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From The Board of Revenue (Land Revenue.)

SECRETARIAT GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 1-DEC-1899 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Draft No. 255

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The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St George and Godavari Dt. Gazettes the 18th April 1900 being entered as the date from which reservation shall take effect.

To

The Board of Rev L.R. with map

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Subg to Govt, for approval and publication in the Fort St George gazette, draft notifn under Sec 16 of the Madras Forest Act for the Constitution of the Darbhaguden block in the Yernaguden taluk (Polavaram division) of the Godavari Dt., as a reserved forest.

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NOVEMBER.

Submitting to 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 Darbhagudem block, in the Yernagúdem taluk (Polavaram division), of the Gódávari district, as a reserved forest.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(LAND REVENUE.)

The Hon'ble Mr. J. STURROCK, I.C.S.

READ—the following letter from J. A. CUMMING, Esq., Collector of Gódávari, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated Cocanada, 10th October 1899, Ref. on Cur. No. 51-G.B.-For. :—

I have the honour to forward Forest Settlement-officer's letter, R.C. No. 98, dated 30th September 1899, with four enclosures regarding the settlement of the Darbhagudem reserve in the Polavaram division, and to request that the Board may be pleased to forward the same to Government for the publication of the draft notification under section 16 of the Forest Act in the *Fort St. George Gazette* after approval.

2. The draft notification and the sketch-map have been countersigned by my District Forest-officer in token of his having checked them.

3. The usual area statement is enclosed.

4. The date from which reservation is to take effect may be fixed at 1st February 1900.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. F. BATEMAN, Esq., Forest Settlement-officer, Ganjám, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Gódávari, dated Waltair, 30th September 1899, R.C. No. 98.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of Darbhagudem reserve of Yernagúdem taluk, Gódávari district.

2. The notification under section 4 proposing to constitute this area a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st November 1889, and the proclamation under section 6 was published in the District Gazette, dated 2nd December 1889.

3. The block was originally notified in the name of M.R.Ry. D. Jagannatharao Pantulu, then transferred to Messrs. J. T. Lever, R. H. L. Lushington, E. A. Smith, R. H. L. Lushington again and finally to me for settlement in the *Fort St. George Gazette* notification No. 451, dated 4th October 1898.

4. Mr. Lever perambulated the block and I also inspected a portion of the revised west boundary. Mr. Lever enquired into and disposed of thirteen claims, Mr. Lushington enquired into and disposed of one claim and I enquired into and disposed of three claims in the block and also passed sub-orders on two claims disposed of by Mr. Lever after fixing the position of four lands concerned in those claims. Seventeen claims were filed in all. Fourteen claims were to patta and inam rights over lands measuring 155·35 acres of land. Of these twelve claims for 73·85 acres were admitted, one claim for 81·27 acres of land was admitted for 10 acres and rejected in respect to 71·27 acres and one claim for 0·23 acre was rejected. Of the admitted extent of 83·85 acres, lands measuring 18·67 acres were acquired for the reserve for Rs. 135–12–2 and lands measuring 65·18 acres will be excluded from the reserve by altering its boundary. One claim was to rights of way over two cart-tracks and two foot-paths which was admitted. Of

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these right of way over one cart-track should have been rejected, the cart-track being outside the reserve. One claim was for the exclusion from the reserve of an extent of 152·50 acres of a rented village, which was rejected as the claim was withdrawn. One claim was for the exclusion from the reserve of an area of 150 acres of Agraharam land which was rejected. The last claim was disposed of on 1st September 1899 and the appeal time expired on 30th September 1899. An appeal was filed in the District Court against the decision of the Forest Settlement-officer in claim No. B-13—A-3, which the District Judge dismissed having confirmed the Settlement-officer's decisions on claims in the block.

5. On my inspection of the block in October 1898, I found that a certain area to the south of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Gangireddipalem not covered by the section 4 notification was demarcated and included in the block, thus necessitating in consequence a survey of the notified south boundary of the reserve and a delay of eight months.

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

7. The following documents are sent herewith :—

(*a*) A signed copy of the 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 from which reservation is to take effect may be entered in the draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

B. REGISTER of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Darbhagudem block reserved forest, Yernagúdem taluk, Gódávari district.

No.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claim.	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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B-1. A-12.	Dasari Venkatareddi, village munsif of Darbhagudem.	22nd Feb. 1893.	Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the undermentioned cart-tracks and foot-paths for men, cattle and carts over the cart-tracks and for men and cattle over the foot-paths :— (1) Cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem. (2) Cart-track from Darbhagudem to Gangireddipalem. (3) Foot-path from Dharmarowpeta to Chirrivarigudem. (4) Foot-path from Chirrivarigudem to Chimalavarigudem.	Long use	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The pathways having been proved to have been in existence from a long time, the claim is therefore admitted in the name of the general public and rights of way claimed are allowed through the reserve, to a width of six yards over the cart-tracks and two yards over the foot-paths. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 15th May 1893.
B-2. A-1.	Palakayalaswami of Darbhagudem.	21st Feb. 1893.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 339 of Darbhagudem, measuring 10·04 acres and assessed at Rs. 2-8-2, of which 3 acres has been included in the reserve.	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land may be excluded from the reserve.	The claim is admitted to the portion of the land included in the reserve, which will be excluded from it by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-3. A-5.	Korapolu Lakshmaiya of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 327 of Darbhagudem, measuring 6·76 acres and assessed at Rs. 3-7-9, and 2 acres of survey No. 344 of the same village, measuring 5·51 acres and assessed at Rs. 2-12-11.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the lands may be excluded from the reserve.	The claim is admitted and the lands will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-4. A-6.	Dasari Venkaiya of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 359-B of Darbhagudem, measuring 2·87 acres and assessed at Rs. 1-7-0.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land may be acquired.	The claim is admitted and the land will be acquired* for inclusion in the reserve. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-5. A-7.	Nakka Subbarayudu of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 359-A of Darbhagudem, measuring 2·62 acres and assessed at Rs. 1-5-0.	Do. do. ..	Do. do.	The claim is admitted and the land will be acquired† for inclusion in the reserve. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.

Claim B-1.—(1) The cart-track enters the reserve at cairn No. 7, runs west-north-west for about one and a quarter miles and quits it at cairn No. 38. Shown in the plan and notification as R.W. No. 2. (2) This cart-track lies outside the reserve. Hence the order passed admitting right of way over it is *ultra vires*. (3) The foot-path enters the reserve ten chains west of cairn No. 23, runs north-west for about one mile and half a furlong and quits it nine chains west of cairn No. 37. Shown in the plan and notification as R.W. No. 3. (4) The foot-path enters the reserve about twenty-four chains north of cairn No. 38, runs generally east for about one and a half miles and quits it thirteen chains south of cairn No. 2. Shown in the plan and notification as R.W. No. 1.

Claim B-4.—* Acquired for Rs. 24-12-9 under an award, dated 30th September 1895.

