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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 20. 2 ~~19~~ 1863

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, *20th February* 1863.

No. 281. Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Callooputty, 27th January 1863, No. 44 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 93, dated 14th January, I have the honor to report that I have strictly forbidden " Kumary cultivation" since I came to the District in 1860. The instance alluded to by Captain Beddome occurred at the extremity of the Cumbum valley, 40 miles from the Tahsildar's Cusbah, and also far from the village and without the knowledge of the Nattamgar and Curnum.

2. I consider its having occurred is entirely owing to the negligence of the Forest Department; their Officers were or ought to have been on the spot, and could have prevented it, when the parties went to cut down the first tree, instead of which that Department only reported it to me, after the damage had been done, and after I had heard of it from the District Engineer. If the Forest Department watched the limited forests as they should, Kumary could not be made. I have issued orders, warning all persons making Kumary without permission that they will be punished for mischief and trespass.

3. I have been informed by the Forest Overseer of the alleged encroachments on the Government forests and will during the course of next month, have the question settled, and the boundaries properly defined.

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of Captain Beddome's letter under notice, I beg to know whether it is the intention of Government that the Palni Maistry should be under the Tahsildar or under the Forest Overseer, and beg to submit that the Tahsildar has not the leisure or opportunity of supervising the Maistry's work to the extent possessed by the Forest Overseer, and consider the Overseer should still be answerable for the Maistry's proceedings.

No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1863, No. 364.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Conservator of Forests, with reference to his letter dated 8th December 1862, No. 295, and Proceedings of Government thereon, 14th January 1863, No. 93.

2. In tracts placed under the Conservancy Department, it is the business of that Department, to take the requisite steps for the repression of Kumary cultivation and other malpractices. The Revenue Officers will of course co-operate in protecting the interests of the State, and give such aid as the Conservancy Department may need in this respect; but it must be understood that the primary responsibility in the matter rests with that Department.

3. Captain Beddome will make the best arrangement in his power in respect to the Maistry referred to in paragraph 4 of this letter.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.
Collector

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1 To Collr. of Madura & Offg. Consr. of Forests; 1 Bd. of Revn.
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From the Collector of
Madura
to the Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

Dated 2nd January 1863
Recd. 6th Feby
No. 4

Enclosures None

Reporting with reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 93 dated 19th January on Kumari Cultivation carried on at the extremity of the Cumbum Valley.

No. 354 20th Feby

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