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# Revenue (1899) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., Nos 383-383A

Dated 19th June

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ordering the publication in the Fort St. George Gazette of the draft notification under sec. 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the Constitution of the Chingavaram block & its extensions in the Pullampet taluk as a Reserved Forest.

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The draft notification will be published in the Fort St George and Cuddapah Dt gazettes, the 1st August 1899 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

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To the B.S. Ll. with map.

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Note The initial reservation of the block was approved in G.O. 115 28.2.98.

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***From***

**The Board of Revenue**

**(Land Revenue.)**

**FOREST No.** 215.

***Dated*** 15. May 1899.

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## SUBJECT.

Submitting for 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 Cheyyaru Range & Lemaneu block in the Pulicat Taluk, Cuddapah District, as a reserved forest.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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# Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

**MADRAS.**

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**Proceedings, Forest No. 215, 15th May 1899.**

**MAY.**

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

## (LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 15th January 1899, Ref. No. 962-F of 1897-98 :—

I have the honour to forward with enclosures Forest Settlement-officer's letter, No. 1862, dated 29th December 1898, reporting the conclusion of the settlement of the Chiyyavaram extension proposed reserve, and to request that the final notification may be approved and published at an early date.

2. The usual area statement is enclosed.

### ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. K. GANAPAIYA Garu, Forest Settlement-officer, Cuddapah, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Camp, Saidapet, 29th December 1898, No. 1862.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Chiyyavaram extension reserved forest block No. 114-A in the Pullampet taluk of your district.

2. The notification under section 4 proposing to constitute this area into a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st March 1898, and the proclamation under section 6 was published in the District Gazette Supplement, dated 30th April 1898.

3. The block was perambulated, inspected and enquired into by me in July 1898, and seventeen claims in all were filed for the following rights :—

(i) Thirteen claims to right of way over thirteen cart-tracks.

(ii) Two claims to Government patta rights over 30·0 acres of land.

(iii) Two claims to miscellaneous rights.

4. The claims involved in item (ii) were admitted. One claim involved in item (i) was partly admitted and partly rejected, and the rest were fully rejected.

5. The last claim was disposed of on the 10th instant and the appeal time will expire on 9th proximo ; but to save delay the final report is now submitted, as the same was not of a nature of a claim.

6. The block is thus free of all rights except those admitted above.

7. The following are sent herewith :—

(*a*) B. Register of claims.

(*b*) Draft notification under section 16.

(*c*) Numerical statement of claims filed and disposed of.

(*d*) Sketch of the block.

8. The date in the draft notification is left blank. Two months' time will be necessary to have it duly published as required by the Act.



### ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Chiyyavaram extension reserved forest No. 114-A, Pullampet taluk, Cuddapah district.