Claim B-5.—† Acquired for Rs. 22-10-3 under an award, dated 30th September 1895.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Darbhagudem block 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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B-6. A-8.	Alavala Papireddi of Darbhagudem.	21st Feb. 1893.	Claims patta rights over one acre of survey No. 106 of Darbhagudem (measuring 9·76 acres and assessed at Rs. 1-2-0) included in the reserve.	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land may be excluded.	The claim is admitted and the land will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-7. A-9.	Alavala Papireddi of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over 2 acres of survey No. 108 (measuring 8·31 acres and assessed at Rs. 2-3-3), 2 acres of survey No. 109 (measuring 3·23 acres and assessed at As. 13-9) and over the whole of survey No. 359-C, measuring 1·72 acres and assessed at As. 13-9, all the above numbers being of Darbhagudem village.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes that the portions of survey Nos. 108 and 109 may be excluded and survey No. 359-C acquired.	The claim is admitted and the portions claimed of survey Nos. 108 and 109 will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary and survey No. 359-C will be acquired for inclusion in the reserve. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-8. A-10.	Regalla Lakshmaiya of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over 6 acres of survey No. 326 of Darbhagudem, measuring 15·71 acres and assessed at Rs. 2-9-0.	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land may be excluded.	The claim is admitted and the land will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-9. A-11.	Maki Reddi Atchireddi of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over 1 acre of survey No. 119 of Darbhagudem, measuring 8·49 acres and assessed at Rs. 4-15-4.	Do. do. ..	Do. do. ..	The claim is admitted and the land will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893. *Sub-order.*—The extent of field No. 119 included in the reserve has been found on inspection to be 8·49 acres and not 1 acre as claimed by the claimant. The whole extent of the field, *i.e.*, 8·49 acres, included will therefore be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) W. F. EATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, Ganjám, &c., Districts. 3rd January 1899. The claimant now states that he put in this claim when he was the renter of the village, but as he is no longer the renter of it, he withdraws the claim. The claim is accordingly rejected. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
		3rd Jan. 1899.	And again in his petition, dated 22nd September 1896, claims the whole extent of survey No. 119 as being included in the reserve.			
B-10. A-13.	Geddamanugula Somarajulu of Jilugumilli.	1st March 1890.	Claims exclusion from the reserve of the rented lands of Palacherla Rajavaram, measuring 152·50 acres and assessed at Rs. 42-3-6.	....	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	
B-11. A-2.	Kolachina Lakshminarasimha Sastri, one of the joint shareholders of Palacherla agraharam.	8th March 1890.	Claims exclusion from the reserve of about 150 acres of cultivable land of Palacherla agraharam included within the reserve, and states that this land is situated to the east of the west boundary of the reserve within the following boundaries :— A line drawn first east and then south from a tamarind tree near Java Kannappa's podu on or close to the west boundary of the reserve to Gurrampalli Kunta; then another line drawn from the said kunta south-east to the group of "Brahmajamudu" trees where the boundaries of Veerannapalem, Darbhagudem and Palacherla agraharam meet and then another line drawn from there first south to Gurram Kollaiya's podu and then west to the point on the Rajavaram vagu where there is the trijunction stone of Bandivarigudem, Palacherla agraharam and Rajavaram villages.	Claimant examined nine witnesses and filed the following documents :— Exhibit A.—Inam title-deed. Exhibit B.—Letter from the Zamindar of Tadvai to his gumastah to render assistance to the agraharamdar in improving the agraharam. Exhibit C.—A similar letter to the karnam of Darbhagudem to the same effect. Exhibit D.—Razinama (agreement) between the villagers of Palacherla agraharam and Jilugumilli regarding the boundaries of those villages. Exhibit E.—Copy of a petition to the former Forest Settlement-officer requesting him to obtain certain documents from the Head Assistant Collector, which that officer refused to grant. The eighth witness filed the following documents :— Exhibit F.—A. Register (register of inams) of Palacherla Rajavaram. Exhibit G.—Razinama between the villagers of Darbhagudem and Koyagudem regarding the boundaries of those villages.	The District Forest-officer contests the claim on the following grounds :— (1) That the claimant is not an agraharamdar, since there is no agraharam village by the name of Palacherla, that he is an inamdar entitled only to 132 acres of dry land in the Government village of Palacherla Rajavaram according to this title-deed (Exhibit A), but not to 150 acres of land which he states has been included in this reserve and to 628 acres more of land which he states has been included in the Jilugumilli reserve (for which a separate claim has been put in) and all of which together with the area outside the reserve (1,580 acres) would amount to about 2,358 acres. (2) That the A. Register of Palacherla Rajavaram (Exhibit F) which purports to define the boundaries of the claimant's inam cannot be relied upon and that it proves nothing in favour of the claimant. (3) That the documents filed by the claimant being unauthenticated cannot be received in evidence. (4) That the documents obtained from the Head Assistant Collector for reference in connection with this claim relate to the dispute regarding the boundary between Jilugumilli and Borrampalem and have therefore no bearing on the present dispute. (5) That the claimant failed to prove enjoyment.	The area of the claimant's inam in Palacherla Rajavaram is 132 acres according to the title-deed (Exhibit A). The claimant states that 150 acres has been included in the reserve. The claimant's inam is shown in the A. Register (Exhibit F) as No. 34 and its boundaries are as follows :— *North.*—Jilugumilli Polimera (boundary). *East.*—Gurrampalli Polimera. *South.*—No. 29 of Palacherla Rajavaram, otherwise known as Appanna Kattu. *West.*—Gangireddipalem Polimera. The claimant was not able to point out the disputed land satisfactorily. The east boundary of No. 34 is said to be Gurrampalli Polimera. The east side of each of Nos. 36, 39 and 49 (jeroyati) of the same village is also said to be Gurrampalli Polimera; hence it is hard to say which of these numbers is west of Gurrampalli kunta, for, all of them cannot be west since the south boundary of No. 34 is said to be No. 29 (Appanna Kattu) which is outside the reserve. The south side of No. 28 is also said to be No. 29 (Appanna Kattu); hence it is impossible to say whether the land north of No. 29 is No. 28 or No. 34. The boundaries of fields given in the A. Register are in most cases incorrect and in some absurd; for instance, the south side of No. 41 is said to be No. 42, whereas No. 41 is said to be the south side of No. 42. Hence it would not be safe to rely on this document for the description of the boundaries of No. 34 (claimant's inam). The razinamas (Exhibits D and G) are agreements drawn up by the ryots of Jilugumilli, Koyyagudem and the agraharamdars of Palacherla agreeing to accept the group of "Brahmajamudu" trees on the west of Mandivari kalava (stream) as the trijunction of Koyyagudem, Darbhagudem and Palacherla Rajavaram. These documents cannot be received in evidence as they are not valid. The parties to them were not authorised to draw them up. They are therefore not binding on the Government. The other documents filed by the claimant prove nothing in his favour and they are therefore useless. The documents obtained from the Head Assistant Collector refer to the boundary dispute between Jilugumilli, Palacherla Rajavaram and Bandivarigudem and have therefore no bearing on this claim. The nineth witness states that twelve or thirteen years ago some of the ryots of Jilugumilli and Chirrivarigudem cut podus to the west of Gurrampalli kunta; then a dispute arising between the renters of Jilugumilli, Koyyagudem and the agraharamdars of Palacherla as to the ownership of the land in which podus were cut, razinamas (Exhibits D and G) were drawn up as stated above, that prior to this dispute no one cut podus there, and that it was thick jungle then. Nearly all the witnesses say that the agraharam lands extended eastwards as far as Gurrampalli kunta, and that the ryots who cultivated them paid rent not with reference to the extent of land they cultivated, but with reference to the number of ploughs maintained by them and so they cleared as much jungle and cultivated as much land as they would, wherever they thought fit to do so. The mere fact, therefore, of their having cleared jungle and cultivated the land inside the reserve does not prove the agraharamdar's title to it. The renter of Palacherla Rajavaram, in which the claimant's inam is situated, was till lately Gaddamanugula Somarajulu, the karnam of Jilugumilli, who has the largest share in the agraharam. The ryots of this Government village (Palacherla Rajavaram) are also the tenants of the agraharamdars and so it is quite probable that the karnam, who is a close relation of Gaddamanugula Somarajulu, credited to the agraharamdars the rent realised from the ryots on Palacherla Rajavaram lands. Gaddamanugula Somarajulu most probably connived at this with the object of increasing the area of the inam and deriving a profit thereby for himself. Taking, therefore, all the above circumstances into consideration, I am of opinion that the claimant has not satisfactorily established his right to the land claimed by him and so I reject the claim. 4th December 1893. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer.

Claim 7—B.—Survey No. 359-C has been acquired for Rs. 14-13-2 under an award, dated 30th September 1895.

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B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Dharbagudem 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 claim by the Forest Settlement-officer.
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B-12 A-4.	Gaddamanugulu Somarajulu of Jilugumilli.	16th Feb. 1893.	Claims on behalf of his daughter Chatrati Seshamma inam rights over the undermentioned lands of Palacherla Rajavaram :—	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes that the lands may be measured in accordance with the measurement account of the service inams of Palacherla Rajavaram for fasli 1283 kept in the taluk cutcherry, and excluded from the reserve.	In the A. Register of Palacherla Rajavaram, the boundaries of these fields are given as follows :— No. 31 { *North.*—Jeroyati No. 30 *East.*—Jeroyati No. 30. *South and west.*—Gangireddipalem boundary. No. 38 { *North.*—Inam (number not shown). *East.*—Inam (number not shown). *South.*—Alasaminappa No. 51, which is Veerannapalem village-site. *West.*—Alasaminappa No. 52, which is Rajavaram village-site. The claimant states that these fields were measured in 1873 by the Tahsildar of Yernagudem and that the measurement account is in the Tahsildar's office.

Number.	Extent.	Quit-rent.
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The claim is admitted. The Yernagudem Tahsildar will be directed to have the fields measured out in accordance with the account prepared in 1873 and the lands will then be excluded from the reserve

(Signed) J. T. LEVER,
Forest Sett.-officer.

6th December 1893.

Sub-order.—The account alluded to in the above decision was not forthcoming either from the Collector's office or from that of the Tahsildar; consequently, the Tahsildar was unable to locate the fields in order to measure them. The claimant was then asked to point out the fields on the ground, which he did, but could produce no documents to prove that the lands were originally situated in the locality pointed out, which was in the reserve and at some distance from the reserve line, preventing in consequence the exclusion of the inam fields from the reserve.

