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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th March 1871.*

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2. I have lately had an overture from the Neddawanah Rajah, who is willing to sell Government a large tract of the most suitable land for teak planting, and I have written about it to Major Beddome, who is at the present moment inspecting the locality, and will doubtless place his views before Government.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, 14th November 1870, No. 1,780.

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ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1871, No. 573.

Forests, No. 20.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed). CHAS. MACLEAN,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

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J. G. Gole
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

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Ld. G. A. Turton.

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