Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 970

DATED 18th November

[Despatch Abstract.]

The draft notification under Section 4 of the Madras Forest Act for the proposed constitution of the Blackheath and five other blocks, in the Paranginad division, as Reserved Forests.

Communication from Government with reference to para 2 of G.O No.487 Rev.,d/24-6-97 Nilgiri Collector's letter forwarding an office note from his D.F.O showing the results of the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, Government C[illegible] notification under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of Arapillai and three other blocks in the Paranginad Division, Nilgiri district, as reserved forests and requesting the Board to report reservation of reasons for selecting four other blocks in the same division considered

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CURRENT No. 8905

From

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue
Madras

Order

Forest No. 1051 Misc

Dated 12th October 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submg. to Government with reference to para 2 of G.O No.487 Rem., d/24-6-97 Nilgiri Collector's letter forwarding an office note from his D.F.O shewing the ests, Southern Circle, the reservation under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act for constitution of Arapillai and three other blocks in the Paranginad Division, Nilgiri district, as reserved forests and requesting the Board to consider reservation of reasons for selecting four other blocks in the same division

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed August 16th.

Proceedings, Forest No. 315, 27th July 1897.

JULY.

Communicating to the Collector of Nilgiris and the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, Government Order directing the publication of the notification under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act for the proposed constitution of Arapillai and three other blocks in the Paranginad Division, Nilgiri district, as reserved forests and requesting the Board to report reservation of reasons for selecting four other blocks in the same division

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following Government Order, No. 487, Revenue, dated 24th June 1897 :—

Read—again Government Order, No. 473, Revenue, dated 17th September 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Accepting the Collector's proposals regarding further reservation of areas in the Nilgiri district.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 102, dated 11th March 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, draft notification under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act for the proposed constitution of Blackheath and seven other blocks in the Paranginad division, Nilgiri district, as reserved forests; and requesting the Collector of the Nilgiris, with remarks, to include the Katcheri block in the proposals for reservation, as pasture reserves, of the village grazing grounds containing tree growth worthy of protection, due from the Collector.

Order—No. 487, Revenue, dated 24th June 1897.

Forest No. 103.

The Government observes that the Collector's proposals as to small reserves, which were accepted in Government Order, No. 473, Revenue, dated 17th September 1896, were, as far as they related to the Paranginad division, based on the principle that the selected blocks contained sholas or other woodlands covering the heads of streams, river banks and hill slopes. From the District Forest-officer's memorandum of reasons for the propsed reservation of the eight blocks recommended in the second of the papers read above, however, it does not appear that the selection of four of these blocks, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 has been based on any such principle.

2. The Board is therefore requested to report fully the reasons for selecting these blocks.

3. The reservation of blocks Nos. 4, 6, 8 and 9 is sanctioned and the draft notifications with respect to these blocks will be published in the Fort St. George and Nilgiri District Gazettes.

(True Extract.

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) with maps, &c.
,, the Superintendent, Government Press, with four notifications.

