Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 926

DATED 6th March 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ordering the publication of an erratum to the boundary description of the Vellalakundam ~~block~~ reserved forest, Salem Dt.

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Revenue (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 1385

D.F. 6.3.99

From The Secretary to the Commissioner of Land Revenue Board of Revenue Madras.

Order No. 926 dt 6th March 99.

The draft erratum will be published in the Fort St George and Salem District gazettes.

To the B.S: L.R with Map.
" Supt: Govt Press with erratum.

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Forest No. 69

Dated 7th February 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government a draft erratum in connection with the western boundary of the Vellalakkundam block in the Attur and Salem talukas, Salem district.

Examined. To carry out the alteration in all Copies of S.064 & 24-1-99 and Certify having done so.

17.2.99

Was not the notification reached her? Why have not this glaring obvious mistake discovered?

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The notification was circulated; but the mistake escaped notice. The error is very much regret the error.

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Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, Forest No. 69, 7th February 1899.

FEBRUARY.

Communicating to the Collector of ~~Cuddapah~~ Salem and the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, and submitting the draft notification under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the constitution of the Vellalakkundam block, in the Atur and Salem taluks, Salem district, as a reserved forest, and submitting to Government a draft erratum in connection with the western boundary of the block.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following Government Order, Nos. 64, 64A, Revenue, dated 24th January 1899:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 571, dated 15th December 1898:—

Read—again the following Proceedings, of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Routine No. 459, dated 24th August 1898:—

Read—the following letter from R. B. CLEGG, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 16th July 1898, B & G No. 19-For.:—

I have the honour to report the completion of the settlement of Vellalakkundam block No. 180 in the Salem and Atur taluks of this district.

I enclose herein copy of the Forest Settlement-officer's report together with its enclosures—

(1) A signed copy of the B. register of claims.
(2) A draft notification under section 16.
(3) A numerical statement of claims filed and disposed of.
(4) The sketch-map of the locality on 8″ scale.

Further, in accordance with orders, I have appended the District Forest-officer's statement of area and condition.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M.R.Ry. K. GANAPAYYA GARU, Forest Settlement-officer, Salem district, to the Collector of Salem, dated Camp Kurumutala, 24th June 1898, Ref. on No. 1122.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of the proposed Vellalakkundam reserved forest block No. 180 in the Salem and Atur taluks 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 24th March 1896, and the proclamation under section 6 was published in the District Gazette, dated 1st May 1896.

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

(i) Five claims to right of way over a cart-track and two foot-paths;
(ii) Twenty-nine claims to Government patta and sivayijamma rights over 49·92 acres of land and usufruct rights over 48 palmyra trees.
(iii) Twelve claims to right to shrines, vacant spaces around them and right of way to them; and
(iv) Four claims to miscellaneous rights.

4. The claims involved in items (i), (iii), and twenty-six claims in item (ii) were admitted and the rest were rejected.

5. The last easement claim was disposed of on 11th February 1898 and the appeal time expired on 12th April 1898 without any appeal being filed. The revised sketch and revised boundary description were received from the District Forest-officer on the 20th instant.

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; and
(*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 re-published as required by the Act.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—B. Register of claims.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Area statement.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Numerical statement.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated Madras, 28th July 1898, No. 131.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Routine No. 459, dated 24th August 1898.

In the statement appended to paragraph 13 of the Collector's letter No. 170-B and G, dated 30th May 1897, it was shown that 156 acres of the village of Sendarayanpalaiyam were included within the proposed reserve and, in recommending the retention of the block, he proposed in the same paragraph to exclude this area. It appears from the sketch-map that only a small portion of the village, considerably below the extent above given, was included within the reserve and thrown out during settlement and it cannot be ascertained whether any portion of the 156 acres which was said to belong to the village in question has still been included in the reserve or whether the extent originally given is an error. The Collector is requested to report on the point.

2. The block is reported to lie in the taluks of Salem and Atur while the figures furnished in the area statement relate only to Salem taluk. The necessary correction should be made.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem, with the settlement records to be returned (area statement, numerical statement, B. register of claims draft notification and map).

Read—also the following letter from R. B. CLEGG, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras (through the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle), dated 29th October 1898, No. 39-B and G.:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest Routine No. 459, dated 24th August 1898, I have the honour to report that 156 acres of the village of Sendrayapalaiyam were actually excluded during the settlement.

