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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd July 1867.

No. 29. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd June 1867, No. 3,863.

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1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board marginally noted, I have the honour to report that there appears no present prospect of coming to terms with the Trustees of the Pulpally temple, or inducing them, as proposed, to give over the management of their forests into the hands of Government.

Dated 14th November 1866, No. 8,235.

2. There are four Trustees, or Urallers, who, however, appear to be in dispute amongst themselves, and it has proved impossible to get them all to appear at one time before the Deputy Collector.

1. Kupathode Kunju Nair.
2. Thondur Ookandy Nambair.
3. Pulpaddy Ambu Nair.
4. Chekkalur Nair.

3. The most influential of these is Kupathode Kunju Nair, who is considered the Manager of the Devasom.

4. Could this man be gained over, the point might be accomplished; but he unfortunately has been ill for some time, and is of opinion that his malady is a visitation from the devil of the forests, whose anger has been aroused by his ever having entertained the idea of giving over the management of these forests to the British Government. He states further that he and Ookandy Nambiar have leased the forests (apparently without the consent of the other two Trustees) to one Veeranna Gounden and his heirs for twenty years; the devil apparently having consented to this, on condition of Veeranna Gounden's roofing his temple with copper.

5. It might be possible to get a lease of the forests from the other two Urallers; but I am of opinion that such a proceeding is inexpedient, and would inevitably lead to litigation, which would probably terminate unfavourably to Government.

6. I enclose copies of the statements made by two of the Trustees, for the information of the Board and Government.

Statement of Pulpaddy Ambu Nair, residing in the Puthady Amshom, Uraller of the Pulpally Devasom, given before me this 25th day of April 1867.

When you came before me in February last, you promised to consult with the other Urallers, and let me know your decision about letting Government work the forests belonging to the Pulpally temple. Have you done so, and what is the result?

1. There are four Urallers, but Kupathode Kunju Nair and Thondur Ookandy Nambiar have leased the forests to Veeranna Gounden without the consent of Chekkalur Nair and myself, and there is a dispute about it.

2. Chekkalur Nair is sick, and, therefore, has not come to-day. I must consult him before I can say whether we two have the power to lease or otherwise let Government have the forests without the consent of the other two Urallers. I will consult him and report the result.

(Signed) H. RICHARDSON,
Deputy Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd July 1867.

Statement of Kupathode Kunju Nair, residing in the Kupathode Amshom, managing Uraller of the Pulpally Devasom, given before me this 25th day of April 1867.

What do you say to letting Government work the Teak forests belonging to the Pulpally Devasom, giving the temple the entire proceeds, *minus* the cost of supervision?

After I gave my statement on a former occasion, I as well as my wife and children fell very ill, and on consulting the deity, I found the deity was very angry, and said we were not to let the Government work the forests on any terms whatever. After which, with the consent of the deity, we leased the forests to Veeranna Gounden for twenty years on Kuti Kanom of 3½, 4, and 5 Rupees for each tree. Veeranna Gounden is since dead, but his heirs are carrying out the contract. Veeranna also engaged to new roof the temple and other buildings connected with it with copper, within three years, at his own expense.

(Signed) H. RICHARDSON,
Deputy Collector.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, under date 7th November 1866, No. 3,026.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 1,469.

Forests, No. 1.

1. Communicated to the Conservator of Forests.

2. It seems evident that the negociation must be abandoned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3,863.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd June 1867.

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(True Copy.)

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Acting Collector.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, the Acting Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

Dated 22nd June 1867.

No. 3,863.

Submitting letter from Acting Collector of Malabar reporting on the difficulty of inducing Trustees of Pulpully Temple to make over the Forests attached to it to Government.