NOTIFICATIONS.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify, under the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that it is proposed to constitute the areas in the Nilgiri district described in the schedule below "reserved forests" under the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Nad.	Village.	Name of forest.	Boundaries.
The Nilgiris.	Paranginad ..	Coonoor ..	Arappilai ..	*North.*—Commencing from the north-eastern corner of No. 20-B of Coonoor village, the southern and eastern sides of No. 19-B A B, the southern and eastern sides of the Chuckler's village (Nos. 79-B to 99-B) up to its north-eastern corner; thence a straight line in a northerly direction up to the road from Ootacamund to Coonoor; thence that road up to its second bend. *East.*—Thence the road up to the northernmost corner of No. 47-B. *South.*—Thence the western side of No. 47-B, the eastern and northern sides of No. 45-B, the northern side of No. 43-B A B, up to where it meets the eastern side of No. 20-B. *West.*—The eastern side of No. 20-B up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of a portion of No. 46-B of Coonoor village.
Do.	Paranginad ..	Coonoor ..	Sampangi ..	*North.*—Commencing from a point one chain and ten links east of the south-western corner of No. 113-A, the southern side of that field up to its south-eastern corner; then a straight line due east across to the river. *East.*—Thence the western bank of the river up to a point sixty-five links due east of the north-eastern corner of 46-A A B. *South.*—Thence a line to that corner and the northern side of No. 46-A A B up to the road to Coonoor; then that road up to the south-east corner of No. 45-A; then the eastern, northern and western sides of No. 45-A and a straight line in continuation of the last side to the road again. *West.*—Thence the road up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of Nos. 108-A A, 121-A part, 117-B part.
Do.	Paranginad.	Vubathalai.	Bikkemara ..	*North.*—Commencing from the southern corner of No. 403 of Vubathalai village, the southern side of that number, the southern and eastern sides of No. 404, the southern side of No. 410 and the western side of No. 410-1, and the southern side of No. 410 again up to the Coonoor village settlement boundary. *East.*—Thence that boundary up to the northern corner of No. 419-A; then the northern side of No. 419-A up to the next demarcation stone. *South.*—Thence the northern side of the same No. 419-A and the northern side of No. 402-A to D up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of Nos. 418, 423, 427 and 424 of Vubathalai village.
Do.	Paranginad.	Vubathalai.	Neggilhada.	*North.*—Commencing from a point on the southern side of No. 386-A B situated two chains and 70 links north-west of the northern corner of No. 384-A, the southern side of No. 386-A B up to its south-eastern corner; thence a straight line in a north-easterly direction across to the western corner of No. 381. *East.*—Thence the southern side of No. 381 and the western sides of Nos. 380 and 402-A to D up to the south-west corner of the last number. *South.*—Thence the northern side of Coonoor-Kateri road (No. 401-E) up to the eastern corner of No. 383-E (a portion of the above road). *West.*—Thence a straight line in a north-westerly direction up to the westernmost point of No. 426, and then a line to the north-eastern corner of No. 384-A, then the northern side of No. 384-A up to its northernmost corner and then a straight line across to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of Nos. 425, 426 and 383-A part.

2. His Excellency in Council is further pleased, under clause (*c*) of the said section 4, to appoint the Head Assistant Collector, Nilgiris, to be the Forest Settlement-officer, who shall inquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any right claimed by, or alleged to exist in favour of, any person in or over the lands comprised within such limits or to any forest produce of such lands, and deal with the same as provided in chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest-officer, Nilgiris, for the time being, to be the Forest officer to attend on behalf of Government during the inquiry.

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

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 315, dated 27th July 1897.

Communicated to the Collector of Nilgiris and the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the order read above, the Collector is requested to submit a detailed report at an early date.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nilgiris with nine maps returned.
,, Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
,, Forest Settlement-officer, Nilgiris.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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16-8-97.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

Forest No 1051 Misc, dated 12th October 1897.

Read again B.P. 315 dated 27-7-97

Read Endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, S.C dated 17th September 1897, R.C.No 854 on letter from the Collector of Nilgiris, dated 14th September 1897, Ref on Cur.No 67/B.

Resolution.

Submitted to Government with reference to para 2 of G.O No.487 Revenue, dated 24th June 1897.

2 Para 1 of the Order. As regards the principle of selection in the Paranginad Division adverted to by Government, it is explained in para 3 of the District Forest Officer's Office-note submitted by the Collector that the selections in the Division were not confined to sholas or other wood lands covering the heads of streams, river banks and hill slopes, but were also extended to areas entered in the Settlement Register as Reserved Forests wherever in the opinion of the District Forest Officer these would be useful for timber, agricultural materials, firewood and pasturage and wherever such reservation would prevent that complete denudation which is now characteristic of many valleys in these hills. With reference to the above, the Board considers that reservation should be confined to the areas referred to by Government unless some special reason can be assigned in the other cases to show that the provisions of the act should be resorted to.

3 Para 2 of the Order. Of the four blocks the reservation of a

bridge addition blocks are streams protectors;while the Ottupattadai block is recommended for reservation as it lies in a locality where indigenous woodlands are now scarce,and as it will improve the appearance of the old Ooty road on which the block lies.As regards the Karimara block,the District Forest Officer reports that it is neither a stream protector nor shola,and that it was thought worth protection by reason of the fact that it contains 2000 blue gum trees which might be useful to the people if sold on permits in the same way as are trees from the "Therma topes"in the Ooty Range.

The Conservator approves of the recommendation to reserve these blocks with the exception of Karimara for the reservation of which no strong reasons are in his opinion adduced by the District Forest Officer.The Board concurs in the Conservator's opinion,but with reference to the Karimara block,it may be pointed out that,though its reservation is not very important,it is usual everywhere to have recourse to the act for the protection of plantations.

4. As regards the Katcheri block referred to in para 2 of the Office-note from the District Forest Officer the Board considers that the question of its reservation may lie over for decision after receipt of the report called for regarding village grazing grounds.