| No. | Name of claimants. | Date of presentation of claims. | Nature and extent of claims preferred. | | | Brief summary of the evidence adduced in support of claims. | Brief abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer. |
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| | | | | | | | Brief summary of the District Forest-officer's arguments and evidence produced by him. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1 to 3 | Subrahmanya Aiya, karnam of Chiyyavaram. | 23rd July 1898. | (1) Brings to notice the existence of the following patta land of Chiyyavaram included within the reserve :— | | | Evidence of the karnam and village accounts. | Does not contest the claim but proposes to retain the land as an enclosure. | *Claim No.* 1.—The claim being valid according to the village accounts is admitted and the field will be demarcated out free from reservation and be retained as an enclosure, as suggested by the District Forest-officer. |
| | | | Survey No. | Extent. | Assessment. | | | |
| | | | 620—1 | Acs. 300 | Rs. A. P. 7 8 0 | | | |
| | | | Advances, on behalf of the public, right of way over the following cart-tracks :— | | | Long use | Contests as unnecessary and states that no track into a reserve is necessary and no cart-track has been admitted in the old reserve. | *Claims Nos.* 2 *and* 3.—The claimants have not shown that these two cart-tracks were claimed in the main reserve through which they pass. The claims being invalid are rejected. (Signed) K. GANAPAIYA, 19th August 1898. Forest Sett.-officer. |
| | | | (2) Cart-track from Chiyyavaram to Chiyyavaram old reserve.—It enters the reserve about one furlong west of the easternmost corner of khandam No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, and runs for about one and a half miles through the unsurveyed portion to the old Chiyyavaram reserve. | | | | | |
| | | | (3) Cart-track from Chiyyavaram to the Settigunta old reserve. It enters the reserve about a furlong east of the south-east corner of survey o. 481 of Chiyyavaram and runs south through the unsurveyed portion into the Settigunta old reserve. | | | | Do. | *Claims Nos.* 4 *and* 5.—The cart-tracks involved in these claims do not appear to have been admitted in the old reserve through which they go. The claims are rejected. (Signed) K. GANAPAIYA, 19th August 1898. Forest Sett.-officer. |
| 4 and 5 | Appaiya, karnam-gumastah of Settigunta. | 23rd July 1898. | Advances, on behalf of the public, right of way over the following cart-tracks :— | | | Long use | The District Forest officer's answers are as follows :— | *Claim No.* 6.—This appears to be the customary foot-path going to Nellore and the claim is admitted to that extent for men and cattle to a width of four feet. *Claims Nos.* 7 *and* 8.—The cart-tracks are not necessary, as the above is quite sufficient and convenient. The claims are rejected. *Claims Nos.* 9 *to* 11.—These are identical with claims Nos. 1 to 3 now decided and those decisions will apply to these. (Signed) K. GANAPAIYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 19th August 1898. |
| | | | (4) Cart-track from Kanadipalli to Kasikona. It enters the reserve at its south-west corner, where the boundary line of the Settigunta old reserve meets it and runs east along the northern boundary of the latter for about a mile to go to Kasikona. | | | | | |
| | | | (5) Cart-track from Settigunta to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore district. It enters the reserve about one chain north of the khandam stone at the south-east corner of khandam No. 7, runs east through the unsurveyed portion for about two miles and then on through the old Chiyyavaram reserve to Nellore. | | | | | |
| 6 to 11 | Padma Raja Subba Raju, village munsif of Chiyyavaram. | 24th July 1898. | Advances, on behalf of the public, right of way over the following cart-tracks :— | | | Long use | | |
| | | | (6) Cart-track from Chiyyavaram to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore district. It enters the reserve about two furlongs north-east of the north-east corner of khandam No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, where it meets the boundary line of Kodur old reserve, runs east by south for about a mile and quits it at Chintamanutirugudu to enter the Chiyyavaram old reserve a little below to go further east and then north to meet the Chengaleti pass to reach Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore. | | | | | |
| | | | (7) Cart-track from Chiyyavaram to Vottikattalakona. This is called Birlasagadu Dova. It enters the reserve about half a furlong north of the khandam stone north of the easternmost corner of khandam No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, runs south-east for about one and a half miles and joins the Gundala Dova mentioned below to go further east and then north to meet the Chengaleti pass to reach Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore. | | | | | |
| | | | (8) Cart-track called Gundla Dova. It enters the reserve about two furlongs south of the khandam stone at the north-east corner of survey No. 9 of Chiyyavaram, runs east for about one and a quarter miles and meets the above Birlasagadu Dova above mentioned to go further east and then north to meet the Chengaleti pass to go Venkatagiri in Nellore. | | | | | |
| | | | (9 to 11) Claims that the two cart-tracks claimed by the karnam exist and are also required for the people as well as the patta land for the pattadar. | | | | | |

*Claim* 1.—Access is allowed by path in claim No. 6.

*Claim* 6.—Marked as No. 1 in the map and notification.

'B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Chiyyavaram extension reserved forest, &c.—*cont.*

