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From The Secretary to the Commissioner of Land Revenue Board of Rev: Madras

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To the Board: LR with two spare encl:

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SUBJECT. with remark Submitting to Government for approval and publn: a list of errata in respect of the boundary descriptions of sixty-finally notified blocks in the Nilgiri District and returning to the Collr: for revision the notification of disafforestation of Kalhatti & 2 other blocks.

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Proceedings, Forest No. 411, 26th September 1898.

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Submitting to Government, with remarks, for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, a list of errata in respect of the boundary descriptions of sixty blocks finally notified in the Nilgiri district and returning to the Collector for revision the notification for the disafforestation of the Kalhatti and three other reserves.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 429, dated 9th August 1886.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting, for the orders of Government, with remarks, letter from the Collector of the Nilgiris reporting on certain errors in the *notifications under section* 16 *of Bockepuram, Kalhatti, &c., reserves* in the district, and suggesting that the Collector should be instructed to inquire more fully into such alterations in other reserved forests and to report at the same time whether notices under section 6 were properly served on the owners of enclosures in the reserves.

READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 436, dated 2nd September 1886.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Collector of the Nilgiris Government Order recording Board's Proceedings reporting on certain errors in the notifications under section 16 of Forest Act V of 1882 relating to *Bockepuram, Kalhatti, &c., reserves* in the Nilgiri district, and requesting Collector to submit the further report now called for.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 86, Routine, dated 2nd February 1897:—

Read—the following letter from J. H. A. TREMENHEERE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated Ootacamund, 24th December 1896, Cur. No. 69-B:—

In reply to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 429, dated 9th August 1886, I have the honour to state that the notices under section 6 of the Forest Act in respect of the enclosures within the Bockepuram and Kalhatti reserves referred to by Mr. Burrows were not served on the then pattadars of those lands, and there is no means of ascertaining at this date the reason for such non-service. It is possible that the revenue subordinates did not bring to the notice of the Forest Settlement-officer the existence of these lands; but there is, however, nothing on record to prove this.

2. In view to the rectification of these and similar errors (typographical and others) I forward herewith (*a*) a list giving correctly the boundaries of Bockepuram, Kalhatti, Singara and Kullar reserves and (*b*) another list showing the errors in the description of various other reserves with necessary corrections. As the rectification in regard to (*a*) involves the exclusion of pattas erroneously included in the four reserves specified, a draft notification for the disafforestation of these patta lands is also submitted for approval. In this connection I may remark that Nos. 345 and 405 of Sholur village which were pattas at the time of the settlement of Bockepuram reserve have since reverted to Government, and I do not therefore propose to exclude them. Formal disafforestation is solicited inasmuch as the procedure sanctioned by the Government of India (*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 14th August 1893, Forest No. 595) does not apparently extend to such alterations as are involved here.

3. The reserves notified under section 16 of the Forest Act subsequent to the date of the Proceedings under reply have not been considered. If any correction is required in these later reserves, separate reference will be made, but there seems no reason to suppose that such will be the case.

4. The delay in the submission of this report is much regretted. The papers seem to have been overlooked by successive officers until a comparatively recent date, and the difficulty of checking each notification in detail has been considerable.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 9th January 1897, Reference on Cur. No. 2492.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 86, Routine, dated 2nd February 1897.

The Collector of the Nilgiris is requested to submit at an early date the sketch-maps of the reserves concerned so as to enable the Board to verify the notifications now forwarded by him.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of the Nilgiris.

READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 223, Routine, dated 16th March 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, pending receipt of certain maps, letter from the Collector of the Nilgiris stating that it will take time to find out the old plans of certain reserved forests.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 673, dated 9th July 1897:—

Read—the following letter from J. H. A. TREMENHEERE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated Ootacamund, 24th June 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 69-B:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 223, Routine, dated 16th March 1897, I have the honour to report that though a thorough search has been made both in my office and in the office of my District Forest-officer, the original sketches have not been discovered and it seems useless to lose more time in searching for them. The District Forest-officer suggests that instead of the original sketch-maps, their outlines as laid down on the village maps from the originals may be used for the purpose of rectifying Bockepuram and other reserves, the boundaries and notifications of which may require amendment. There are about sixty of these and the preparation of the maps will engage some time, but under the circumstances, I see no alternative.

2. The matter was discussed with the Forest Member during his recent inspection of this district and he agreed to Mr. Doughlas' proposal to which I therefore request the Board's formal sanction.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 29th June 1897, No. 4953.

Forwarded. The matter would appear to be settled.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 673, dated 9th July 1897.