(True Extract)

Secretary

To the Secretary to Government R.D with 5 maps,Collr's.letter and D.F.O's Office-note in original to be retd;& with a copy of B.P 315 27-7-97

To the Collector of Nilgiris.

To the Conservator,S.C

Read again G.O 487 24.6.97
" Cno 8958 of 97.

For orders.

In G.O 487 dated 24.6.97 the Government sanctioned the issue of the notification under Sec 4 (of the Madras Forest Act) in respect of four blocks in the Paranginad division, Nilgiri dt, and remitted to the Board for further report the proposals for the initial reservation of the marginally noted four blocks on the ground that they did not appear to include the Sholas or blocks covering heads of streams, banks of the rivers or hill slopes so as to be deserving of exceptional treatment.

Black heath
Black bridge addition.
Karimara
Ottapattadai.

2 The District forest officer's office note now forwarded shows that Black heath is a streams protector, Black bridge addition is both a Shola and a streams protector and Ottapattadai a Shola. The proposed reservation of these blocks, it is submitted, may be sanctioned.

Karimara is reported to be a plantation containing 2000 blue gum trees. The Conservator considers

that this is not a sufficient reason for the reservation of the block. The Board is however of a different opinion. Orders are requested as to whether the block may be ordered to be notified on the ground of its being a plantation.

3/ In para 6 of B.P No 1028 of 11.3.97 in G.O 487 of 24.6.97 the Board disapproved the reservation of the Katchery block, at the same time leaving the Collector at liberty if necessary to include the block in the proposals for the reservation of village grazing grounds as pasture reserves. The D. F. O's office note however states that the block is not a valuable forest and that it would be useful as a site for town extension. ~~In orders as to whether the B.P may be held that the block not being valuable as land better be left for town site for the extension of the town.~~

4 The Govt, may, it is submitted agree with the BS in the opinion expressed in the last Sentence of para 2 of the Resolution.

Mills 8.XI.97

10/11/97.

Seen seems to no objection
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Hogg

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× Coonoor

The Board's conclusion may I submit be approved.

Yes
10/11/97. dg
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DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify, under the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that it is proposed to constitute the areas in the Nilgiri district in the schedule below "reserved forests" under the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

District.	Nad.	Village.	Name of forest.	Boundaries.
The Nilgiris.	Paranganad ..	Coonoor ..	Black heath ..	*North.*—Nil. *East.*—Commencing from the north-eastern corner of No. 14-F of Coonoor village, the cart road from Wellington to Coonoor up to where it touches a building at its south-east corner near the supply channel passing through the reserve; then round building to the road again; then that road up to the north-eastern corner of No. 21-F. *South.*—Thence the northern side of No. 21-F up to its north-western corner. *West.*—Thence a straight line to the eastern corner of No. 23-F; then the eastern side of No. 23-F; thence a straight line across a road to the southernmost corner of No. 25-F; then the southern and eastern sides of No. 25-F; the eastern sides of Nos. 15-F A, 15-F B and 13-F and the southern and eastern sides of No. 14-F to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of a portion of No. 15-F Coonoor village ~~and measures 15·16 acres~~.
Do.	Paranganad ..	Coonoor ..	Black bridge addition.	*North.*—Commencing from the south-western corner of No. 78-E A, the southern side of that field up to where it meets the northern side of No. 56-E. *East.*—Nil. *South.*—Thence the northern sides of Nos. 56-E and 73-E up to where the latter meets the eastern side of No. 57-E A. *West.*—Thence the eastern side of No. 57-E A up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of No. 78-E D of Coonoor village ~~and measures 2·67 acres~~.
Do.	Paranganad ..	Coonoor ..	Karimara ..	*North.*—Commencing from the south-western corner of No. 101-B of Coonoor village, the southern side of that number up to where it meets the western side of No. 57-B. *East.*—Thence the western and southern sides of No. 57-B up to its most southern corner; thence the road from Coonoor to Kateri up to where it meets No. 60-B. *South.*—Thence the northern sides of Nos. 60-B and 59-B up to the south-eastern corner of No. 58-B. *West.*—Thence the eastern side of No. 58-B up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of a portion of No. 103-B A ~~and measures 7·62 acres~~.
Do.	Paranganad ..	Coonoor ..	Arappilai ..	*North.*—Commencing from the north-eastern corner of No. 20-B of Coonoor village, the southern and eastern sides of No. 19-B A B, the southern and eastern sides of the Chuckler's village (Nos. 79-B to 99-B) up to its north-eastern corner; thence a straight line in a northerly direction up to the road from Ootacamund to Coonoor; thence that road up to its second bend. *East.*—Thence the road up to the northernmost corner of No. 47-B. *South.*—Thence the western side of No. 47-B, the eastern and northern sides of No. 45-B, the northern side of No. 43-B A B, up to where it meets the eastern side of No. 20-B. *West.*—The eastern side of No. 20-B up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of a portion of No. 46-B of Coonoor village ~~and measures 11·74 acres~~.
Do.	Paranganad ..	Coonoor ..	Ottupattadai ..	*North.*—Commencing from the south-western corner of No. 46-A A B, the southern side of that number and the southern side of No. 57 up to the north-western corner of No. 62-A. *East.*—Thence the western side of No. 62-A up to where it meets the old ghât road from Ootacamund to Coonoor. *South and West.*—Thence that road up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of No. 118-A of Coonoor village ~~and measures 4·38 acres~~.
Do.	Paranganad ..	Coonoor ..	Sampangi ..	*North.*—Commencing from a point one chain and ten links east of the south-western corner of No. 113-A, the southern side of that field up to its south-eastern corner; then a straight line due east across to the river. *East.*—Thence the western bank of the river up to a point due east sixty-five links ~~distant from~~ the northern corner of 46-A A B. *South.*—Thence a line to that corner and the northern side of No. 46-A A B. up to the road to Coonoor; then that road up to the south-east corner of No. 45-A; then the eastern, northern and western sides of No. 45-A and a straight line in continuation of the last side to the road again. *West.*—Thence the road up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of Nos. 108-A A, 121-A part, 117-B part ~~and measures 8 acres~~.