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 12 to 15 | Khaja Meah Sahib, village munsif gumastah of Settigunta. | 24th July 1898. | Advances, on behalf of the public, right of way over the following cart-tracks:—<br>(12) *Cart-track from Venkatareddipalli to Kasikona.*—It enters the reserve at the north-east corner of khandam No. 9 of Settigunta, runs south-east for about one mile and enters the Settigunta old reserve to go to Kasikona and then to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore.<br>(13) *Cart-track from Marwaripalli to join the cart-track to go to Kasikona.*—It enters the reserve about two furlongs south by west from the north-east corner of khandam No. 9 of Settigunta and joins the above cart-track (claim No. 12).<br>(14 and 15) Cart-track from Yanadipalli to Kasikona and that from Venkatareddipalli to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore. | Long use .. .. | "Contested as no cart-track to Kasikona within the reserve is necessary. Carts cannot cross to Nellore, and states that no track has been admitted in Settigunta old reserve."<br><br>Contests as unnecessary. | *Claims Nos.* 12 *to* 15.—The foot-path admitted in claim No. 6 appears to be the customary path and to be quite sufficient. The claims are therefore rejected.<br>(Signed) K. GANAPAIYA,<br>Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th August 1898. |
| 16 | Konduru Narrain Raju and 32 other ryots of Venkatareddipalli, Ratnapalli and Malavada, hamlets of Settigunta. | 25th July 1898. | State that so far back as 1884, they complained about the formation of the old reserve and petitioned the then Collector, Mr. Bird, who remarked in his proceedings under date the 1st December 1884, of which they have produced an authenticated copy, that "even without the lands in the village of Chiyyavaram, I consider there is sufficient grazing in the hills between Chentsu Gundala Dova to the limits of Chiyyavaram," that they presumed from this that the Government would not interfere with these hills, but that the present proposal of including those hills in the new extension has disappointed them. They request that the extension may be abandoned. | Long custom .. .. | The District Forest officer's answer is as follows:—<br>"Any order passed by the Collector could not bind Government not to take up the area at a future date. Petitioners have waste area available and have moreover got large grazing rights within the old reserve." | The order relied on by the petitioners being sent to the Collector, he observes as follows:—<br>"Not having facts before me in full, I can pass no order in this particular case, neither is it necessary as the question may come before me in appeal. In general, I am in favour of being liberal to the ryots as circumstances allow."<br>2. This communication being forwarded to the Disttrict Forest-officer, he states thus:—<br>"I see no reason to reconsider my previous answer. The villagers of Settigunta are better off in respect of free forest produce than any other village in the district. They have large areas of waste with jungle on it and Settigunta is the only village in the district which has got free grazing right in the reserves."<br>3. In the order relied on by the petitioners, permission appears to have been given for free grazing in the reserve then under settlement, with which I have nothing to do at present. What is now before me is the reserve newly proposed. It is true that the then Collector in observing that the ryots have sufficient grazing referred also to lands, which were not then in question before the then Forest Settlement-officer and which could not have been so before the Collector, before whom the Settlement-officer's decision went in appeal. The word "sufficient" may be taken to mean also *more* than sufficient, and indeed the District Forest-officer states that the petitioners have more than sufficient grazing, though the Collector, to whom the order relied on by the petitioners was forwarded, has declined to express his own views for the reasons stated above. That the petitioners have been liberally treated in the reserve in the matter of grazing is no ground for asking to be so in unreserved lands proposed for reservation hereafter. Even the free grazing permitted in the old reserve has certain conditions laid down by the then Collector in the order, which empowers the Forest Department to close certain portions of that reserve from grazing for sometime. Such being the case, it is difficult to suppose that the Collector in referring to the unreserved lands, which were not in question could have meant that the petitioners could graze their cattle free, &c., *for ever and ever* and that the Government to whom they belong would never propose the lands for reservation hereafter.<br>4. The petitioners have not made out a case in their favour and I reject their petition being of opinion that the order on which they rely does not help them.<br>10th December 1898.<br>(Signed) K. GANAPAIYA,<br>Forest Sett.-officer. |
| 17 | Venkata Reddi and 16 other ryots of Marwaripalli, hamlet of Settigunta. | 26th July 1898. | Request that the hills included in the extension may be excluded for grazing. | Long custom .. .. | The District Forest officer's answer is as follows:—<br>"Any order passed by the Collector could not bind Government not to take up the area at a future date. Petitioners have waste area available and, moreover, got large grazing rights within the old reserve."<br><br>10th December 1898. | This petition is similar to that presented by the claimants in claim No. 16. The petitioners rely upon the order of the Collector passed in 1884. I am of opinion that it refers to free grazing in the main reserve and not to the extension now under settlement. I have given my reasons in the decision of the other claim and they apply to this.<br>2. The petition is rejected.<br>(Signed) K. GANAPAIYA,<br>Forest Sett.-officer. |

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

STATEMENT showing the area, &c., of the already existing reserved forest in the Pullampet taluk, Cuddapah district.

| Total area of the taluk. | Extent of occupied and unoccupied Government lands in the taluk. | Area of reserves already notified under section 16. | Area of reserves under settlement including column 3. | Area of reserve now submitted for notification under section 16. | Character of the land proposed for reservation, how much forest and much grass land. | Sketch map. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| sq. mls. 979 | Occupied .. ACS. 165,037<br>Unoccupied .. 461,263 | ACS. 182,713 | ACS. 74,475 | Chiyyavaram extension ACS. 6,091 | Good pole forest .. | Herewith sent. |

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

STATEMENT showing the number of claims filed and their disposal.

| Number and name of block. | | Claims to rights of way. | | | Claims to grazing rights and to water cattle. | | | Claims to Government patta rights over lands. | | | | | | | | Miscellaneous. | | | Total of all claims. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Filed. | | | Admitted. | | | Rejected. | | | | | | | |
| | | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Number of claims. | Extent of land and number and nature of trees. | | Number of claims. | Extent of land and number and nature of trees. | | Number of claims. | Extent of land and number and nature of trees. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. |
| 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | 10 | 11 | | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 114-A. Chiyyavaram extension. | 13 | *1 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 30·0 acres of land. | | 2 | † 30·0 acres of land. | | .. | .. | | 2 | .. | 2 | 17 | * 3 | 14 |

* One claim was partly admitted and partly rejected.
† The whole of this extent will be demarcated out free from reservation and be retained as an enclosure.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Map.

Endorsement by J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated 25th January 1899, No. 850.

Forwarded.

Reference on the above, dated 18th March 1899, No. 94.

The Collector of Cuddapah is requested to submit, at an early date, an ayakat abstract of the villages included within the proposed extension, in the form prescribed in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 459, dated 2nd October 1896.

2. It should also be reported whether the paths claimed in claims Nos. 3 to 5, 12 and 13 and disallowed by the Forest Settlement-officer are thoroughfares connecting the Cuddapah district with the Nellore district.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Cuddapah, with B. Register and map to be returned.

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READ—the following letter from H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 14th April 1899, Ref. on C. No. 962-F. of 1897-98:—

In reply to Board's Reference, Forest No. 94, dated 18th March 1899, I have the honour to enclose a copy of the ayakat statement already submitted.