Considering the circumstances stated above, I order that inam fields Nos. 31 and 38 be clubbed together to form one plot of ground, which should be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. The plot of ground has been selected by the District Forest-officer and myself and within it the fields will be surveyed separately with reference to the acreage of each and the boundaries of the field will be as follows :—

No. 31 { *North.*—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem.
East.—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem.
South.—Inam fields Nos. 38 and 32.
West.—East boundary of Gangireddipalem village.

No. 38 { *North.*—Inam field No. 31.
East.—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem.
South.—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem.
West.—Inam fields Nos. 39 and 32.

(Signed) W. F. BATEMAM,
Forest Sett.-officer,
Ganjám, &c., Districts.

20th October 1898.

B-13 A-3.	Gaddamanugula Somarajulu of Jilugumilli.	Do.	Claims on behalf of himself and Chatrati Ramiaya of Borrampalem, the exclusion from the proposed reserve of the following inam lands of Palacherla Rajavaram village :—	Four witnesses were examined and the following documents filed (*a*) Inam patta. (*b*) Copy of sale-deed executed by the original inamdar in the claimant's favour. (*c*) Lease executed in the claimant's favour by the renter of Palacherla Rajavaram from fasli 1288 to fasli 1290 for the land claimed. (*d*) Lease executed in claimant's favour by Chatrati Bogamma and others for the land claimed for fasli 1291.	The District Forest-officer contests the claim on the following grounds :— (1) That the claimant gives the boundaries of fields Nos. 32 and 39 as described in the sale-deed but does not produce copies of Government records to prove these boundaries, nor has he examined the village karnam about the boundaries. (2) That he examined no witnesses to prove that his lands lie in the reserve. (3) That no lands of the claimant are inside the reserve. (4) That there is a large piece of land outside the reserve belonging to Palacherla Rajavaram and that the claimant's land must be outside the reserve.	Gaddamanugulu Somarajulu, one of the claimants, who accompanied me on my inspection, failed to point out satisfactorily the lands claimed, especially the portion lying to the north and east. Only 10 acres is given as the extent of the inam in Exhibits B and D. In Exhibit C no area is given and no mention of the number and kind of trees growing on the lands is made in any of these documents. The boundaries of the two Nos. 32 and 39 given in Exhibits B, C and D do not correspond and differ entirely from those given in the karnam's A. Register, except their west boundaries. The third witness states that the three groups of palmyra trees leased to him by the claimants grow on an area of less than 10 acres. The fourth witness states that the claimant's inam, if measured, will be about 20 acres, that he thinks he used to pay Rs. 12 as rent to the claimant. The claimants bought the inam lands for Rs. 45 in 1877. If the area claimed is really as large in extent and contains as many palmyra trees as is alleged, the price paid, namely, Rs. 45 is certainly very low, even admitting that the lands are situated in the agency tracts. The Tahsildar has reported that there are no accounts forthcoming in his office relating to the measurement of the inam lands claimed, made by the Revenue Inspector in June 1882, nor does the area found in excess by the Revenue Inspector appear to have been assessed. I have no doubt that Nos. 32 and 39 fall inside the reserve as their west boundary is given in almost all these documents as the village boundary of Gangireddipalem, which is also the west boundary of the reserve but I do not believe they extend so

Number.	Extent.	Quit-rent.
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39 ..	6·0	

The claimant states that the lands comprise three palmyra topes with about 1,000 trees growing in them, some tamarind and mango trees, besides cultivated lands and that on a petition being made to the Tahsildar of Yernagudem by the ryots of Palacherla Rajavaram to the effect that most of his land was jeroyati (Government) the Tahsildar sent a Revenue Inspector in June 1882 to measure the lands and that the Revenue Inspector measured and found the lands to be 81·27 acres which he claims. He gives the boundaries of lands as follows :—

No. 32 { *North.*—Inam field No. 39.
South.—Forest.
East.—Forest.
West.—Village boundary of Gangireddipalem.

No. 39 { *North.*—Village-site of Veerannapalem.
South.—Inam field.
East.—Village-site of Rajavaram and banyan trees.
West.—Village boundary of Gangireddipalem.

far north and east as the village-sites of Veerannapalem and Rajavaram, respectively, which are deep inside the reserve.

Taking therefore all these circumstances into consideration, I am opinion that the claimant's inam lands do fall inside the reserve, but that he has not satisfactorily established his right to the area, namely, 71·27 acres claimed by him in excess of that, namely, 10 acres given in the title-deed and accordingly I admit his claim to the latter extent only.

The Tahsildar of Yernagudem will be directed to have the lands measured out to this extent, taking for the western boundary the village boundary of Gangireddipalem, which is also the west boundary of the reserve and having the village-sites of Veerannapalem and Rajavaram to the north and east of Nos. 32 and 39, which in my opinion is their approximate location— and the lands will then be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary.

(Signed) J. T. LEVER,
Forest Sett.-officer.

8th February 1895.

Sub-order.—The Tahsildar was unable to measure out these lands on the ground. The western boundaries only of these fields given by Mr. Lever in his order can be identified on the ground. I therefore order the inam fields Nos. 32 and 39 to be clubbed together to form one plot of ground which should be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. The plot of ground has been selected by the District Forest-officer and myself and within it the fields will be surveyed separately with reference to the acreage of each and their boundaries will be as follows :—

No. 32 { *North.*—Inam field No. 31.
East.—Inam field No. 38.
South.—Inam field No. 39.
West.—East boundary of Gangireddipalem village.

No. 39 { *North.*—Inam field No. 32.
East.—Inam field No. 38.
South.—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem.
West.—East boundary of Gangireddipalem village.

(Signed) W. F. BATEMAN,
Forest Sett.-officer,
Ganjám, &c., Districts.

20th October 1898.

Claim B-13.— Civil Miscellaneous Appeal No. 11 of 1895, dated 28th October 1895, in the District Court, Gódávari.

Appellants claim 81·27 acres.

The Forest Settlement-officer allowed their claim to the extent of 10 acres, which is the area entered in the Inam Commissioner's title-deed. It is true that the actual area of inams often exceeds the area mentioned in these title-deeds; and it is also true that when boundaries are known, a Court will give the land within these boundaries, although it exceeds the reputed area of the ground. But in this case, the difference between 10 acres and 81 acres is startling and there is no good evidence about the boundaries. Moreover, the price paid for this inam, Rs. 45, is little enough for 10 acres but is very small indeed for 81 acres.

I am of opinion that the decision of the Forest Settlement-officer must stand and I dismiss this appeal with costs.

(Signed) G. T. MACKENZIE,
District Judge.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Darbhagudem 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
B-14 A-1 of 1897.	Dontina Somaiya and others of Darbhagudem.	8th Oct. 1897.	Claim Government patta rights over survey No. 349 of Darbhagudem, measuring 5·39 acres and assessed at Rs. 2 included in the reserve.	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land to be acquired.	The claim is admitted and the land will be acquired under Act I of 1894. (Signed) R. H. L. LUSHINGTON, Forest Sett.-officer. 23rd February 1898.
B-15 A-1 of 1899.	Repaka Subbarayadu of Jilugumilli village.	3rd Jan. 1899.	Claims on behalf of himself patta rights over a portion of survey No. 118 of Darbhagudem village, measuring 3·28 acres.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land to be excluded from the reserve.	The claim is admitted. The portion of field No. 118, measuring 3·28 acres, will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) W. F. BATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, 3rd January 1899. Ganjám, &c., Districts.
B-16 A-2 of 1899.	Repaka Subbarayadu of Jilugumilli village.	Do.	Claims on behalf of himself patta rights over a portion of field No. 121 of Darbhagudem village, measuring 0·23 acres includad in reserve.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer contests the claim as the land lies outside the reserve.	The claim is rejected. as no portion of the field is included within the reserve. (Signed) W. F. BATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, 3rd January 1899. Ganjám, &c., Districts.
B-17 A-3 of 1899.	Tathicharla Jaggadu of Darbhagudem village.	6th May 1899.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 359-D of Darbhagudem, measuring 6·07 acres and assessed at Rs. 1-15-0.	Do. do.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land to be acquired.	The claim is admitted and the land will be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act I of 1894. (Signed) W. F. BATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, 1st September 1899. Ganjám, &c., Districts.

Claim B-14.—The land has been acquired for Rs. 34-8-0 under an award, dated 18th October 1898.

Claim B-17.—The land has been acquired for Rs. 39 under an award, dated 1st September 1899.

(Signed) W. F. BATEMAN,
Forest Sett.-officer,
Ganjám, &c., districts.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Draft notification.

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ENCLOSURE No. 4.

STATEMENT showing the number of claims filed and disposed of.