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Nilgiris	Parangnad.	Vubathalai.	Bikkemara ..	*North.*—Commencing from the southern corner of No. 403 of Vubathalai village, the southern side of that number, the southern and eastern sides of No. 404, the southern side of No. 410 again up to the Coonoor settlement boundary. *East.*—Thence that boundary up to the northern corner of No. 419-A and the northern side of No. 419-A up to the next demarcation stone. *South.*—Thence the northern side of the same] No. 419-A and the northern side of No. 402-A to D up to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of Nos. 418, 423, 427 and 424 of Vubathalai village and measures 21·11 acres.
Do.	Parangnad.	Vubathalai.	Neggilhada ..	*North.*—Commencing from a point on the southern side of No. 386-A B situated in a straight line north-west two chains and 70 links distant from the northern corner of No. 384-A, the southern side of No. 386-A B up to its south-eastern corner; thence a straight line in a north-easterly direction across to the western corner of No. 381. *East.*—Thence the southern side of No. 381 and the western sides of Nos. 380 and 402-A to D up to the south-west corner of the last number. *South.*—Thence the northern side of Coonoor-Kateri road (No. 401-E) up to the eastern corner of No. 383-E (a portion of the above road). *West.*—Thence a straight line in a north-westerly direction up to the western point of No. 426, and then a line to the north-eastern corner of No. 384-A, then the northern side of No. 384-A up to its northernmost corner and a straight line across to the starting point. REMARKS.—This consists of Nos. 425, 426 and 383-A part and measures 17·86 acres.

2. His Excellency in Council is further pleased, under clause (*c*) of the said section 4, to appoint the Head Assistant Collector, Nilgiris, to be the Forest Settlement-officer, who shall enquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any right claimed by, or alleged to exist in favour of, any person in or over the lands comprised within such limits or to any forest produce of such lands, and deal with the same as provided in chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest-officer, Nilgiris, for the time being to be the Forest-officer to attend on behalf of Government during the enquiry.

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

(Signed) J. H. A. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Collector.

Secretary.

D. / b — 50)—25-5-97.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Annexure No 8958 A

Forwd No 218.

G.O. No. 9708/ 18th NOV: 1897.

The Govt agree with the Board in the opinion expressed in para 2 of the Proceedings read above.

2. In the circumstances now reported, the Govt approve of the proposal to reserve the Blackheath, Blackbridge addition & Ootapalladai blocks & the Karimara block may also with advantage be reserved. The draft Notification already submitted by the Board with respect to these blocks are approved & with a publication in the Fort St George Gazette.

3. The Govt agree with the Board as regards the Kalchetti block.

16-11-97 17-11-97

To The Bd of L.R. with enclosures.
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REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 970, 18th November 1897.

NOVEMBER.

Reserved Forests.