2. With the exception of No. 3, the paths claimed do all exist as paths (not cart-tracks) and all are used as thoroughfares from Cuddapah district to Nellore district.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

CHIYYAVARAM Extension.

| Name of village. | Area. | Area of poramboke, village and its roads and tanks, &c. | Area under cultivation. | Area included in sanctioned reserved forests. | Area now proposed for reservation. | Balance of waste. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Assessed. | Unassessed. | Total. |
| | ACS. | ACS. | ACS. | ACS. | ACS. | ACS. | ACS. | ACS. |
| Chiyyavaram .. .. | 15,812·64 | 660·44 | 1,934·95 | 7,114 | 2,612 | 1,176·78 | 2,314·47 | 3,491·25 |
| Settigunta .. .. | 68,758·32 | 2,686·15 | 5,750·71 | 40,709 | 2,469 | 2,187·95 | 14,955·51 | 17,143·46 |
| Total .. | 84,570·96 | 3,346·59 | 7,685·66 | 47,823 | 5,081 | 3,364·73 | 17,269·98 | 20,634·71 |

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Old enclosures.

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RESOLUTION—Forest No. 215, dated 15th May 1899.

Submitted to Government, for approval and publication of the draft final notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the 1st August 1899 being recommended as the date from which the reservation of the block may commence.

2. In Claim No. 16 of B. Register of claims, some of the ryots of Settigunta object to the reservation of the hills lying within their village limits on the ground that the order given to them in 1884 by Mr. Bird, the then Collector, when they complained about the constitution of the main reserve, intimated that the hills in question would be left to them for free grazing. This order was passed at a time when it was proposed to exclude village forests from reservation; but under the present policy of



providing for grazing in reserved forests the necessity for such large exclusions no longer exists. The statistics submitted by the Collector show that the extent of unreserved waste is more than enough to meet all reasonable requirements in the way of extension of cultivation and free grazing.

3. The use of the paths claimed in Claims Nos. 4, 5, 12 and 13 and disallowed by the Forest Settlement-officer should be conceded by a departmental order, as they are found to be thoroughfares connecting the Cuddapah and Nellore districts.

(True Copies and Extract.) Lionel Davidson
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with draft notifications (one original and two printed) and a sketch-map to be returned.

Ead. Md. Fahilvan.

—DRAFT 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 1st August 1894, the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule appended to this notification, will be constituted a "reserved forest."

SCHEDULE.

| Number. | District. | Taluk. | Names of villages. | Name of block. | Boundaries. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 114-A. | Cuddapah. | Pullampet .. | Chiyyavaram and Settigunta. | Chiyyavaram Extension. | *North.*—Starting from the boundary stone, about half a furlong east of the most easterly point of survey No. 608 of Chiyyavaram, the southern boundary of Kodur hill reserve to the north-west corner of Chiyyavaram reserve.<br>*East.*—The western boundary of Chiyyavaram reserve to its south-west corner.<br>*South.*—The north boundary of Settigunta reserve to its north-west corner.<br>*West.*—A straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 1267 of Settigunta; then a straight line to the north-east corner of khandam No. 9; then the east limits of khandams Nos. 8 and 7, to the second boundary stone north of the north-east corner of survey No. 501; then a straight line to the sixth boundary stone on the east limit of khandam No. 6, north-west of the last-named point; then the east limit of khandam No. 6 (all of Settigunta) and south limits of khandams No. 8 and 9 of Chiyyavaram to the first boundary stone on the south side of survey No. 482, east of its south-west corner; then a straight line to the most easterly point of survey No. 483; then a straight line to the most easterly point of survey No. 478; then a straight line to the first boundary stone on the east limit of khandam No. 9, south of its north-east corner; then the east limit of khandam No. 9 to its north-east corner (all of Chiyyavaram); and then a straight line to the starting point. |

REMARKS.—I. *Admitted Rights.*—Right of way for men and cattle to a width of 4 feet over the foot-path from Chiyyavaram to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore district is admitted. It enters the reserve about two furlongs north-east of the north-east corner of khandam No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, runs east by south for about a mile and quits it at Chintamani Tirugudu to enter the Chiyyavaram old reserve to go to Venkatagiri zemindari.

II. Government patta right over the following land of Chiyyavaram is admitted. The land will be demarcated out free from reservation and be retained as an enclosure :—

| Survey No. | Extent. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| | ACS. | |
| 620-1 .. .. | 30·0 | Access is allowed by path in item I. |

(Signed) R. M'INTOSH,
District Forest-officer.

(Signed) K. GANAPAIYA,
Forest Sett.-officer.