Name and number of the block.	Claims to rights of way.			Claims to grazing rights and to water cattle.			Claims of patta and inam rights over lands.						Miscellaneous claims.			Total of all claims.		
	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.		Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.
							Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
								Acs.		Acs.		Acs.						
Darbhagudem ..	1	* 1	..	..	..	..	14	155·35	+ 13	155·12	1	0·23	2	..	2	17	14	3

* Of the cart-tracks claimed, one lies outside the reserve; hence right of way over it should have been rejected.

† Of these, one claim for 81·27 acres of land was admitted for 10 acres and rejected in respect to 71·27 acres of land.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

STATEMENT of area and condition of the Darbhagudem proposed reserve, in the Polavaram division, Gódávari district.

Name of taluk.	Total area of taluk.	Area of Government land.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves already submitted for notification under settlement.	Area of reserves now submitted for notification under section 16.		Character of land proposed for reservation.	
		Occupied.	Unoccupied.			Name.	Area.	How much forest.	How much grass.
	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Acs.	Darbhagudem.	Acs. 2,660	All forest.	*Nil.*
Polavaram division ..	* 208,228	41,949	111,599	+ 68,076	*Nil.*	5,318			

* Inclusive of the area (54,680 acres) of zamindari land.

† Includes acres 8,318, the area of the Jilugumilli block subsequently notified.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Sketch-map.

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Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated 12th October 1899, R.C. No. 364.

Forwarded.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 498, dated 22nd November 1899.

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 1900 being recommended as the date from which the reservation of the block should take effect.

2. The date of presentation of claims Nos. 2 and 13 of the A. Register is given as 8th March 1890 and 1st March 1890, while the preceding claims are shown to have been preferred on 21st February 1893 and 22nd February 1893, respectively. The discrepancy requires explanation.

3. With reference to the sub-order on claim No. 13-A-3, it is observed that owing to the revision of the boundary line the proposed reserve does not now form the southern boundary of field No. 39 as stated therein.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

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

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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 ~~1899~~, 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.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
	Gódávari ..	Yernagudem ..	Darbhagudem ..	*North.*—Starting from cairn No. 1, situated about thirteen chains south-east of the south-east corner of Gangadevikunta (tank), the line runs generally south-east for one mile and six and a half furlongs along the south margin of the cart-track from Jilugumilli to Darbhagudem demarcated by cairns Nos. 1-1 to 1-16 to cairn No. 2 situated on the same margin of the said cart-track. *East.*—Thence a straight line south by west for 52·80 chains to cairn No. 3; then west for 3·50 chains to cairn No. 4; then south-south-west for 8·50 chains to cairn No. 5; then west-south-west for 7·50 chains to cairn No. 6; then south by west for 28·80 chains to cairn No. 7, on the south margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem; then south-east for 11·60 chains to cairn No. 8; then south-south-west for 17·60 chains to cairn No. 9; then south-south-east for 21·60 chains to cairn No. 10; then south-east for 13·60 chains to cairn No. 11; then south-west for the same distance to cairn No. 12 on the north margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Gangireddipalem. *South.*—Thence in a westerly direction for two miles and three furlongs along the north margin of the said cart-track demarcated by cairns Nos. 13 to 30 to cairn No. 31, in the middle of the east side of inam No. 38 of Palacherla Rajavaram (deserted); then north along the east side of that number and that of inam No. 31 for 9·50 chains to cairn No. 32, situated at the north-east corner of the latter; then west along the north side of inam No. 31 for 23·20 chains to cairn No. 33 at its north-west corner, and on the left bank of Rajavaram vagu (stream). *West.*—Thence north-north-east along the left bank of the said vagu to cairn No. 34, thirty chains north-north-east of the trijunction of Palacherla agraharam, Palacherla Rajavaram village and Borrampalem zamindari; then east-north-east for 21·60 chains to cairn No. 35; then north-east for thirty-four chains to cairn No. 36; then east north-east for 40·80 chains to cairn No. 37; then north for nineteen chains to cairn No. 38 on the south margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem; then in the same direction for one mile and thirty-six chains to the starting point.

REMARKS—*Admitted rights.*—Right of way is admitted over the undermentioned cart-track and foot-paths for men, cattle and carts to a width of six yards over the former and for men and cattle to a width of two yards over the latter:—

(1) The foot-path from Chirrivarigudem to Chimalavarigudem. It enters the reserve about twenty-four chains north of cairn No. 38, runs generally east for about one and a half miles and quits it thirteen chains south of cairn No. 2.

(2) Cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 7, runs west-north-west for about one and a quarter miles and quits it at cairn No. 38.

(3) The foot-path from Dharmaraopeta to Chirrivarigudem. It enters the reserve ten chains west of cairn No. 23, runs north-west for about one mile and half a furlong and quits it nine chains west of cairn No. 37.

(Signed) H. WOOD,
District Forest-officer,
Godavari District.

(Signed) W. F. BATEMAN,
Forest Sett.-officer,
Ganjam, &c., Districts.

G.C.P. 15-12-97. 250.

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 189 . the area, the boundaries of which are set forth in the schedule appended to this notification, will be constituted a Reserved Forest.

SCHEDULE.

No.	District.	Taluk.	Name of block.	Situation and boundaries.	Remarks.
			Darbhagudem.	North: Starting from Cairn no. 1, situated about 13 chains south-east of the south-east corner of Ganjadevikunta (Tank), the line runs generally south-east for 1 mile and 6½ furlongs along the south margin of the cart-track from Jeeluguvilli to Darbhagudem demarcated by cairns nos. 1/1 to 1/16 to cairn no. 2 situated on the same margin of the said cart-track. East: Thence a straight line south south-west for 52·80 chains to Cairn no. 3; then west for 3-50 chains to Cairn no. 4; then south south-west for 8-50 chains to Cairn no. 5; then west south-west for 7-50 chains to Cairn no. 6; then south by west for 28-80 chains to Cairn no. 7 on the south margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem; then south-east for 11-60 chains to Cairn no. 8; then south south-west for 17-60 chains to Cairn no. 9; then south-east for 21-60 chains to [illegible] then south-east for 13-60 chains for the same distance to the cart-track from Darbhagudem. South: Thence in a westerly direction along the north margin of the said cart-track for 13 to 30 to Cairn no. 31, in the middle of Palacherla Rajavaram (deserted); then [illegible] and that of Inam no. 31 for 9-50	Admitted rights. Right of way is admitted over the undermentioned cart-track and footpaths, for men cattle and carts to a width of 6 yards over the former and for men and cattle to a width of 2 yards over the latter. I. The footpath from Chirrivarigudem to Ramannapalem. It enters the Reserve about 24 chains north of Cairn no. 38, runs generally east for about 1½ miles and quits it 13 chains south of Cairn no. 2. II. Cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem. It enters the Reserve at Cairn no. 7, runs west north-west for about 1¼ miles and quits it at cairn no. 38. III. The footpath from Dharmarowpeta to Chirrivarigudem. It enters the Reserve 10 chains west of Cairn no. 23, runs north-west for about 1 mile and ½ a furlong and quits it 9 chains west of Cairn no. 37.
			Jeenagudem.		
			Gollavanigudem.		

[illegible] Cairn no. 10; [illegible] to Cairn no. 11; then south-west [illegible] no. 12 on the north margin of [illegible] gudem to Ganjireddipalem. [illegible] direction for 2 miles and 3 furlongs [illegible] cart-track demarcated by cairns nos. [illegible] of the east side of Inam no. 38 of [illegible] north along the east side of that number [illegible] chains to Cairn no. 32 situated at the [illegible] the [illegible] Palacherla [illegible] No. 36; then north [illegible] dem to Chirrivarigudem

Godavari District	Yernagudem Taluk	Darbhagudem Reserve.	north-east corner of the latter, then west along the north side of Inam no. 31 for 23·20 chains to cairn no. 33 at its north-west corner, and on the left bank of Rajavaram vagu (stream). **West**:- Thence north north-east along the left bank of the said vagu to cairn no. 34, 30 chains north northeast of the trijunction of Palacherla agraharam, Palacherla Rajavaram village and Borrampalem Zemindari; then east north-east for 21-60 chains to cairn no. 35; then north-east for 34 chains to cairn no. 36; then east north-east for 40-80 chains to cairn no. 37; then north for 19 chains to cairn no. 38, on the south margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem; then in the same direction for 1 mile and 36 chains to the starting point.

H Wood
8.10.99.
District Forest Officer,
Godavari District.

Waltair
30th September 1899.

W C Bahmas
Forest Settlement Officer,
Ganjam Etc Districts.