The draft notification, under section 4 of the Madras Forest Act, for the proposed constitution of the Blackheath and three other blocks, in the Paranginad division, as —, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Nilgiri District Gazettes.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1051, dated 12th October 1897 :—

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 315, dated 27th July 1897.

Read—the following letter from J. H. A. TREMENHEERE, Esq., Collector of Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated Ootacamund, 14th September 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 67-B of 1896–97 :—

With reference to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings Forest No. 315, dated 27th July last, communicating the order of Government, No. 487, Revenue, dated 24th June 1897, I have the honour to enclose the office-note of my District Forest-officer, which fully explains the reasons for selecting the four blocks in question.

Enclosure.

Office-note from C. G. DOUGLAS, Esq., District Forest-officer, Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 10th September 1897.

[*Reference.*—Board's Proceedings of 27th July 1897, Forest No. 315, communicating Government Order approving notification under section 4 of Arapillai and three other blocks in Paranginad division and calling for report as to the reasons for selecting four other blocks in the same division.]

The four blocks in question are the following :—

(1) *Blackheath.*—This lies below the property in Coonoor known as "Blackheath" skirting the lower side of the road to Wellington beginning just outside the Hill Grove Hotel premises. It is not only a hill slope and stream protector, but contributes to the picturesqueness of a much frequented road.

(2) *Blackbridge addition.*—This is a good bit of shola lying above the Wellington Race course on a hill slope and serves as a water protector.

(3) *Kariwara.*—This is neither a stream protector nor shola. It contains two thousand blue gum trees which I thought worth protecting as they might be useful to the people if sold on permit in the same way as are trees from the "Therma topes" in the Ootacamund range. There is nothing else to recommend it.

(4) *Ottupattadai.*—This is on the old Ootacamund road about three miles from Coonoor. It is good shola below the road and may well be preserved as improving the appearance of the road and in a locality where indigenous woodlands are now scarce.

2. I may take this opportunity of pointing out that the Katcheri block, to which exception is taken by the Board in paragraph 6 of its Proceedings No. 102 of 11th March 1897, dealing with the above four blocks and others, is not so situated with reference to the Taluk Cutcherri, Coonoor, as by any possibility to interfere with the convenience of the people attending the offices on business. It is a village forest and is being hacked about and destroyed for firewood by all and sundries, and as it is in rather a prominent position though by no means a valuable forest I deemed it worth protection. Possibly its best use, however, would be as a site for the town extension.

3. Having regard to the terms of the Government Order under reference, I think it right to explain that my selections in Paranginad were by no means restricted to sholas or other woodlands covering the heads of streams, river banks and hill slopes. I selected areas entered in the settlement register as forest reserves wherever I thought those would be useful for timber, agricultural materials, firewood or pasturage and wherever such reservation would prevent that complete denudation that is now characteristic of many valleys in these hills. Some few I have proposed in the hopes of fostering the growth of sandalwood.

4. For the present, however, I have directed the Range officer to undertake the preliminary demarcation of none but such selections as may fairly be held to fall within the class described by Government.

Endorsement by H. V. GASS, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 17th September 1897, Ref. on C. No. 854.

Forwarded with the remark that the reasons for reserving No. 3, Karimara, are not strong ones.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1051, dated 12th October 1897.

Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 487, Revenue, dated 24th June 1897.

2. *Paragraph* 1 *of the Order.*—As regards the principle of selection in the Paranginad division adverted to by Government, it is explained in paragraph 3 of the District Forest-officer's office-note submitted by the Collector that the selections in the division were not confined to sholas or other woodlands covering the heads of streams, river banks and hill slopes, but were also extended to areas entered in the settlement register as reserved forests wherever, in the opinion of the District Forest-officer, these would be useful for timber, agricultural materials, firewood and pasturage and wherever such reservation would prevent that complete denudation which is now characteristic of many valleys in these hills. With reference to the above, the Board considers that reservation should be confined to the areas referred to by Government unless some special reason can be assigned in the other cases to show that the provisions of the Act should be resorted to.

3. *Paragraph* 2 *of the Order.*—Of the four blocks the reservation of which was not sanctioned by Government, it would appear from the District Forest-officer's note that (1) Blackheath and (2) Blackbridge addition blocks are stream protectors; while the Ottupattadai block is recommended for reservation as it lies in a locality where indigenous woodlands are now scarce, and as it will improve the appearance of the old Ootacamund road on which the block lies. As regards the Karimara block, the District Forest-officer reports that it is neither a stream protector nor shola, and that it was thought worth protection by reason of the fact that it contains 2,000 blue gum trees which might be useful to the people if sold on permits in the same way as are trees from the "therma topes" in the Ootacamund range.