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE 15 JAN 9 PUDUKOTTAI

# NOTIFICATION.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 114 A. | | | | | North:- Starting from the boundary stone about one furlong East of the most Easterly point of survey No. 608 of Chiyyavaram, the southern boundary of Kodur Hill reserve, to the north-west corner of Chiyyavaram reserve. East:- The west boundary of Chiyyavaram reserve to its South west corner.- South:- The north boundary of Settikunta reserve to its north west corner- West:- A straight line to the North-East corner of survey No. 1267 of Settikunta then a straight line to the north East corner of Khandam No. 9; then the East limits of Khandams 9 and 7, to the second boundary stone north of the north East corner of survey No. 504; then a straight line to the sixth boundary stone on the East limit of Khandam No. 6 north of the last named point; then the East limit of Khandam No. 6 (all of Settikunta) and South limits of Khandams 8 and 9 of Chiyyavaram to the first boundary stone on the South side of survey No. 482 East of its south west corner; then a straight line to the most Easterly point of survey No. 483; then a straight line to the most Easterly point of survey No. 478; then a straight line to the first boundary stone on the East limit of Khandam No. 9 South of its north East corner; then the East limit of Khandam No. 9 to its north East corner, (all of Chiyyavaram) then a straight line to the starting point. | Admitted Rights. I. Right of way for men and cattle to a width of 4 feet over the foot path from Chiyyavaram to Venkatagiri Zemindari village district in Zemindari not admitted. It enters the Reserve about two furlongs North East of the North East corner of Khandam No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, runs East by South for about a mile and goes out at the Chintamani Tirugudu to enter the Chiyyavaram old Reserve to go to Venkatagiri Zemindari. II. Government patta right over the following land of Chiyyavaram is admitted. The land will be demarcated out free from fresh notification and be retained as an Enclosure:- |

| Survey No. | Extent | Remarks |
|---|---|---|
| 620 / 1 | A. C. 30 — | Cart road is allowed to pass in it for men and cattle to a width of 4 feet from the boundary of the Reserve |

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Forest Settlement Officer.

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# Government (1899) of Madras.

## REVENUE.

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**G.O., Nos. 383, 383A, 19th June 1899.**

## JUNE.

### Reserved Forest.

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From M.R.Ry. K. GANAPAIYA Garu, Forest Settlement-officer, Cuddapah, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Camp, Saidapet, 29th December 1898, No. 1862.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Chiyyavaram extension reserved forest block No. 114-A in the Pullampet taluk of your district.

2. The notification under section 4 proposing to constitute this area into a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st March 1898, and the proclamation under section 6 was published in the District Gazette Supplement, dated 30th April 1898.

3. The block was perambulated, inspected and enquired into by me in July 1898, and seventeen claims in all were filed for the following rights :—

(i) Thirteen claims to right of way over thirteen cart-tracks.

(ii) Two claims to Government patta rights over 30·0 acres of land.

(iii) Two claims to miscellaneous rights.

4. The claims involved in item (ii) were admitted. One claim involved in item (i) was partly admitted and partly rejected, and the rest were fully rejected.

5. The last claim was disposed of on the 10th instant and the appeal time will expire on 9th proximo ; but to save delay the final report is now submitted, as the same was not of a nature of a claim.

6. The block is thus free of all rights except those admitted above.

7. The following are sent herewith :—

(*a*) B. Register of claims.

(*b*) Draft notification under section 16.

(*c*) Numerical statement of claims filed and disposed of.

(*d*) Sketch of the block.

8. The date in the draft notification is left blank. Two months' time will be necessary to have it duly published as required by the Act.



ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Chiyyavaram extension reserved forest No. 114-A, Pullampet taluk, Cuddapah 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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| | | | | Survey No. | Extent. Acs. | Assessment. Rs. A. P. | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | 5 | 6 |
| 1 to 3 | Subrahmanya Aiya, kurnam of Chiyyavaram. | 23rd July 1898. | (1) Brings to notice the existence of the following patta land of Chiyyavaram included within the reserve :— | 620—1 | 30·0 | 7 8 0 | Evidence of the karnam and village accounts. | Does not contest the claim but proposes to retain the land as an enclosure. |
| | | | Long use | | | | | |
| | | | Advances, on behalf of the public, right of way over the following cart-tracks :— | | | | | |
| | | | (2) Cart-track from Chiyyavaram to Chiyyavaram old reserve.—It enters the reserve about one furlong west of the easternmost corner of khandam No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, runs east for about one and a half miles through the unsurveyed portion to the old Chiyyavaram reserve. | | | | Contests as unnecessary and states that no track into a reserve is necessary and no cart-track has been admitted in the old reserve. | *Claim Nos.* 2 *and* 3.—The claimants have not shown that these two cart-tracks were claimed in the main reserve through which they pass. The claims being invalid are rejected. |
| | | | (3) Cart-track from Chiyyavaram to the Settigunta old reserve. It enters the reserve about a furlong east of the south-east corner of survey No. 481 of Chiyyavaram and runs south through the unsurveyed portion into the Settigunta old reserve. | | | | | (Signed) K. GANAPAIYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 19th August 1898. |
| 4 and 5 | Appaiya, karnam-gumastah of Settigunta. | 23rd July 1898. | Advances, on behalf of the public, right of way over the following cart-tracks :— | | | | Do. | *Claims Nos.* 4 *and* 5.—The cart-tracks involved in these claims do not appear to have been admitted in the old reserve through which they go. The claims are rejected. |
| | | | Long use | | | | | (Signed) K. GANAPAIYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 19th August 1898. |
| | | | (4) Cart-track from Yanadipalli to Kasikona. It enters the reserve at its south-west corner, where the boundary line of the Settigunta old reserve meets it and runs east along the northern boundary of the latter for about a mile to go to Kasikona. | | | | .... | |
| | | | (5) Cart-track from Settigunta to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore district. It enters the reserve about one chain north of the khandam stone at the south-east corner of khandam No. 7; runs east through the unsurveyed portion for about two miles and then on through the old Chiyyavaram reserve to Nellore. | | | | .... | |
| 6 to 11 | Padma Raju Subba Raju, village munsif of Chiyyavaram. | 24th July 1898. | Advances, on behalf of the public, right of way over the following cart-tracks— | | | | The District Forest officer's answers are as follows :— | |
| | | | (6) Cart-track from Chiyyavaram to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore district. It enters the reserve about two furlongs north-east of the north-east corner No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, where it meets the boundary line of Kodur old reserve, runs east by south a mile and quits it at Chintamanutirugadu to enter the Chiyyavaram old reserve to go to Venkatagiri zamindari in Nellore district. | | | | Long use | "Contested as a cart-track. I have been over it and no cart could possibly go over it. This is the customary path into Nellore and is not contested for men and cattle." |
| | | | (7) Cart-track from Chiyyavaram to Vottikatalakona. This is called Biralasagadu Dova. It enters the reserve about half a furlong north of the khandam stone north of the easternmost corner No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, runs south-east for about one and a half miles and joins the Gundala Dova mentioned below to go further east and then north to meet the Chengaledi pass to reach Venkatagiri in Nellore. | | | | .... | "Contested as unnecessary. The path claimed in claim No. 6 is quite convenient and is the one commonly used." |
| | | | (8) Cart-track called Gundla Dova. It enters the reserve about two furlongs south of the khandam stone at the north-east corner of survey No. 9 of Chiyyavaram, runs east for about one and a quarter miles and meets the above Biralasagadu Dova above mentioned to go further east and then north to meet Chengaledi pass to go Venkatagiri in Nellore. | | | | Long use | "Contested. It is impassable for carts. The Chengaledi Pass is quite convenient and generally used. No path in continuation of this is allowed in the old reserve. "*Vide* answers to claims Nos. 1 to 3." |
| | | | (9 to 11) Claims that the two cart-tracks claimed by the karnam existand are also required for the people as well as the patta land for the pattadar. | | | | | *Claim Nos.* 6 *to* 11.—These are identical with claims Nos. 1 to 3 now decided and those decisions will apply to these. (Signed) K. GANAPAIYA, Forest Sett. officer. 19th August 1898. |

*Claim* 1.—Access is allowed by path in claim No. 6.

*Claim* 6.—Marked as No. 1 in the map and notification

[B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Chiyyavaram extension 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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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 12 to 15 | Khaja Meah Sahib, village munsif gumastah of Settigunta. | 24th July 1898. | Advances, on behalf of the public, right of way over the following cart-tracks:—<br>(12) *Cart-track from Venkatareddipalli to Kasikona.*—It enters the reserve at the north-east corner of khandam No. 9 of Settigunta, runs south-east for about one mile and Settigunta old reserve to go to Kasikona and then to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore.<br>(13) *Cart-track from Marvaripalli to join the cart-track to go to Kasikona.*—It enters the reserve two furlongs south by west from the north-east corner of khandam No. 9 of Settigunta and joins cart-track (claim No. 12).<br>(14 and 15) Cart-track from Yanadipalli to Kasikona and that from Venkatareddipalli to Venkatagiri zemindari in Nellore. | Long use | "Contested as no cart-track to Kasikona within the reserve is necessary. Carts cannot cross to Nellore, and states that no track has been admitted in Settigunta old reserve." | *Claims Nos.* 12 *to* 15.—The foot-path admitted in claim No. 6 appears to be the customary path and to be quite sufficient. The claims are therefore rejected.<br>(Signed) K. GANAPAIYA, Forest Sett.-officer.<br>20th August 1898. |
| 16 | Kondura Narrain Raju and 32 other ryots of Venkatareddipalli, Estapalli and Malavada, hamlets of Settigunta. | 25th July 1898. | State that so far back as 1884, they complained about the formation of the old reserve and petitioned the then Collector, Mr. Bird, who remarked in his proceedings under date the 1st December 1884, of which they have produced an authenticated copy, that "even without the lands in the village of Chiyyavaram, I consider there is sufficient grazing in the hills between Chentra Gundala Dova to the limits of Chiyyavaram," that they presumed from this that the Government would not interfere with these hills, but that the present proposal of including those hills in the new extension has disappointed them. They request that the extension may be abandoned. | Long custom | The order relied on by the petitioners is as follows:—<br>"Any order passed by the Collector could not bind Government not to take up the area at a future date. Petitioners have waste area available and have moreover got large grazing rights within the old reserve." | The order relied on by the petitioners being sent to the Collector, he observes as follows:—<br>"Not having facts before me in full, I can pass no order in this particular case, neither is it necessary as the question may come before me in appeal. In general, I am in favour of being liberal to the ryots as circumstances allow."<br>2. This communication being forwarded to the District Forest-officer, he states thus:—<br>"I see no reason to reconsider my previous answer. The villagers of Settigunta are better off in respect of free forest produce than any other village in the district. They have large areas of waste with jungle on it and Settigunta is the only village in the district which has got free grazing right in the reserve." |
| 17 | Venkata Reddi and other ryots of Marvaripalli, hamlet of Settigunta. | 26th July 1898. | Request that the hills included in the extension may be excluded for grazing. | Long custom | The District Forest officer's answer is as follows:—<br>"Any order passed by the Collector could not bind Government not to take up the area at a future date. Petitioners have waste area available and, moreover, got large grazing rights within the old reserve." | This petition is similar to that presented by the claimants in claim No. 16. The petitioners rely upon the order of the Collector passed in 1884. I am of opinion that it refers to free grazing in the main reserve and not to the extension now under settlement. I have given my reasons in the decision of the other claim and they apply to this.<br>2. The petition is rejected.<br>(Signed) K. GANAPAIYA, Forest Sett.-officer.<br>10th December 1898. |

