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No. 117. Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cannanore, 3rd September 1873, No. 77 :—

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3. Temporary latrines have been constructed in Barnacherry, and an establishment entertained for their cleansing and for removal of the night-soil, as well as for the sweeping of the streets and removal of sweeping.

4. A good site for a permanent latrine has been secured, and a building on the Coimbatore plan, with some modification, necessitated by the difference of climate, is nearly completed. After a sufficient interval has elapsed to admit of ascertaining whether the plan succeeds, the Commissioners propose building a second.

5. There is a large drain through the place, which is in some parts so wide that no proper flow can be kept up, except during heavy rain. The Commissioners have made provision for the relaying of this on a proper plan, so as to admit of a good fall and thorough inspection, which in its present form is impossible. In order to obviate the nuisance arising from the Dhobies' wells, an embankment has been erected to admit of water being stored up so as to flush them. A calingulah and sluices are being constructed, and the latter will be fitted with shutters. From this to the sea, a distance of about 300 yards, a broad masonry drain has been constructed right down to the beach, and the flow, when the shutters are opened, will be sufficient to open the sand bar and discharge the water into the sea. Steps are being taken for buying out all squatters between this masonry drain and the barracks, which, it is anticipated, can be done at a reasonable cost. The enclosures will then be levelled and the ground kept clear, nothing remaining except the Government salt gollah. The Commissioners decided that it was impossible to prohibit carts altogether from halting here, as they bring produce from the interior to the warehouses in the town and to the Custom-house, and call for salt as a return load. They have, however, made arrangements for enclosing the stand and carrying out thorough conservancy and supervision, so that it is anticipated that no further annoyance will be occasioned by this.

6. In regard to the slaughter-houses which stand on either side of this masonry drain, it has been resolved to remove them altogether and to erect a municipal slaughter-house clear of the town and cantonment.

7. In the meantime the slaughter-houses are being kept as clean as possible, blood and offal being collected in buckets and removed to a distance and buried.

8. As regards the rights of the occupants of Barnacherry, it appears impossible to question them, the records showing that forty years ago there was exactly the same complaint made as now, viz., that settlers had recently been allowed to occupy the place. A great improvement, however, in the sanitary aspect of this parcherry is already apparent, and will be more so in the course of a few months.

9. The efforts at improvement have been, as usual, obstructed by the Rajah, and, at his instigation and that of the Beebee's Karyastans, petitions have been got up and an agitation set on foot with the object of getting the recent orders placed in abeyance.

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12. I have recently gone over the town, and set on foot the necessary negotiations for settling the compensation which will have to be paid to those whose buildings will have to be in whole or in part removed.

13. Should it be found necessary to take up any land under the Land Acquisition Act, I will again address Government on the subject.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1873, No. 1334.

Communicated to the Military Department and to the Sanitary Commissioner. The Government are glad to learn that such good progress has been made.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Malabar.
,, Military Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of {1873 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE MAGISTRATE OF MALABAR, &c., &c.

Dated September, 19th.

Read.

Ans.

G.O., 19th September 1873, No. 1334.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 117-118.

Cannanore Municipality.—The report as to the measures taken for improving the sanitary condition of Cannanore communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Sanitary Commissioner and satisfaction expressed at the progress that has been made.

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Malabar Magistrate Office
on Circuit
Cannanore 3rd September 1873.

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Magistrate

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The Magistrate of
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To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
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Ootacamund. 19th Sept. 1873. No. 1336/Y

From W. H. Nicholson Esq. Asst. to the
Sanitary Commr.

To The Secretary to Government
Financial Department

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith
the Report of Mr. Assistant
Surgeon Thompson on
the Mulukoor Hospitals
for the month of August 1873.

I have the honor
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Your most
Obedient Servant
W. H. Nicholson
Asst. to Sanitary Commr.

To the Magistrate of Mulukoor
& Assistant Agent
Sanitary Commissioner