The portion of the village is now clearly shown in the map.

The extent originally stated to have been included within the reserve and subsequently excluded is correct.

2. Only about 16 acres of the block lie within the limits of the Atur taluk and therefore the block was referred to in the area statement to belong to the Salem taluk. A revised area statement is now submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Vellalakkundam reserved forest, No. 180, Salem and Atur taluks, Salem 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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 & 2	Nanjundaiya, acting karnam of Veppilaippatti, Salem taluk.	31st Jan. 1898.	Brings to notice the existence of the following land of Veppilaippatti included within the reserve :—	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest the claims and would take the reserve line along the village boundary.	The land in survey No. 11 appears to have been granted in fasli 1307 after the reserve was formed. The claim is therefore invalid and is rejected. But the District Forest-officer suggests that the village boundary may be adopted and this excludes the field. The claim to the foot-path is admitted and it will be open for men and cattle to a width of 4 feet. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.
			Survey number: 11 — Extent: ACS. 2·0 — Assessment: RS. A. P. 2 0 0			
			(2) Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the foot-path for men and cattle from Veppilaippatti to Vellalakkundam. It enters the reserve about a chain south-west of the northern most point of survey No. 13 of Veppilaippatti, runs north-east and north-west for about a mile and quits it half a furlong east of the easternmost point of survey No. 225 of Vellalakkundam.	Long use.		
3 to 5	Ramaiya, karnam of Kattuveppilaippatti, Salem taluk.	Do.	Advances on behalf of the Hindu community :— (3) Right to the shrine of Karuppuswami situated in survey No. 42 of Kattuveppilaippatti. (4) Right to two chains of vacant space all round the shrine for the use of worshippers for cooking and eating food. (5) Right of way over the path from Kattuveppilaippatti to the above shrine, which enters the reserve through survey Nos. 61 and 62 of Kattuveppilaippatti.	Long custom.	Do.	The claims being proved are held valid and are admitted. The shrine, the vacant space and right of way to it will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.
6	Ramaswami Padayachi and other ryots of Vellalakkundam, Sendarayanpalaiyam and nine other adjacent villages, Salem taluk.	Do	Pray that the proposed reserve may be left open for grazing of their cattle and other communal purposes of their villages (eleven in number) as they have not sufficient land for those purposes.	Do.	Contests the claim as there are ample grazing grounds outside this block.	The petitioners have no right to the lands included within the reserve, which are admittedly Government property. There are moreover ample grazing grounds. The claim being invalid is rejected. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.
7	Seshagiri Rao, karnam of Singapuram, Atur taluk.	1st Feb. 1898.	Advances on behalf of the public, right of way over cart-track from Singapuram to Vellalakkundam. It enters the reserve about half a furlong north of the north-west corner of survey No. 139 of Singapuram, runs west for about 1½ miles and quits it about ¾ furlong north-east of the south-west corner of survey No. 10 of Sendarayanpalaiyam.	Long use.	Does not contest the claim.	The claim being proved is admitted. The cart-track will be open for men, cattle and carts to a width of 12 feet. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.
8 to 12	Krishnaswami Aiyar, karnam of Sendarayanpalaiyam, Salem taluk.	Do.	(8) Brings to notice the existence of the following patta lands of Sendarayanpalaiyam included within the reserve :—	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest the claims and would exclude the lands, the shrine, the vacant space and right of way to it by an alteration of the boundary.	The claims being proved are admitted. The lands, the shrine, the vacant space and right of way to the shrine will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. The cart-track will be open for men, cattle and carts to a width of 12 feet. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.

Survey number.	Extent. ACS.	Assessment. RS. A. P.
14-A	0·05	0 1 0
14-C	0·69	0 14 0
28	0·50	0 10 0
29	0·25	0 5 0
46-C	0·30	0 6 0
47	1·20	1 9 0
52	0·10	0 2 0
53	0·75	0 15 0
54	1·50	1 14 0
Total ..	5·34	6 12 0

