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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd May 1866.

No. 23. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd April 1866, No. 1,770 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of Government, 8th ultimo, No. 130, in which the report of Mr. Wedderburn, Collector of Tinnevelly, and of the Acting Sub-Collector Mr. McGregor are recorded, with the opinion of the Board of Revenue, that the Alwaricurichy forest be placed under Conservancy Rules.

2. I have carefully read all the papers, and discussed the question in Tinnevelly with Mr. McGregor in December last. There can be no doubt that it will be advantageous to place this belt of forest, 20 miles long and 15 broad, under conservancy, as well as the Government forests at Wastrap and Vasadevanalur in North Tinnevelly.

3. Mr. A. McGregor's report is full and practical, as this Officer has always taken a deep interest in forest management, and was of special use to this Department when he was stationed in Malabar. I venture to propose, as a preliminary measure, that Mr. McGregor be requested to initiate the conservancy arrangements of Alwaricurichy. The forests of Wastrap and Vasadevanalur might be made over to the Forest Officer in Madura, as proposed by Captain Beddome in his Administration Report for 1864-65, page 16.

4. When the actual receipts are recorded, it will be easy to propose a definite establishment; meanwhile, I beg to recommend that 50 Rupees per mensem be sanctioned for Duffadar and Peons for Alwaricurichy, to be met from the savings from the Budget and sale of confiscated timber.

5. Captain Beddome explored the northern ghâts of Tinnevelly, and the detailed account is given in the last Administration Report, page 15, but he did not proceed south of Courtallum. Mr. McGregor's letter supplies much that was wanting in our knowledge of the southern forests.

6. Eventually, I believe, that the Tinnevelly ghâts along with the Pulney Hills, and Cumbum Valley will form a well defined range for an Assistant Conservator.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1866, No. 1,033.

Forests, No. 4.

1. The arrangements proposed in paragraph 3 of the foregoing letter are approved for the present.

2. The Accountant General will admit the charge of Rupees 50 for the establishment referred to in paragraph 4, and it can be met from the source pointed out by the Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The arrangements pro-
posed in Rec. 3 of the foregoing
letter are approved for the Presidency
The Accountant General
will deduct the charge of Rs 60-0-0
for the Establishment referred to in
para 4, and it can be met from
the sum provided out of the
Contingencies of Forests—

By Order of Government,
H. Conolly
Secy to Govt of Bengal in the Revenue Dept.

Fort William
The 15th May 1866.

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From

The Conservator of Forests,

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