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No III.—

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 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.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
	Gódávari ..	Yernagudem ..	Darbhagudem ..	*North.*—Starting from cairn No. 1, situated about thirteen chains south-east of the south-east corner of Gangadevikunta (tank), the line runs generally south-east for one mile and six and a half furlongs along the south margin of the cart-track from Jilugumilli to Darbhagudem demarcated by cairns Nos. 1-1 to 1-16 to cairn No. 2 situated on the same margin of the said cart-track. *East.*—Thence a straight line south by west for 52·80 chains to cairn No. 3; then west for 3·50 chains to cairn No. 4; then south-south-west for 8·50 chains to cairn No. 5; then west-south-west for 7·50 chains to cairn No. 6; then south by west for 28·80 chains to cairn No. 7 on the south margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem; then south-east for 11·60 chains to cairn No. 8; then south-south-west for 17·60 chains to cairn No. 9; then south-south-east for 21·60 chains to cairn No. 10; then south-east for 13·60 chains to cairn No. 11; then south-west for the same distance to cairn No. 12 on the north margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Gangireddipalem. *South.*—Thence in a westerly direction for two miles and three furlongs along the north margin of the said cart-track demarcated by cairns Nos. 13 to 30 to cairn No. 31, in the middle of the east side of inam No. 38 of Palacherla Rajavaram (deserted); then north along the east side of that number and that of inam No. 31 for 9·50 chains to cairn No. 32, situated at the north-east corner of the latter; then west along the north side of inam No. 31 for 23·20 chains to cairn No. 33 at its north-west corner, and on the left bank of Rajavaram vagu (stream). *West.*—Thence north-north-east along the left bank of the said vagu to cairn No. 34, thirty chains north-north-east of the trijunction of Palacherla agraharam, Palacherla Rajavaram village and Borrampalem zamindari; then east-north-east for 21·60 chains to cairn No. 35; then north-east for thirty-four chains to cairn No. 36; then east-north-east for 40·80 chains to cairn No. 37; then north for nineteen chains to cairn No. 38 on the south margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem; then in the same direction for one mile and thirty-six chains to the starting point.

REMARKS—*Admitted rights.*—Right of way is admitted over the undermentioned cart-track and foot-paths for men, cattle and carts to a width of six yards over the former and for men and cattle to a width of two yards over the latter:—

(1) The foot-path from Chirrivarigudem to Chimalavarigudem. It enters the reserve about twenty-four chains north of cairn No. 38, runs generally east for about one and a half miles and quits it thirteen chains south of cairn No. 2.

(2) Cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 7, runs west-north-west for about one and a quarter miles and quits it at cairn No. 38.

(3) The foot-path from Dharmaraopeta to Chirrivarigudem. It enters the reserve ten chains west of cairn No. 23, runs north-west for about one mile and half a furlong and quits it nine chains west of cairn No. 37.

(Signed) H. WOOD,
District Forest-officer,
Godavari District.

(Signed) W. F. BATEMAN,
Forest Sett.-officer,
Ganjam, &c., Districts.

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DECEMBER.

Reserved Forest.

The draft notification, under section 16 of the Madras Forest Act, for the constitution of the Darbhagudem block, in the Yervagudem taluk (Polavaram division), as a —, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and the Gódávari District Gazettes.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest No. 498, dated 22nd November 1899:—

The Hon'ble Mr. J. Sturrock, I.C.S.

Read—the following letter from J. A. CUMMING, Esq., Collector of Gódávari, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated Cocanada, 10th October 1899, Ref. on Cur. No. 51-G.B.-For.:—

I have the honour to forward Forest Settlement-officer's letter, R.C. No. 98, dated 30th September 1899, with four enclosures regarding the settlement of the Darbhagudem reserve in the Polavaram division, and to request that the Board may be pleased to forward the same to Government for the publication of the draft notification under section 16 of the Forest Act in the *Fort St. George Gazette* after approval.

2. The draft notification and the sketch-map have been countersigned by my District Forest-officer in token of his having checked them.

3. The usual area statement is enclosed.

4. The date from which reservation is to take effect may be fixed at 1st February 1900.

Enclosure No. 1.

From W. F. BATEMAN, Esq., Forest Settlement-officer, Ganjám, &c., Districts, to the Collector of Gódávari, dated Waltair, 30th September 1899, R.C. No. 98.

I have the honour to report the conclusion of the settlement of Darbhagudem reserve of Yernagúdem taluk, Gódávari district.

2. The notification under section 4 proposing to constitute this area a reserved forest appeared in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st November 1889, and the proclamation under section 6 was published in the District Gazette, dated 2nd December 1889.

3. The block was originally notified in the name of M.R.Ry. D. Jagannatharao Pantulu, then transferred to Messrs. J. T. Lever, R. H. L. Lushington, E. A. Smith, R. H. L. Lushington again and finally to me for settlement in the *Fort St. George Gazette* notification No. 451, dated 4th October 1898.

4. Mr. Lever perambulated the block and I also inspected a portion of the revised west boundary. Mr. Lever enquired into and disposed of thirteen claims, Mr. Lushington enquired into and disposed of one claim and I enquired into and disposed of three claims in the block and also passed sub-orders on two claims disposed of by Mr. Lever after fixing the position of four lands concerned in those claims. Seventeen claims were filed in all. Fourteen claims were to patta and inam rights over lands measuring 155·35 acres of land. Of these twelve claims for 73·85 acres were admitted, one claim for 81·27 acres of land was admitted for 10 acres and rejected in respect to 71·27 acres and one claim for 0·23 acre was rejected. Of the admitted extent of 83·85 acres, lands measuring 18·67 acres were acquired for the reserve for Rs. 135–12–2 and lands measuring 65·18 acres will be excluded from the reserve by altering its boundary. One claim was to rights of way over two cart-tracks and two foot-paths which was admitted. Of

these right of way over one cart-track should have been rejected, the cart-track being outside the reserve. One claim was for the exclusion from the reserve of an extent of 152·50 acres of a rented village, which was rejected as the claim was withdrawn. One claim was for the exclusion from the reserve of an area of 150 acres of Agraharam land which was rejected. The last claim was disposed of on 1st September 1899 and the appeal time expired on 30th September 1899. An appeal was filed in the District Court against the decision of the Forest Settlement-officer in claim No. B-13—A-3, which the District Judge dismissed having confirmed the Forest Settlement-officer's decision. No other appeals were preferred against any of the Forest Settlement-officer's decisions on claims in the block.

5. On my inspection of the block in October 1898, I found that a certain area to the south of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Gangireddipalem not covered by the section 4 notification was demarcated and included in the block, thus necessitating in consequence a survey of the notified south boundary of the reserve and a delay of eight months.

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

7. The following documents are sent herewith :—

(*a*) A signed copy of the 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 from which reservation is to take effect may be entered in the draft notification.

Enclosure No. 2.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Darbhagudem block reserved forest, Yernagúdem taluk, Gódávari district.

No.	Names of claimants.	Date of presentation of claim.	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
B-1. A-12.	Dasari Venkatareddi, village munsif of Darbhagudem.	22nd Feb. 1893.	Claims on behalf of the public right of way over the undermentioned cart-tracks and foot-paths for men, cattle and carts over the cart-tracks and for men and cattle over the foot-paths :— (1) Cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem. (2) Cart-track from Darbhagudem to Gangireddipalem. (3) Foot-path from Dharmarowpeta to Chirrivarigudem. (4) Foot-path from Chirrivarigudem to Chimalavarigudem.	Long use	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim.	The pathways having been proved to have been in existence from a long time, the claim is therefore admitted in the name of the general public and rights of way claimed are allowed through the reserve, to a width of six yards over the cart-tracks and two yards over the foot-paths. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 15th May 1893.
B-2. A-1.	Palakayalaswami of Darbhagudem.	21st Feb. 1893.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 339 of Darbhagudem, measuring 10·04 acres and assessed at Rs. 2-8-2, of which 3 acres has been included in the reserve.	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land may be excluded from the reserve.	The claim is admitted to the portion of the land included in the reserve, which will be excluded from it by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-3. A-5.	Korapolu Lakshmaiya of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 327 of Darbhagudem, measuring 6·76 acres and assessed at Rs. 3-7-9, and 2 acres of survey No. 344 of the same village, measuring 5·51 acres and assessed at Rs. 2-12-11.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the lands may be excluded from the reserve.	The claim is admitted and the lands will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-4. A-6.	Dasari Venkaiya of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 359-B of Darbhagudem, measuring 2·87 acres and assessed at Rs. 1-7-0.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land may be acquired.	The claim is admitted and the land will be acquired* for inclusion in the reserve. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-5. A-7.	Nakka Subbarayudu of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 359-A of Darbhagudem, measuring 2·62 acres and assessed at Rs. 1-5-0.	Do. do. ..	Do. do.	The claim is admitted and the land will be acquired† for inclusion in the reserve. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.

