Madikeri Fort also called Mercara Fort was first founded by Mudduraja in the second half of the 17th century. He also built a palace inside the fort. It was eventually rebuilt and restructured in granite by [Tipu Sultan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tipu_Sultan" \o "Tipu Sultan) who named the site as Jaffarabad. Mercara Fort is among the many forts, build or rebuild by Tipu Sultan. In 1790, [Dodda Vira Rajendra](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Dodda_Vira_Rajendra&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Dodda Vira Rajendra (page does not exist)) took control of the fort. The British who added to the fort in 1834. The palace was renovated by [Linga Rajendra II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linga_Rajendra_II" \o "Linga Rajendra II) in 1812-1814. In the north-east corner at the entrance are two life size masonry elephants and a church is present in the south-east corner.