			Advances on behalf of the Hindu community :— (9) Right to the shrine of Perumal kovil, situated about ¾ furlong south of survey No. 30 of Sendarayanpalaiyam. (10) Right to two chains of vacant space on each of the four sides of the above shrine is required for the use of worshippers. (11) Right of way from Sendarayanpalaiyam to the above shrine, which enters the reserve at the south-west corner of survey No. 30 of Sendarayanpalaiyam and runs south for about ¾ furlong to the shrine.	Long custom.		
			(12) Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the cart-track from Vellalakkundam to Singapuram.	Long use.		
13	Palanimuttu Goundan and other ryots of Singapuram, Palaniyapuram, and Ponnarampatti villages, Atur taluk.	3rd Feb. 1898.	Pray that the proposed Vellalakkundam reserved forest may be left open for grazing and other communal purposes of their villages as they have not sufficient land for those purposes.	Long custom.	Contests the claim.	The petitioners have no right to the lands included in the reserve as they are Government property. Their claim is rejected. The petitioners have grazing grounds. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.

Claim 2.—By the revision of boundary, the foot-path will run north by east and then north-west for about 4 furlongs and quit the reserve about a chain west of the south-east corner of survey No. 339 of Vellalakkundam. Marked as I (2) in the draft notification.

Claim 7.—By the revision of boundary, the cart-track will run west by north for about 9½ furlongs and quit the reserve about half a furlong west of the south-east corner of survey No. 65 of Kattuveppilaippatti. Marked as I (1) in the draft notification.

Claim 12.—This is identical with claim No. 7.

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

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Vellalakkundam 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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14 to 23	Krishnaswami Aiyar, karnam of Vallalakkundam, Salem taluk.	3rd Feb. 1898.	(14) Brings to notice the existence of the following patta lands of Vellalakkundam included within the reserve :—	Evidence of the karnam and village accounts.	Does not contest the claim and would exclude all the lands.	*Claim No.* 14.—The claim being valid according to the village accounts, is admitted. The lands will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits. *Claim No.* 15.—The claim being invalid is rejected but the District Forest-officer suggests that these lands may be excluded from reservation by altering the boundary and this will be done. *Claim No.* 16.—The claimants have no right to the land but to the trees, which not being disputed by the District Forest-officer, is admitted and will be excluded from the reserve by altering the boundary. *Claims Nos.* 17 to 19.—The claims being proved and being valid are admitted. The shrine with the vacant space * around it for the use of worshippers will be demarcated out free from reservation and be retained as an enclosure. The foot-path will be open for men only to a width of three feet. *Claim No.* 20.—This being identical with claim No. 2 now decided, that decision will apply to this. *Claims Nos.* 21 to 23.—The claims being proved are admitted. The shrine, the vacant space and right of way to it will be excluded from reservation by alteration of the boundary. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.

Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.	Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.	Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACS.	RS. A. P.		ACS.	RS. A. P.		ACS.	RS. A. P.
183-A	0·02	0 1 0	227-B	1·75	0 11 0	338	6·37	2 6 0
214-B	0·20	0 4 0	232-B	1·0	0 6 0	337	5·62	2 2 0
217-B	0·05	0 1 0	251-A	1·50	0 9 0	336	5·34	2 0 0
218-A	0·02	0 1 0	258-B	0·50	0 3 0	335	7·25	2 12 6
223	0·10	0 1 0	341	2·50	5 2 0	Total ..	39·58	19 7 0
224	2·0	0 12 0	340	5·36	2 0 0			

(15) Brings to notice the existence of the following sivayijamma lands of Vellalakkundam included within the reserve :— | Evidence of the karnam and village accounts. | Contests the claim as the lands are of sivayijamma tenure.

Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACS.	RS. A. P.
232-A	1·0	1 4 0
Unsurveyed south of survey No. 233 ..	2·0	2 8 0
Total ..	3·0	3 12 0

(16) Brings to notice the existence of the following patta trees (palmyra) of Vellalakkundam included within the reserve :— | Evidence of the karnam and village accounts. | Does not contest the claim but would exclude all the palmyra trees.