Claim B-1.—(1) The cart-track enters the reserve at cairn No. 7, runs west-north-west for about one and a quarter miles and quits it at cairn No. 38. Shown in the plan and notification as R.W. No. 2. (2) This cart-track lies outside the reserve. Hence the order passed admitting right of way over it is *ultra vires*. (3) The foot-path enters the reserve ten chains west of cairn No. 23, runs north-west for about one mile and half a furlong and quits it nine chains west of cairn No. 37. Shown in the plan and notification as R.W. No. 3. (4) The foot-path enters the reserve about twenty-four chains north of cairn No. 38, runs generally east for about one and a half miles and quits it thirteen chains south of cairn No. 2. Shown in the plan and notification as R.W. No. 1.

Claim B-4.—* Acquired for Rs. 24-12-9 under an award, dated 30th September 1895.

Claim B-5.—† Acquired for Rs. 22-10-3 under an award, dated 30th September 1895.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Darbhagudem block 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
B-6. A-8.	Alavala Papireddi of Darbhagudem.	21st Feb. 1893.	Claims patta rights over one acre of survey No. 106 of Darbhagudem (measuring 9·76 acres and assessed at Rs. 1-2-0) included in the reserve.	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land may be excluded.	The claim is admitted and the land will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-7. A-9.	Alavala Papireddi of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over 2 acres of survey No. 108 (measuring 8·31 acres and assessed at Rs. 2-3-3), 2 acres of survey No. 109 (measuring 3·23 acres and assessed at As. 13-9) and over the whole of survey No. 359-C, measuring 1·72 acres and assessed at As. 13-9, all the above numbers being of Darbhagudem village.	Do. do. ..	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes that the portions of survey Nos. 108 and 109 may be excluded and survey No. 359-C acquired.	The claim is admitted and the portions claimed of survey Nos. 108 and 109 will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary and survey No. 359-C will be acquired for inclusion in the reserve. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-8. A-10.	Regalla Lakshmaiya of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over 6 acres of survey No. 326 of Darbhagudem, measuring 15·71 acres and assessed at Rs. 2-9-0.	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land may be excluded.	The claim is admitted and the land will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-9. A-11.	Maki Reddi Atchireddi of Darbhagudem.	Do.	Claims patta rights over 1 acre of survey No. 119 of Darbhagudem, measuring 8·49 acres and assessed at Rs. 4-15-4.	Do. do. ..	Do. do. ..	The claim is admitted and the land will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
		3rd Jan. 1899.	And again in his petition, dated 22nd September 1896, claims the whole extent of survey No. 119 as being included in the reserve.			*Sub-order.*—The extent of field No. 119 included in the reserve has been found on inspection to be 8·49 acres and not 1 acre as claimed by the claimant. The whole extent of the field, *i.e.*, 8·49 acres, included will therefore be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) W. F. EATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, Ganjám, &c., Districts. 3rd January 1899.
B-10. A-13.	Geddamanugula Somarajulu of Jilugumilli.	1st March 1890.	Claims exclusion from the reserve of the rented lands of Palacherla Rajavaram, measuring 152·50 acres and assessed at Rs. 42-3-6.	....	The District Forest-officer contests the claim.	The claimant now states that he put in this claim when he was the renter of the village, but as he is no longer the renter of it, he withdraws the claim. The claim is accordingly rejected. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 30th May 1893.
B-11. A-2.	Kolachina Lakshminarasimha Sastri, one of the joint shareholders of Palacherla agraharam.	8th March 1890.	Claims exclusion from the reserve of about 150 acres of cultivable land of Palacherla agraharam included within the reserve, and states that this land is situated to the east of the west boundary of the reserve within the following boundaries :— A line drawn first east and then south from a tamarind tree near Java Kannappa's podu on or close to the west boundary of the reserve to Gurrampalli Kunta; then another line drawn from the said kunta south-east to the group of "Brahmajamudu" trees where the boundaries of Veerannapalem, Darbhagudem and Palacherla agraharam meet and then another line drawn from there first south to Gurram Kollaiya's podu and then west to the point on the Rajavaram vagu where there is the trijunction stone of Bandivarigudem, Palacherla agraharam and Rajavaram villages.	Claimant examined nine witnesses and filed the following documents :— Exhibit A.—Inam title-deed. Exhibit B.—Letter from the Zamindar of Tadvai to his gumastah to render assistance to the agraharamdar in improving the agraharam. Exhibit C.—A similar letter to the karnam of Darbhagudem to the same effect. Exhibit D.—Razinama (agreement) between the villagers of Palacherla agraharam and Jilugumilli regarding the boundaries of those villages. Exhibit E.—Copy of a petition to the former Forest Settlement-officer requesting him to obtain certain documents from the Head Assistant Collector, which that officer refused to grant. The eighth witness filed the following documents :— Exhibit F.—A. Register (register of inams) of Palacherla Rajavaram. Exhibit G.—Razinama between the villagers of Darbhagudem and Koyagudem regarding the boundaries of those villages.	The District Forest-officer contests the claim on the following grounds :— (1) That the claimant is not an agraharamdar, since there is no agraharam village by the name of Palacherla, that he is an inamdar entitled only to 132 acres of dry land in the Government village of Palacherla Rajavaram according to this title-deed (Exhibit A), but not to 150 acres of land which he states has been included in this reserve and to 628 acres more of land which he states has been included in the Jilugumilli reserve (for which a separate claim has been put in) and all of which together with the area outside the reserve (1,580 acres) would amount to about 2,358 acres. (2) That the A. Register of Palacherla Rajavaram (Exhibit F) which purports to define the boundaries of the claimant's inam cannot be relied upon and that it proves nothing in favour of the claimant. (3) That the documents filed by the claimant being unauthenticated cannot be received in evidence. (4) That the documents obtained from the Head Assistant Collector for reference in connection with this claim relate to the dispute regarding the boundary between Jilugumilli and Borrampalem and have therefore no bearing on the present dispute. (5) That the claimant failed to prove enjoyment.	The area of the claimant's inam in Palacherla Rajavaram is 132 acres according to the title-deed (Exhibit A). The claimant states that 150 acres has been included in the reserve. The claimant's inam is shown in the A. Register (Exhibit F) as No. 34 and its boundaries are as follows :— *North.*—Jilugumilli Polimera (boundary). *East.*—Gurrampalli Polimera. *South.*—No. 29 of Palacherla Rajavaram, otherwise known as Appanna Kattu. *West.*—Gangireddipalem Polimera. The claimant was not able to point out the disputed land satisfactorily. The east boundary of No. 34 is said to be Gurrampalli Polimera. The east side of each of Nos. 36, 39 and 49 (jeroyati) of the same village is also said to be Gurrampalli Polimera; hence it is hard to say which of these numbers is west of Gurrampalli kunta, for, all of them cannot be west since the south boundary of No. 34 is said to be No. 29 (Appanna Kattu) which is outside the reserve. The south side of No. 28 is also said to be No. 29 (Appanna Kattu); hence it is impossible to say whether the land north of No. 29 is No. 28 or No. 34. The boundaries of fields given in the A. Register are in most cases incorrect and in some absurd; for instance, the south side of No. 41 is said to be No. 42, whereas No. 41 is said to be the south side of No. 42. Hence it would not be safe to rely on this document for the description of the boundaries of No. 34 (claimant's inam). The razinamas (Exhibits D and G) are agreements drawn up by the ryots of Jilugumilli, Koyyagudem and the agraharamdars of Palacherla agreeing to accept the group of "Brahmajamudu" trees on the west of Mandivari kalava (stream) as the trijunction of Koyyagudem, Darbhagudem and Palacherla Rajavaram. These documents cannot be received in evidence as they are not valid. The parties to them were not authorised to draw them up. They are therefore not binding on the Government. The other documents filed by the claimant prove nothing in his favour and they are therefore useless. The documents obtained from the Head Assistant Collector refer to the boundary dispute between Jilugumilli, Palacherla Rajavaram and Bandivarigudem and have therefore no bearing on this claim. The nineth witness states that twelve or thirteen years ago some of the ryots of Jilugumilli and Chirrivarigudem cut podus to the west of Gurrampalli kunta; then a dispute arising between the renters of Jilugumilli, Koyyagudem and the agraharamdars of Palacherla as to the ownership of the land in which podus were cut, razinamas (Exhibits D and G) were drawn up as stated above, that prior to this dispute no one cut podus there, and that it was thick jungle then. Nearly all the witnesses say that the agraharam lands extended eastwards as far as Gurrampalli kunta, and that the ryots who cultivated them paid rent not with reference to the extent of land they cultivated, but with reference to the number of ploughs maintained by them and so they cleared as much jungle and cultivated as much land as they would, wherever they thought fit to do so. The mere fact, therefore, of their having cleared jungle and cultivated the land inside the reserve does not prove the agraharamdar's title to it. The renter of Palacherla Rajavaram, in which the claimant's inam is situated, was till lately Gaddamanugula Somarajulu, the karnam of Jilugumilli, who has the largest share in the agraharam. The ryots of this Government village (Palacherla Rajavaram) are also the tenants of the agraharamdars and so it is quite probable that the karnam, who is a close relation of Gaddamanugula Somarajulu, credited to the agraharamdars the rent realised from the ryots on Palacherla Rajavaram lands. Gaddamanugula Somarajulu most probably connived at this with the object of increasing the area of the inam and deriving a profit thereby for himself. Taking, therefore, all the above circumstances into consideration, I am of opinion that the claimant has not satisfactorily established his right to the land claimed by him and so I reject the claim. (Signed) J. T. LEVER, Forest Sett.-officer. 4th December 1893.