The Board approves of the Collector's proposal to substitute for the original sketches, the outlines of certain reserves which require amendment, as laid down on the village maps from the original settlement sketches.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of the Nilgiris,
through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

READ—also the following letter from D. W. G. COWIE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated Ootacamund, 27th July 1898, Dis. No. 42 :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd February and 9th July 1897, Forest No. 86, Routine and Mis. No. 673, respectively, I have the honour to forward herewith 64 maps of the reserves in question, copied from the village maps which contain the outlines of each reserve made from the originals.

2. Certain amendments having subsequently been made in the descriptions of the boundaries of Bockepuram, Kalhatti, Singara and Kullar reserves as also in the list of errors in descriptions of other reserves. I enclose a revised copy of the boundary description with an amended list to be substituted for those already submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—List of errata.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sixty sketch-maps.

Endorsement by H. A. GASS, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 30th July 1898, No. 497.

Forwarded.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 411, dated 26th September 1898.

The Collector of the Nilgiris (Mr. Burrows) in his letter, No. 406, dated 31st July 1886, disposed of in Board's Proceedings, No. 429, dated 9th August 1886, brought to the notice of the Board that the boundaries of certain blocks finally declared to be reserved forests had been inaccurately described and that certain private holdings had been wrongly included within them. These errors were discovered on comparing the original notifications and the village maps with the plans prepared by Mr. Gamble who made the original selections. The Collector considered that a scrutiny on the same lines might lead to the disclosure of similar errors and omissions in other reserves settled about the same time. In reporting the facts for the orders of Government, the Board suggested in the Proceedings above referred to that the Collector should be instructed to enquire more fully into the irregularities and to report whether notices under section 6 had been properly served on the owners of all private lands wrongly included, and Government in its order Mis. No. 5001, dated 21st August 1886, recorded the Proceedings pending receipt of the further report from the Collector.

2. In his letter No. 69-B., dated 24th December 1896, the Collector (Mr. Tremenheere) reported that it was only in the case of four reserves, viz., Bockepuram, Singara, Kalhatti and Kullar, that patta lands had been wrongly included, the reason in these cases being that no claims had been preferred thereto owing to the failure to serve notices under section 6 on the parties concerned. In the case of sixty other blocks, however, the boundary descriptions were reported to require amendment by the correction of inaccuracies. The Collector accordingly submitted in respect of the four reserves first mentioned, two notifications, one for the disafforestation of the private lands included therein, and another showing the amended boundaries, and also a list containing the corrections found to be necessary in the final notifications relating to the other sixty reserves. But as no maps accompanied the Collector's proposals, he was requested to remedy the omission so as to enable the Board to verify the notifications. Thereupon the Collector stated that the original sketches were missing and required permission to submit in lieu thereof fresh maps prepared from Mr. Gamble's original plans as laid on the village maps and the Board accorded its sanction to the proposal.

3. With the letter last read above, the Collector submits the maps called for and a set of revised notifications. The notification of disafforestation relating to the four reserves will be returned to the Collector for revision with reference to the following remarks :—

Kalhatti.—From the map and the amended description, it is observed that certain lands adjoining settlement Nos. 415, 416 and 418 of Sholur, which it is proposed to disafforest have also been excluded apparently for the purpose of securing a convenient boundary. The notification should be revised so as to include these areas.

Singara.—Among the fields to be disafforested, parts of settlement Nos. 388 and 390 (*a*) of Sholur are shown. These portions should be definitely described.

The amended description of boundaries will be retained in this office for submission to Government together with the revised notification of disafforestation now called for.

4. As regards the sixty other reserves above referred to, the Board approves the corrections proposed by the Collector and the list of errata received from him, as altered by the Board, will accordingly be submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, with the following remarks :—

(i) 13. *Craigmore.*—It is observed that field No. 296 which is shown in the map is not one of the fields mentioned in the remarks column of the original as well as the revised notification. The Collector is requested to explain the omission.

(ii) 26. *Tiger Hill.*—The path and the road referred to in the original and revised notifications have not been indicated on the map. The necessary entries should be made after the map is returned to the Collector.

(iii) 43. *Nilgiri Peak.*—In the remarks column of the original notification No. 82 (part of the Terrace Estate) has been admitted as an enclosure. In the map now forwarded, this field does not appear, but settlement No. 214 is shown instead. The necessary correction should be made.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Lionel Brodson
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with printed list and sixty maps.
" Collector of the Nilgiris, with the notification of disafforestation, an amended boundary description & 4 maps returned.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

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