Patta number.	Number of trees.	Assessment.	Patta number.	Number of trees.	Assessment.	Patta number.	Number of trees.	Assessment.
		RS. A. P.			RS. A. P.			RS. A. P.
11	2 trees.	0 2 0	23	1 tree.	0 1 0	36	2 trees.	0 2 0
15	1 tree.	0 1 0	26	3 trees.	0 3 0	53	2 ,,	0 2 0
21	31 trees.	1 15 0	28	5 trees.	0 5 0	Total ..	48 trees.	3 0 0
22	1 tree.	0 1 0						

	Advances on behalf of the Hindu community :— (17) Right to the shrine of Perumal kovil situated on the top of Perumal Malai (hill). (18) Right to about one acre of vacant space around the shrine, which is said to be used by the worshippers as there are trees here and there under which they cook and eat food. (19) Right of access by the foot-path from Vellalakkundam to the above shrine (claim No. 17) which enters the reserve about half a furlong east of the north-east corner of survey No. 182 of Vellalakkundam and runs east for about half a mile to the shrine.	Long use	....	....		
	Advances on behalf of the Hindu community :— (20) Advances on behalf of the public, right of way over the foot-path from Vellalakkundam to Veppilaippatti. (21) Right to the shrine of Pulipidichiankovil situated about a chain south of the south-east corner of survey No. 243 of Vellalakkundam. (22) Right to about one acre of vacant space around the shrine for the use of worshippers. (23) Right of access by a foot path from Vellalakkundam to the shrine in claim No. 21. It enters the reserve at the south-east corner of survey No. 243 of Vellalakkundam, and runs south to the shrine.	Long custom	....	....		
24	Nilakkara Ramaswami Padayachi and 45 other ryots of Vellalakkundam, Salem taluk.	7th Feb. 1898.	Request that the proposed reserve may be abandoned as on the south-west there is the Jallutha reserved forest the one now proposed being on the south and east and on the north there is the road beyond which they have no unreserved land, etc., for communal purposes. There are 200 or 300 acres of our village but this extent consists of porambokes such as channels and useless hills.	Long custom	Contests the claim ..	The petitioners have no right to the lands proposed to be reserved and their claim is invalid and is rejected. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.
25 to 48.	The following persons claim Government patta rights to the following lands and palmyra trees as set opposite to their names included within the reserve :—	....	....			The claims being identical or included with those in claims Nos. 1, 8, 14 and 16 now decided, those decisions will apply to these claims. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, 11th February 1898. Forest Sett.-officer.

—	—	Village.	Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.
				ACS.	RS. A. P.
(25) Muthu Udaiyan, ryot of Veppilaippatti	7th Feb. 1898.	Veppilaippatti	11	2·0	2 0 0
(26) Oppanna Padayachi, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Vellalakkundam	183-A	0·02	0 1 0
(27) Masaya Muppan, ryot of Vellalakkundam on behalf of his mother Mariyammal, now dead.	Do.	Do.	Unsurveyed	1 palmyra tree ..	0 1 0
(28) Appu Padayachi, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do. ..	335	7·25	2 12 0
			336	5·34	2 0 0
			337	5·62	2 2 0
			324	2·0	0 12 0
(29) Nilakkara Ramaswami Padayachi, ryot of Vellalakkundam ..	Do.	Do. ..	340	5·26	2 0 0
(30) Kutha Padayachi, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do.	218-A	0 02	0 1 0
(31) Subbarayan, ryot of Vellalakkundam	8th Do.	Do.	227-B	1·75	0 11 0
(32) Sepperuma Padayachi, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do.	223	0·10	0 1 0
(33) Ganapathi Muppan, ryot of Vellalakkundam, on behalf of his father Periyandi Muppan.	Do.	Do.	258-B	0·50	0 3 0
(34) Yenadi *alias* Thanthoni, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do.	341	2·50	5 2 0
(35) Kariyan, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do.	214-B	0·20	0 4 0
(36) Talayari Kuppan, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do.	217-B	0·05	0 1 0
(37) Valagai Ananthan, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do.	232-B	1·0	0 6 0
			251-A on behalf of her son ..	1·50	0 9 0
(38) Thangayee, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do. ..	On her behalf, unsurveyed ..	31 palmyra trees ..	1 15 0

* *Claim* 18.—Vacant space square in shape of 34 yards on each side of it.

