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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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473. 474

Dated 26 - 7 - 1865.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th July 1865.

No. 473. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 12th July 1865, No. 1,328:—

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No. 1,014 of the 15th of May 1865, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, from which you will perceive that the proprietors of Alwarkurichi Forests are not willing to rent the same to Government.

From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, dated Nannagaram near Tenkasi, 28th June 1865, No. 870.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter dated 19th May last, No. 1,288, I have the honor to state we cannot rent the Alwarkurichi Jungle, as three out of the four Cavulgars do not consent to the arrangement. It is a pity all four owners were not asked in the first instance, whereas only one was consulted, and his consent deemed as a guarantee for that of all the sharers which has proved fallacious.

2. The forests are of large extent and of much value, they have never been surveyed, and no one has ever hardly visited them; they may be roughly estimated at 100 miles long by 30 broad, and occupy, I imagine, a large portion of the blank space represented in Arrow Smith's Atlas sheets between our frontier and Travancore as unknown territory. These hills must contain much valuable timber which the Cavulgars do not fell, they collect merely honey, cardamoms, bark of various sorts, undergrowth, charcoal, &c. It is to be inferred that we have reserved the right to cut the larger timber, and the sooner this right is exercised here and elsewhere, the better, for spoliation and misappropriation of our Forest trees are, I fear, very general.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Captain,
Officiating Conservator of Forests.

No. 474. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1865, No. 1,736.

Forests, No. 15.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government desire to receive a full report on this Forest, which is stated to be a tract of 100 miles long by 30 miles wide, and to form the endowment of the Cavulgars of Alwarkurichi villages for the performance of village service, while Mr. Banbury "*infers* "that we have reserved the right to cut the larger timbers in it."

3. It seems *primâ facie* most improbable that so extensive a tract should have been assigned away in full right as remuneration for mere village service.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Comm. & Ho. R. of Del.

The Lds. Com. to receive a full report on this Tract

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26th July 1865

Camp Oshawamund.

No. 1328

Office of Conservator of Forests 12th July 1865.

From

Captain R. H. Beddome.
Officiating Conservator of Forests.

To

H. Goodhue Esqre
Secretary to Government. P. D
Fort St George.

Sir. With reference to G.O. No 1014 of the 15th ult I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly from which you will perceive that the proprietor of Alwarenerchy forests are not willing to rent the same to Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
R H Beddome Captn
Offg Conservator of Fts

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FOREST DEPARTMENT 1865.

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The Conservator of Forests

To The Acting Secretary to Government. R. D. Fort St. George

Dated 12th July 1865

Received 15th July 1865

No. 1615

Enclosure No. 1.

Informing that the Proprietor of Alwaye Forests are not willing to let the same to Government.

Petitioner.

No. 1736-26 Feb

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Bond of Security July 1866 Encl 601.

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