The Conservator approves of the recommendation to reserve these blocks with the exception of Karimara for the reservation of which no strong reasons are in his opinion adduced by the District Forest-officer. The Board concurs in the Conservator's opinion, but with reference to the Karimara block, it may be pointed out that, though its reservation is not very important, it is usual everywhere to have recourse to the Act for the protection of plantations.

4. As regards the Katcheri block referred to in paragraph 2 of the office-note from the District Forest-officer, the Board considers that the question of its reservation may lie over for decision after receipt of the report called for regarding village grazing grounds.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with five maps, Collector's letter and District Forest-officer's office-note in original to be returned and with a copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 315, dated 27th July 1897.
" Collector of Nilgiris.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Order— No. 970, Revenue, dated 18th November 1897.

Forest No. 218.

The Government agrees with the Board in the opinion expressed in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings read above.

2. In the circumstances now reported, the Government approves of the proposal to reserve the Blackheath, Blackbridge addition and Ottupattadai blocks. The Karimara block may also with advantage be reserved. The draft notifications already submitted by the Board with respect to these blocks are approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and Nilgiri District Gazettes.

3. The Government agrees with the Board as regards the Katcheri block.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with enclosure.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press,
with four notifications.

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify, under the provisions of section 4 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that it is proposed to constitute the areas in the Nilgiri district specified in the schedule below "reserved forests" under the said Act:—

Schedule.

District.	Nad.	Village.	Name of forest.	Boundaries.
The Nilgiris.	Paranginad ..	Coonoor ..	Blackheath ..	*North.*—Nil. *East.*—Commencing from the north-eastern corner of No. 14-F of Coonoor village, the cart-road from Wellington to Coonoor up to where it touches a building at its south-east corner near the supply channel passing through the reserve; then round the building to the road again; then that road up to the north-eastern corner of No. 21-F. *South.*—Thence the northern side of No. 21-F up to its north-western corner. *West.*—Thence a straight line to the eastern corner of No. 23-F; then the eastern side of No. 23-F; thence a straight line across a road to the southernmost corner of No. 25-F; then the southern and eastern sides of No. 25-F; the eastern sides of Nos. 15-F A, 15-F B and 13-F and the southern and eastern sides of No. 14-F to the starting point. Remarks.—This consists of a portion of No. 15-F Coonoor village.
✓ Do.	Paranginad ..	Coonoor ..	Black bridge addition.	*North.*—Commencing from the south-western corner of No. 78-E A, the southern side of that field up to where it meets the northern side of No. 56-E. *East.*—Nil. *South.*—Thence the northern sides of Nos. 56-E and 73-E up to where the latter meets the eastern side of No. 57-E A. *West.*—Thence the eastern side of No. 57-E A up to the starting point. Remarks.—This consists of No. 78-E D of Coonoor village.
Do.	Paranginad ..	Coonoor ..	Karimara ..	*North.*—Commencing from the south-western corner of No. 101-B of Coonoor village, the southern side of that number up to where it meets the western side of No. 57-B. *East.*—Thence the western and southern sides of No. 57-B up to its most southern corner; thence the road from Coonoor to Kateri up to where it meets No. 60-B. *South.*—Thence the northern sides of Nos. 60-B and 59-B up to the south-eastern corner of No. 58-B. *West.*—Thence the eastern side of No. 58-B up to the starting point. Remarks.—This consists of a portion of No. 103-B A.
Do.	Paranginad ..	Coonoor ..	Ottupattadai ..	*North.*—Commencing from the south-western corner of No. 46-A A B, the southern side of that number and the southern side of No. 57 up to the north-western corner of No. 62-A. *East.*—Thence the western side of No. 62-A up to where it meets the old ghât road from Ootacamund to Coonoor. *South and West.*—Thence that road up to the starting point. Remarks.—This consists of No. 118-A of Coonoor village.

2. His Excellency in Council is further pleased, under clause (*c*) of the said section 4, to appoint the Head Assistant Collector, Nilgiris, to be the Forest Settlement-officer, who shall enquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any right claimed by, or alleged to exist in favour of, any person in or over the lands comprised within such limits or to any forest produce of such lands, and deal with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Act; and the District Forest-officer, Nilgiris, for the time being, to be the Forest officer to attend on behalf of Government during the enquiry.

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

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