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

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

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7

—	—	Village.	Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.
					RS. A. P.
(39) Masaya Muppan, ryot of Vellalakkundam on behalf of his deceased elder brother Thatha Periya Muppan.	8th Feb. 1898.	Vellalakkundam	Unsurveyed	2 palmyra trees ..	0 2 0
(40) Servai Muppan, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do.	Do.	1 palmyra tree ..	0 1 0
(41) Thangayee, ryot of Vellalakkundam	Do.	Do.	Do.	2 palmyra trees ..	0 2 0
				ACS.	
(42) Pachamuthu Padayachi, ryot of Sendarayanpalaiyam	Do.	Sendarayanpalaiyam ..	14-A	0·05	0 1 0
			46-C	0·30	0 6 0
			47	1·20	1 9 0
(43) Kurumba Kavundikkai, ryot of Sendarayanpalaiyam on behalf of his brother Kurumba Makkan.	Do.	Do.	14-C	0·69	0 14 0
(44) Varusa Padayachi, ryot of Sendarayanpalaiyam	Do.	Do.	28	0·50	0 10 0
(45) Sengam Padayachi, ryot of Sendaraynpalaiyam	Do.	Do.	29	0·25	0 5 0
(46) Thayammal, ryot of Sendarayanpalaiyam	Do.	Do.	52	0·10	0 2 0
(47) Kulla Goundan, ryot of Sendarayanpalaiyam on behalf of his mother Chennammah.	Do.	Do.	53	0·75	0 15 0
(48) Kanthan Asari, ryot of Sendarayanpalaiyam	Do.	Do.	54	1·50	1 14 0

49	Samundi Padayachi, village munsif of Vellalakkundam, Salem taluk.	8th Feb. 1898.	Advances on behalf of the public right of way over the foot-path from Vellalakkundam to Ponnarampatti. It enters the reserve about ¼ furlong north of cairn No. 75, runs south-east and north-east for about 2½ miles and quits it at the south-west corner of survey No. 142 of Singapuram.		Does not contest the claim.	The claim being valid is admitted. The foot-path will be open for men and cattle to a width of 4 feet. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.
50	Marudamuthu Goundan and 12 other ryots of Veppilaippatti, Salem taluk.	Do.	Pray that the proposed Vellalakkundam reserved forest may be abandoned as they have no sufficient ground for communal purposes.	Long custom.	Contests the claim.	The petitioners have no right to the lands included within the reserve and their claim is invalid and is rejected. (Signed) K. GANAPAYYA, Forest Sett.-officer. 11th February 1898.

Claim 49.—Marked as I (3) in the Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

REVISED statement showing the information required by Government Order, No. 640, Revenue, dated 4th July 1887, to accompany draft notifications under section 16 of the Forest Act.

1	Taluk.	Salem and Atur.									
2	Number and name of reserve.	No. 180, Vellalakkundam.									
3	Total area of the taluk.	Salem .. ACS. 685,440		Atur .. ACS. 490,880							
4	Extent of Government lands in the taluk. Occupied.	Salem .. ACS. 256,294		Atur .. ACS. 133,693							
5	Extent of Government lands in the taluk. Unoccupied.	*Salem.* Govt. waste ACS. 173,185	Do. forest 169,184	Total .. 342,369	*Atur.* Govt. waste ACS. 228,355	Do. forest 64,857	Total .. 293,212				
6	Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Salem .. ACS. 153,443		Atur .. ACS. 25,433							
7	Area of reserves under settlement.	Salem .. ACS 9,129		Atur.. .. ACS. 4,210							
8	Area of reserves now submitted under section 16.	Salem .. ACS. 3,355·08		Atur .. .. ACS. 16							
9	Character of land proposed for reservation; how much forest and how much grass land. Forest.	Salem .. ACS. 2,188·38		Atur .. .. ACS. 16							
10	Character of land proposed for reservation; how much forest and how much grass land. Grass land.	Salem .. ACS. 1,167		Atur							
11	Sketch-map.	..		..							

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

STATEMENT showing the number of claims filed and their disposal.

1	Number and name of block.	Claims to right of way.			Claims to right to shrines, vacant spaces around them and right of way to them.			Claims to Government patta and sivayi-jamma rights over lands and to Government patta usufruct over trees.						Miscellaneous claims.			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.
2	180. Vellalakkundam.	5	5	..	12	12	..	29	ACS. 49·92 of land and 48 palmyra trees.	26	* ACS. 44·92 of land and 48 palmyra trees.	3	ACS. 5 of land.	4	..	4	50	44	6

* The whole of this extent and all the palmyra trees will be excluded from the reserve by altering its limits.

ENCLOSURE NO. 5.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, dated 5th November 1898, No. 559.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 571, dated 15th December 1898.

The draft notification received with the letter read above will be submitted to Government for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the 15th April 1899 being recommended as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

2. The cart-track from Singapuram to Vellalakkundam and a portion of the foot-path from Vellalakkundam to Ponnarampatti admitted in claims 7 and 49, respectively, of the B. register of claims, appear from the sketch-map to run close to the edge of the reserve and should, if possible, be diverted along the boundary line when cleared.