Claim B-7.—Survey No. 359-C has been acquired for Rs. 14-13-2 under an award, dated 30th September 1895.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Darbhagudem 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 claim by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B-12 A-4.	Gaddamanugulu Somarajulu of Jilugumilli.	16th Feb. 1893.	Claims on behalf of his daughter Chatrati Seshamma inam rights over the undermentioned lands of Palacherla Rajavaram:—	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes that the lands may be measured in accordance with the measurement account of the service inams of Palacherla Rajavaram for fasli 1283 kept in the taluk cutcherry, and excluded from the reserve.	In the A. Register of Palacherla Rajavaram, the boundaries of these fields are given as follows:— No. 31: *North.*—Jeroyati No. 30. *East.*—Jeroyati No. 30. *South and west.*—Gangireddipalem boundary. No. 38: *North.*—Inam (number not shown). *East.*—Inam (number not shown). *South.*—Alasaminappa No. 51, which is Veerannapalem village-site. *West.*—Alasaminappa No. 52, which is Rajavaram village-site. The claimant states that these fields were measured in 1873 by the Tahsildar of Yernagudem and that the measurement account is in the Tahsildar's office.

Number.	Extent.	Quit-rent.
	ACS.	RS. A. P.
31 ..	14·32	5 8 0
38 ..	6·33	

The claim is admitted. The Yernagudem Tahsildar will be directed to have the fields measured out in accordance with the account prepared in 1873 and the lands will then be excluded from the reserve.

(Signed) J. T. LEVER,
Forest Sett.-officer.

6th December 1893.

Sub-order.—The account alluded to in the above decision was not forthcoming either from the Collector's office or from that of the Tahsildar; consequently, the Tahsildar was unable to locate the fields in order to measure them. The claimant was then asked to point out the fields on the ground, which he did, but could produce no documents to prove that the lands were originally situated in the locality pointed out, which was in the reserve and at some distance from the reserve line, preventing in consequence the exclusion of the inam fields from the reserve.

Considering the circumstances stated above, I order that inam fields Nos. 31 and 38 be clubbed together to form one plot of ground, which should be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. The plot of ground has been selected by the District Forest-officer and myself and within it the fields will be surveyed separately with reference to the acreage of each and the boundaries of the field will be as follows:—

No. 31: *North.*—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem. *East.*—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem. *South.*—Inam fields Nos. 38 and 32. *West.*—East boundary of Gangireddipalem village.

No. 38: *North.*—Inam field No. 31. *East.*—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem. *South.*—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem. *West.*—Inam fields Nos. 39 and 32.

(Signed) W. F. BATEMAM,
Forest Sett.-officer,
Ganjám, &c., Districts.

20th October 1898.

B-13 A-3.	Gaddamanugula Somarajulu of Jilugumilli.	Do.	Claims on behalf of himself and Chatrati Ramiaya of Borrampalem, the exclusion from the proposed reserve of the following inam lands of Palacherla Rajavaram village:—	Four witnesses were examined and the following documents filed:— (*a*) Inam patta. (*b*) Copy of sale-deed executed by the original inamdar in the claimant's favour. (*c*) Lease executed in the claimant's favour by the renter of Palacherla Rajavaram from fasli 1288 to fasli 1290 for the land claimed. (*d*) Lease executed in claimant's favour by Chatrati Bogamma and others for the land claimed for fasli 1291.	The District Forest-officer contests the claim on the following grounds:— (1) That the claimant gives the boundaries of fields Nos. 32 and 39 as described in the sale-deed but does not produce copies of Government records to prove these boundaries, nor has he examined the village karnam about the boundaries. (2) That he examined no witnesses to prove that his lands lie in the reserve. (3) That no lands of the claimant are inside the reserve. (4) That there is a large piece of land outside the reserve belonging to Palacherla Rajavaram and that the claimant's land must be outside the reserve.	Gaddamanugulu Somarajulu, one of the claimants, who accompanied me on my inspection, failed to point out satisfactorily the lands claimed, especially the portion lying to the north and east. Only 10 acres is given as the extent of the inam in Exhibits B and D. In Exhibit C no area is given and no mention of the number and kind of trees growing on the lands is made in any of these documents. The boundaries of the two Nos. 32 and 39 given in Exhibits B, C and D do not correspond and differ entirely from those given in the karnam's A. Register, except their west boundaries. The third witness states that the three groups of palmyra trees leased to him by the claimants grow on an area of less than 10 acres. The fourth witness states that the claimant's inam, if measured, will be about 20 acres, that he thinks he used to pay Rs. 12 as rent to the claimant. The claimants bought the inam lands for Rs. 45 in 1877. If the area claimed is really as large in extent and contains as many palmyra trees as is alleged, the price paid, namely, Rs. 45 is certainly very low, even admitting that the lands are situated in the agency tracts. The Tahsildar has reported that there are no accounts forthcoming in his office relating to the measurement of the inam lands claimed, made by the Revenue Inspector in June 1882, nor does the area found in excess by the Revenue Inspector appear to have been assessed. I have no doubt that Nos. 32 and 39 fall inside the reserve as their west boundary is given in almost all these documents as the village boundary of Gangireddipalem, which is also the west boundary of the reserve but I do not believe they extend so

Number.	Extent.	Quit-rent.
	ACS.	RS. A. P.
32 ..	4·0	2 0 0
39 ..	6·0	

The claimant states that the lands comprise three palmyra topes with about 1,000 trees growing in them, some tamarind and mango trees, besides cultivated lands and that on a petition being made to the Tahsildar of Yernagudem by the ryots of Palacherla Rajavaram to the effect that most of his land was jeroyati (Government) the Tahsildar sent a Revenue Inspector in June 1882 to measure the lands and that the Revenue Inspector measured and found the lands to be 81·27 acres which he claims. He gives the boundaries of lands as follows:—

No. 32: *North.*—Inam field No. 39. *South.*—Forest. *East.*—Forest. *West.*—Village boundary of Gangireddipalem.

No. 39: *North.*—Village-site of Veerannapalem. *South.*—Inam field. *East.*—Village-site of Rajavaram and banyan trees. *West.*—Village boundary of Gangireddipalem.

far north and east as the village-sites of Veerannapalem and Rajavaram, respectively, which are deep inside the reserve.

Taking therefore all these circumstances into consideration, I am opinion that the claimant's inam lands do fall inside the reserve, but that he has not satisfactorily established his right to the area, namely, 71·27 acres claimed by him in excess of that, namely, 10 acres given in the title-deed and accordingly I admit his claim to the latter extent only.

The Tahsildar of Yernagudem will be directed to have the lands measured out to this extent, taking for the western boundary the village boundary of Gangireddipalem, which is also the west boundary of the reserve and having the village-sites of Veerannapalem and Rajavaram to the north and east of Nos. 32 and 39, which in my opinion is their approximate location—and the lands will then be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary.

(Signed) J. T. LEVER,
Forest Sett.-officer.

8th February 1895.

Sub-order.—The Tahsildar was unable to measure out these lands on the ground. The western boundaries only of these fields given by Mr. Lever in his order can be identified on the ground. I therefore order the inam fields Nos. 32 and 39 to be clubbed together to form one plot of ground which should be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. The plot of ground has been selected by the District Forest-officer and myself and within it the fields will be surveyed separately with reference to the acreage of each and their boundaries will be as follows:—

No. 32: *North.*—Inam field No. 31. *East.*—Inam field No. 38. *South.*—Inam field No. 39. *West.*—East boundary of Gangireddipalem village.

No. 39: *North.*—Inam field No. 32. *East.*—Inam field No. 38. *South.*—Reserve forest of Darbhagudem. *West.*—East boundary of Gangireddipalem village.