3. In the order relied on by the petitioners, permission appears to have been given for free grazing in the reserve then under settlement, with which I have nothing to do at present. What is now before me is the reserve newly proposed. It is true that the then Collector in observing that the ryots have sufficient grazing referred also to lands, which were not then in question before the then Forest Settlement-officer and which could not have been so before the Collector, before whom the Settlement-officer's decision went in appeal. The word "sufficient" may be taken to mean also *more* than sufficient, and indeed the District Forest-officer states that the petitioners have more than sufficient grazing, though the Collector, to whom the order relied on by the petitioners was forwarded, has declined to express his own views for the reasons stated above. That the petitioners have been liberally treated in the old reserve has certain conditions laid down by the then Collector no ground for asking to be so in unreserved lands proposed for reservation hereafter. Even the free grazing permitted in the old reserve from grazing for sometime. Such being the case, it is difficult to suppose that the Collector in the order, which empowers the Forest Department to close certain portions of that reserve from referring to the unreserved lands, which were not in question could have meant that the petitioners could graze their cattle free, &c., *for ever and ever* and that the Government to whom they belong would never propose the lands for reservation hereafter.

4. The petitioners have not made out a case in their favour and I reject their petition being of opinion that the order on which they rely does not help them.

(Signed) K. GANAPAIYA,
Forest Sett.-officer.

10th December 1898.



Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.

Statement showing the area, &c., of the already existing reserved forest in the Pullampet taluk, Cuddapah district.

| Total area of the taluk. | Extent of occupied and unoccupied Government lands in the taluk. | Area of reserves already notified under section 16. | Area of reserves under settlement including column 5. | Area of reserve now submitted for notification under section 16. | Character of the land proposed for reservation, how much forest and much grass land. | Sketch map. |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| sq. mls 979 | Occupied .. acs. 165,037<br>Unoccupied .. 461,263 | acs. 182,713 | acs. 74,475 | Chiyyavaram extension acs. 5,081 | Good pole forest .. | Herewith sent. |

Enclosure No. 5.

Statement showing the number of claims filed and their disposal.

| Number and name of block. | Claims to rights of way. | | | Claims to grazing rights and to water cattle. | | | Claims to Government patta rights over lands. | | | | | | Miscellaneous. | | | Total of all claims. | | |
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| | | | | | | | Filed. | | Admitted. | | Rejected. | | | | | | | |
| | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Number of claims. | Extent of land and number and nature of trees. | Number of claims. | Extent of land and number and nature of trees. | Number of claims. | Extent of land and number and nature of trees. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. | Filed. | Admitted. | Rejected. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 114-A. Chiyyavaram extension. | 13 | *1 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 30·0 acres of land. | 2 | † 30·0 acres of land. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 17 | *3 | 14 |

* One claim was partly admitted and partly rejected.
† The whole of this extent will be demarcated out free from reservation and be retained as an enclosure.

Enclosure No. 6.—Map.

Endorsement by J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated 25th January 1899, No. 850.

Forwarded.

Reference on the above, dated 18th March 1899, No. 94.

The Collector of Cuddapah is requested to submit, at an early date, an ayakat abstract of the villages included within the proposed extension, in the form prescribed in Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 459, dated 2nd October 1896.

2. It should also be reported whether the paths claimed in claims Nos. 3 to 5, 12 and 13 and disallowed by the Forest Settlement-officer are thoroughfares connecting the Cuddapah district with the Nellore district.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary

To the Collector of Cuddapah, with B. Register and map to be returned.