3. The area of reserves notified under section 16 in the Atur taluk as ascertained from the District Administration Report for 1897-98 amounts to 60,647 acres while in the statement of area and condition it is shown as 25,433 acres. Again the area of the block which was originally shown as 3,416 acres is now returned as 3,371 acres, *i.e.*, only 45 acres less, notwithstanding that large exclusions have been made at settlement. The discrepancies require explanation.

4. The proposed block is one of those areas the reservation of which was approved by Government in its Order, No. 4033-A, dated 3rd August 1897.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) L. D. SWAMIKANNU,
for Acting Secretary.

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

Order—No. 64, Revenue, dated 24th January 1899.

Forest No. 19.

The draft notification will be published in the Fort St. George and Salem District Gazettes, the 15th April 1899 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

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

Endorsement No. 64A.

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

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

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of section 16 of the Madras Forest Act (V of 1882), that, from the 15th April 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.
180	Salem ..	Salem and Atur.	Vellalakkundam, Sendarayanpalaiyam, Singapuram, Ponnarampatti and Veppilaippatti.	Vellalakkundam.	*North.*—Starting from cairn No. 1 at the south-west corner of survey No. 54 of Sendarayanpalaiyam on the boundary between that village and Vellalakkundam, the line goes along the south and east sides of survey No. 54, east sides of survey Nos. 53 and 52 to the north-east corner of the latter field; then the south side of survey No. 47 to its south-east corner; then south-east for about 5·18 chains to cairn No. 5; then east for about 4·73 chains to cairn No. 6, and on for 2·32 chains to cairn No. 7; then east-north-east for about 15·90 chains to cairn No. 8 at the south-east corner of survey No. 14 of Sendarayanpalaiyam; then east along the village boundary to the trijunction of Sendarayanpalaiyam, Kattuveppilaippatti and the hill at cairn No. 11; then along the south boundary of Kattuveppilaippatti to the trijunction stone of that village, Singapuram and the hill at cairn No. 14, and then along the village boundary of Singapuram to cairn No. 19 at the village boundary stone in the middle of the west side of survey No. 140 of Singapuram. *East.*—Thence along the village boundary to cairn No. 20 at the boundary offset stone on the west side of survey No. 141, where that side turns south; then south to cairn No. 21 at the south-west corner of survey No. 142 (all of Singapuram); then south-south-west more or less along the village boundary of Ponnarampatti for about 65·50 chains to cairn No. 23, near the third village boundary stone counted from the trijunction of Ponnarampatti, Veppilaippatti and the hill; then to that trijunction and then south-west to cairn No. 25 at the north-east corner of survey No. 9 of Veppilaippatti on the village boundary. *South.*—Thence west-south-west to cairn No. 26 at the northernmost corner of survey No. 10; then to cairn No. 27 at the north-west corner of survey No. 11; then to cairn No. 28 at the northernmost corner of survey No. 13 on the village boundary; then to cairn No. 29 at the north-east corner of survey No. 113 partly inside; then to cairn No. 30 at the village boundary stone on the west side of survey No. 114, where that side turns south (all of Veppilaippatti); then south-west for about 20 chains to cairn No. 31; then west-south-west for about seven chains to cairn No. 32; then west for about five chains to cairn No. 33; then west-north-west for about ten chains to cairn No. 34; then west for about seven chains to cairn No. 35 on the village boundary stone at the north-east corner of survey No. 570 of Therumanûr; then along the north side of that field to cairn No. 36 at the village boundary stone on that side; then west along the village boundary to cairn No. 36-A on the north side of survey No. 576 west of its north-east corner; then west-north-west to cairn No. 37 at the village boundary stone on the north side of survey No. 604, where that side turns north; then west by north to cairn No. 38, about a chain north of the north-west corner of survey No. 608 (all of Therumanûr) and then west-north-west to cairn No. 39 on the boundary of Jallattu reserved forest. *West.*—Thence along the east boundary of Jallattu reserved forest, passing three cairns to cairn No. 43; then east-north-east to cairn No. 44 at the south-west corner of survey No. 276 of Vellalakkundam on a village boundary stone; then east-south-east to cairn No. 45, about a chain south of the south-east corner of survey No. 276; then south-east for about 13·64 chains to cairn No. 46 at the south-west corner of survey No. 341; then along the south and east sides of that field to cairn No. 48 at the south-west corner of survey No. 260; then east to cairn No. 49 at the south-east corner of that field; then north-east to cairn No. 50 at the south-east corner of survey No. 258; then to cairn No. 51 near the south-east corner of survey No. 251; then north-east for about 4·31 chains to cairn No. 52; then east-north-east to cairn No. 53 at the south-west corner of survey No. 238; then south-west for about 10·58 chains to cairn No. 55; then south-south-west for about 11·80 chains to cairn No. 56; then east for about six chains to cairn No. 57; then north-east for about 3·92 chains to cairn No. 58; then east by south for about 13·92 chains to cairn No. 59; then north-west for about 8·56 chains to cairn No. 60; then east-south-east for about 3·51 chains to cairn No. 61; then north-east for about 13·28 chains to cairn No. 62, about three and a half chains east of the north-east corner of survey No. 232; then east for about 14·57 chains to cairn No. 63, about four chains south-south-west of the south-west corner of survey No. 227; then east-south-east for about 18·70 chains to cairn No. 64; then in the same direction for about 16·62 chains to cairn No. 65, near the south-east corner of survey No. 339; then north-north-east for 19·48 chains to cairn No. 66; then on for 12·17 chains to cairn No. 67, near the north-east corner of survey No. 337; then north-west for about 8·12 chains to cairn No. 68; then on for 15·49 chains to cairn No. 69, about two chains north-east of the north-east corner of survey No. 223; then west north-west to cairn No. 70 at the north-east corner of survey No. 222; then north-west to cairn No. 71 at the north-east corner of survey No. 220; then to cairn No. 72 at its north-west corner; then to cairn No. 72-A at the north-west corner of survey No. 218; then west-north-west to cairn No. 73 at the north-east corner of survey No. 214; then west-north-west to cairn No. 74 on the north side of survey No. 184, about two chains west of its north-east corner; then north-west to cairn No. 74-A at the north-east corner of survey No. 183; then north-west along the north side of that field to cairn No. 75; then north-north-west to cairn No. 76 at the village boundary stone on the east side of survey No. 175, north of its south-east corner; then north-north-east to cairn No. 77 at the south-east corner of survey No. 174 (all of Vellalakkundam); and then north by east to the starting point.