(Signed) W. F. BATEMAN,
Forest Sett.-officer,
Ganjám, &c., Districts.

20th October 1898.

Claim B-13.—Civil Miscellaneous Appeal No. 11 of 1895, dated 28th October 1895, in the District Court, Gódávari.

Appellants claim 81·27 acres.

The Forest Settlement-officer allowed their claim to the extent of 10 acres, which is the area entered in the Inam Commissioner's title-deed. It is true that the actual area of inams often exceeds the area mentioned in these title-deeds; and it is also true that when boundaries are known, a Court will give the land within these boundaries, although it exceeds the reputed area of the ground. But in this case, the difference between 10 acres and 81 acres is startling and there is no good evidence about the boundaries. Moreover, the price paid for this inam, Rs. 45, is little enough for 10 acres but is very small indeed for 81 acres.

I am of opinion that the decision of the Forest Settlement-officer must stand and I dismiss this appeal with costs.

(Signed) G. T. MACKENZIE,
District Judge.

B. Register of claims to Lands, rights to Forest produce or easements in the proposed Darbhagudem 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 abstract of decision and final disposal of the claims by the Forest Settlement-officer.
1	2	3	4	5	6
B-14 A-1 of 1897.	Dontina Somaiya and others of Darbhagudem.	8th Oct. 1897.	Claim Government patta rights over survey No. 349 of Darbhagudem, measuring 5·39 acres and assessed at Rs. 2 included in the reserve.	Verified by the village accounts.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land to be acquired. The claim is admitted and the land will be acquired under Act I of 1894. (Signed) R. H. L. LUSHINGTON, Forest Sett.-officer. 23rd February 1898.
B-15 A-1 of 1899.	Repaka Subbarayadu of Jilugumilli village.	3rd Jan. 1899.	Claims on behalf of himself patta rights over a portion of survey No. 118 of Darbhagudem village, measuring 3·28 acres.	Do.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land to be excluded from the reserve. The claim is admitted. The portion of field No. 118, measuring 3·28 acres, will be excluded from the reserve by an alteration of its boundary. (Signed) W. F. BATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, Ganjám, &c., Districts. 3rd January 1899.
B-16 A-2 of 1899.	Repaka Subbarayadu of Jilugumilli village.	Do.	Claims on behalf of himself patta rights over a portion of field No. 121 of Darbhagudem village, measuring 0·23 acres included in reserve.	Do.	The District Forest-officer contests the claim as the land lies outside the reserve. The claim is rejected, as no portion of the field is included within the reserve. (Signed) W. F. BATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, Ganjám, &c., Districts. 3rd January 1899.
B-17 A-3 of 1899.	Tathicharla Jaggadu of Darbhagudem village.	6th May 1899.	Claims patta rights over survey No. 359-D of Darbhagudem, measuring 6·07 acres and assessed at Rs. 1-15-0.	Do.	The District Forest-officer does not contest the claim and wishes the land to be acquired. The claim is admitted and the land will be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act I of 1894. (Signed) W. F. BATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, Ganjám, &c., Districts. 1st September 1899.

Claim B-14.—The land has been acquired for Rs. 34-8-0 under an award, dated 18th October 1898.

Claim B-17.—The land has been acquired for Rs. 39 under an award, dated 1st September 1899.

(Signed) W. F. BATEMAN, Forest Sett.-officer, Ganjám, &c., districts.

Enclosure No. 3.—Draft notification.

Enclosure No. 4.

Statement showing the number of claims filed and disposed of.

Name and number of the block.	Claims to rights of way.			Claims to grazing rights and to water cattle.			Claims of patta and inam rights over lands.						Miscellaneous claims.			Total of all claims.		
							Filed.		Admitted.		Rejected.							
	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Filed.	Admitted.	Rejected.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	Number of claims.	Extent of land.	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
								ACS.		ACS.		ACS.						
Darbhagudem ..	1	* 1	..	..	..	..	14	155·35	† 13	155·12	1	0·23	2	..	2	17	14	3

* Of the cart-tracks claimed, one lies outside the reserve; hence right of way over it should have been rejected.

† Of these, one claim for 81·27 acres of land was admitted for 10 acres and rejected in respect to 71·27 acres of land.

Enclosure No. 5.

Statement of area and condition of the Darbhagudem proposed reserve, in the Polavaram division, Gódávari district.

Name of taluk.	Total area of taluk.	Area of Government land.		Area of reserves already notified under section 16.	Area of reserves under settlement.	Area of reserves already submitted for notification under section 16.	Area of reserves now submitted for notification under section 16.		Character of land proposed for reservation.	
		* Occupied.	Unoccupied.				Name.	Area.	How much forest.	How much grass.
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.		ACS.		
Polavaram division ..	* 208,228	41,949	111,599	† 68,076	*Nil.*	5,318	Darbhagudem.	2,660	All forest.	*Nil.*

* Inclusive of the area (54,680 acres) of zamindari land.

† Includes acres 3,318, the area of the Jilugumilli block subsequently notified.

Enclosure No. 6.—Sketch-map.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated 12th October 1899, R.C. No. 364.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest No. 498, dated 22nd November 1899.

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 1900 being recommended as the date from which the reservation of the block should take effect.

2. The date of presentation of claims Nos. 2 and 13 of the A. Register is given as 8th March 1890 and 1st March 1890, while the preceding claims are shown to have been preferred on 21st February 1893 and 22nd February 1893, respectively. The discrepancy requires explanation.

3. With reference to the sub-order on claim No. 13-A-3, it is observed that owing to the revision of the boundary line the proposed reserve does not now form the southern boundary of field No. 39 as stated therein.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
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. 848, Revenue, dated 15th December 1899.

Forest No. 255.

The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St. George and Gódávari District Gazettes, the 15th April 1900 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.
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

Endorsement No. 848A.

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 1900, 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.	Name of block.	Boundaries.
	Gódávari ..	Yernagudem ..	Darbhagudem ..	*North.*—Starting from cairn No. 1, situated about thirteen chains south-east of the south-east corner of Gangadevikunta (tank), the line runs generally south-east for one mile and six and a half furlongs along the south margin of the cart-track from Jilugumilli to Darbhagudem demarcated by cairns Nos. 1-1 to 1-16 to cairn No. 2 situated on the same margin of the said cart-track. *East.*—Thence a straight line south by west for 52·80 chains to cairn No. 3; then west for 3·50 chains to cairn No. 4; then south-south-west for 8·50 chains to cairn No. 5; then west-south-west for 7·50 chains to cairn No. 6; then south by west for 28·80 chains to cairn No. 7 on the south margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem; then south-east for 11·60 chains to cairn No. 8; then south-south-west for 17·60 chains to cairn No. 9; then south-south-east for 21·60 chains to cairn No. 10; then south-east for 13·60 chains to cairn No. 11; then south-west for the same distance to cairn No. 12 on the north margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Gangireddipalem. *South.*—Thence in a westerly direction for two miles and three furlongs along the north margin of the said cart-track demarcated by cairns Nos. 13 to 30 to cairn No. 31, in the middle of the east side of inam No. 38 of Palacherla Rajavaram (deserted); then north along the east side of that number and that of inam No. 31 for 9·50 chains to cairn No. 32, situated at the north-east corner of the latter; then west along the north side of inam No. 31 for 23·20 chains to cairn No. 33 at its north-west corner, and on the left bank of Rajavaram vagu (stream). *West.*—Thence north-north-east along the left bank of the said vagu to cairn No. 34, thirty chains north-north-east of the trijunction of Palacherla agraharam, Palacherla Rajavaram village and Borrampalem zamindari; then east-north-east for 21·60 chains to cairn No. 35; then north-east for thirty-four chains to cairn No. 36; then east-north-east for 40·80 chains to cairn No. 37; then north for nineteen chains to cairn No. 38 on the south margin of the cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem; then in the same direction for one mile and thirty-six chains to the starting point.

Remarks—*Admitted rights.*—Right of way is admitted over the undermentioned cart-track and foot-paths for men, cattle and carts to a width of six yards over the former and for men and cattle to a width of two yards over the latter:—

(1) The foot-path from Chirrivarigudem to Chimalavarigudem. It enters the reserve about twenty-four chains north of cairn No. 38, runs generally east for about one and a half miles and quits it thirteen chains south of cairn No. 2.

(2) Cart-track from Darbhagudem to Chirrivarigudem. It enters the reserve at cairn No. 7, runs west-north-west for about one and a quarter miles and quits it at cairn No. 38.

(3) The foot-path from Dharmaraopeta to Chirrivarigudem. It enters the reserve ten chains west of cairn No. 23, runs north-west for about one mile and half a furlong and quits it nine chains west of cairn No. 37.

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