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*Read*—the following letter from H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 14th April 1899, Ref. on C. No. 962-F. of 1897-98:—

In reply to Board's Reference, Forest No. 94, dated 18th March 1899, I have the honour to enclose a copy of the ayakat statement already submitted.

2. With the exception of No. 3, the paths claimed do all exist as paths (not cart-tracks) and all are used as thoroughfares from Cuddapah district to Nellore district.

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Enclosure No. 1.

Chivvavaram Extension.

| Name of village. | Area. | Area of poramboke, village and its roads and tanks, &c. | Area under cultivation. | Area included in sanctioned reserved forests. | Area now proposed for reservation. | Balance of waste. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Assessed. | Unassessed. | Total. |
| Chiyyavaram .. .. | Acs. 15,812·64 | Acs. 660·44 | Acs. 1,934·95 | Acs. 7,114 | Acs. 2,612 | Acs. 1,176·78 | Acs. 2,314·47 | Acs. 3,491·25 |
| Settigunta .. .. | 68,758·32 | 2,686·15 | 5,750·71 | 40,709 | 2,469 | 2,187·95 | 14,955 51 | 17,143·46 |
| Total .. | 84,570·96 | 3,346·59 | 7,685·66 | 47,823 | 5,081 | 3,364·73 | 17,269·98 | 20,634·71 |

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Enclosures Nos. 2 and 3.—Old enclosures.

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*Resolution*—Forest No. 215, dated 15th May 1899.

Submitted to Government, for approval and publication of the draft final notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the 1st August 1899 being recommended as the date from which the reservation of the block may commence.

2. In Claim No. 16 of B. Register of claims, some of the ryots of Settigunta object to the reservation of the hills lying within their village limits on the ground that the order given to them in 1884 by Mr. Bird, the then Collector, when they complained about the constitution of the main reserve, intimated that the hills in question would be left to them for free grazing.' This order was passed at a time when it was proposed to exclude village forests from reservation; but under the present policy of providing for grazing in reserved forests the necessity for such large exclusions no longer exists. The statistics submitted by the Collector show that the extent of unreserved waste is more than enough to meet all reasonable requirements in the way of extension of cultivation and free grazing.



3. The use of the paths claimed in Claims Nos. 4, 5, 12 and 13 and disallowed by the Forest Settlement-officer should be conceded by a departmental order, as they are found to be thoroughfares connecting the Cuddapah and Nellore districts.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with draft notifications (one original and two printed) and a sketch-map to be returned.

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Order—No. 383, Revenue, dated 19th June 1899.

Forest No. 122.

The draft notification will be published in the Fort St. George and Cuddapah District Gazettes, the 1st August 1899 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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

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Endorsement No. 383 A.

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

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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## 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 1st August 1899, the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule appended to this notification, shall be constituted a "reserved forest."

Schedule.

| Number. | District. | Taluk. | Names of villages. | Name of block. | Boundaries. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 114-A. | Cuddapah. | Pullampet .. | Chiyyavaram and Settigunta. | Chiyyavaram Extension. | *North.*—Starting from the boundary stone, about half a furlong east of the most easterly point of survey No. 608 of Chiyyavaram, the southern boundary of Kodur hill reserve to the north-west corner of Chiyyavaram reserve.<br>*East.*—The western boundary of Chiyyavaram reserve to its south-west corner.<br>*South.*—The north boundary of Settigunta reserve to its north-west corner.<br>*West.*—A straight line to the north-east corner of survey No. 1267 of Settigunta; then a straight line to the north-east corner of khandam No. 9; then the east limits of khandams Nos. 8 and 7, to the second boundary stone north of the north-east corner of survey No. 501; then a straight line to the sixth boundary stone on the east limit of khandam No. 6, north-west of the last-named point; then the east limit of khandam No. 6 (all of Settigunta) and south limits of khandams No. 8 and 9 of Chiyyavaram to the first boundary stone on the south side of survey No. 482, east of its south-west corner; then a straight line to the most easterly point of survey No. 483; then a straight line to the most easterly point of survey No. 478; then a straight line to the first boundary stone on the east limit of khandam No. 9, south of its north-east corner; then the east limit of khandam No. 9 to its north-east corner (all of Chiyyavaram); and then a straight line to the starting point. |

Remarks.—I. *Admitted Rights.*—Right of way for men and cattle to a width of 4 feet over the foot-path from Chiyyavaram to Venkatagiri zamindari in Nellore district is admitted. It enters the reserve about two furlongs north-east of the north-east corner of khandam No. 12 of Chiyyavaram, runs east by south for about a mile and quits it at Chintamani Tiruguda to enter the Chiyyavaram old reserve to go to Venkatagiri zamindari.

II. Government patta right over the following land of Chiyyavaram is admitted. The land will be demarcated out free from reservationand be retained as an enclosure :—

| Survey No. | Extent. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| | acs. | |
| 620–1 .. .. | 30·0 | Access is allowed by path in item I. |

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