REMARKS.—I. Right of way over the undermentioned cart-track and foot-paths is admitted. The former for men, cattle and carts to a width of twelve feet and the latter for men and cattle each to a width of four feet:—

(1) *Cart-track from Singapuram to Vellalakkundam.*—It enters the reserve, about half a furlong north of the north-west corner of survey No. 139 of Singapuram, runs west by north for about nine and a half furlongs and quits it about half a furlong west of the south-east corner of survey No. 65 of Kattuveppilaippatti.

(2) *Foot-path from Veppilaippatti to Vellalakkundam.*—It enters the reserve, about a chain south-west of the northern-most point of survey No. 13 of Veppilaippatti, runs north by east and then north-west for about four furlongs and quits it about a chain west of the south-east corner of survey No. 339 of Vellalakkundam.

(3) *Foot-path from Vellalakkundam to Ponnarampatti.*—It enters the reserve, about quarter furlong north of cairn No. 75, runs south-east and north-east for about two and a half miles and quits it at the south-west corner of survey No. 142 of Singapuram.

II. Right of way for men only to a width of three feet over the foot-path from Vellalakkundam to the shrine of Perumalkovil, situated on the top of Perumal Malai (hill) and right to the shrine is admitted. The shrine with a vacant space square in shape of thirty-four yards on each side of it for the use of worshippers will be demarcated out free from reservation and be retained as an enclosure. The path enters the reserve, about half a furlong east of the north-east corner of survey No. 182 of Vellalakkundam and runs east for about half a mile to the shrine.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 69, dated 7th February 1899.

Communicated to the Collector of Salem and the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.

2. The Board submits to Government the following draft erratum for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

ERRATUM.

In notification No. 38 published at page 109, Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 24th January 1899, *for* the word "south-west" occurring in line 9 of the western boundary description of the Vellalakkundam reserve, in the Salem district, *read* "south-east".

(True Copies and Extract.)

Lionel Davidson
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.
" Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a map (to be returned).

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