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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 462. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 19th February 1866, No. 1,610 :—

1. In acknowledging receipt of Order of Government, 2nd February 1866, No. 286, regarding the proposal to obtain the "Coco de Mer" from the Seychelles islands, I beg to offer the following remarks.

2. This magnificent palm (*Lodoicea Seychellarum*) is regarded with great interest by Naturalists, and being threatened with extinction, the introduction into the Continent of India would be important to science, while the high price of the nuts compared with those of the Cocoa Palm renders the tree of considerable value.

3. The Travellers' tree of Madagascar (*Urania speciosa*), mentioned in Mr. Swinburn Ward's letter to Sir W. Hooker, grows well at Trevandrum and Colombo, I infer that the localities in this Presidency which would probably best suit the Seychelles Palm, are the Government Garden at Trevandrum and the Collector's Garden at Calicut. This Officer might hereafter transmit growing plants to the Laccadive islands.

4. There is no reason to suppose that the saline soil of the People's Park would prove unsuitable, and the king of palms would be an object of special interest. I therefore suggest that not less than eight or ten nuts be sent by Steamer to Madras, and placed on arrival under the charge of Mr. Denham at the Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens.

No. 463. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1866, No. 497.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

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To: Govt for February
From: *W. J. F. J.*
The Conservator of Forests,

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To - The Secretary to Govt
R. D.
Fort St. George

Dated 19th } February 1866.
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Enclosure No.

Replies to G.O. No 286 dated
2nd February 1866. and offers
remarks on the "Congo de Mer"
Cape of Good Hope
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J. J. S.
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14 To the Board of Revenue
4 & the Comptroller of Accounts

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