starting point.
Do.	Narasaraopet ..	200 ..	Muktesvaram ..	SITUATION.—About three miles south of Kommalapad, east of the old trunk road from Madras that passes through that village. BOUNDARIES.—<i>North</i>.—From the north-east corner of survey No. 83 of Muktesvaram, a straight line to the southernmost corner of survey No. 143; then its east side, the south side of survey No. 141, the west and south sides of survey No. 176, the south side of survey No. 175, the west sides of survey Nos. 174, 173, 172 and 170, the north and west sides of survey No. 171, the west sides of survey Nos. 149, 170 (again) and 164 to the south-west corner of the last field; then a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 160; then its west side, the west and south sides of survey No. 150, the south sides of survey Nos. 194 and 197 to the surveyed village boundary stone on the latter; then that surveyed village boundary first south-east; then slightly east of north to a survey stone seven hundred and fifty links slightly west of south of the north-east corner of survey No. 255; then straight lines first slightly north of east for two thousand and six hundred links to a point two thousand and one hundred links east of that corner; then south-south-east for one thousand and five hundred links; then south for two thousand and one hundred links to the north-west corner of survey No. 306. <i>East and South</i>.—Thence the west side of survey No. 306 to its south-west corner; then a straight line to the north-west corner of survey No. 304, a point on the surveyed village boundary; then that surveyed boundary first southward; then south-westwards; then west-north-westwards; then south-south-westwards, to the south-west corner of survey No. 498. <i>West</i>.—Thence a straight line to the south-west corner of survey No. 30; then its south-east side; then the east sides of survey Nos. 31, 38, 40, 41, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 81, 82 and 83 (all of Muktesvaram) to the starting point.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased to appoint Mr. E. A. Smith to be the Forest Settlement-officer, who shall enquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any rights claimed by, or alleged to exist in favour of, any person in or over the land comprised within such limits or to any forest produce of such land, and deal with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest officer, Kistna, for the time being, to attend on behalf of Government during the inquiry.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is further pleased, under the authority vested in him by section 14 of the said Act, to appoint the Collector of Kistna to hear appeals from orders passed by the Forest Settlement-officer under sections 11, 12 and 13 of the said Act.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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