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the tiles of the building (Catching
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was a stream of melted minerals
or anything else was moving from
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did not last longer than one
second. So did the sound in
the tiles of the roof. The Shock
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the Town and from the reports I have
since called for I learn that it
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of the Tashah except the South.
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the Village of Parani on the North
(3 miles); Calavanur on the East

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16 miles and Semucanur on
the west (10 miles). The phenomenon
seems to have occurred also at
certain villages in the Tindivanam
Taluk, and could perhaps from
the reports of residents of the Taluk
be traced back to those villages.
4. In the town itself since
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from a well in the Bazar Street
of the suddenly some force shaking
them and leading to them then
downward they were observed
running in different directions
in confusion.
5. The officers who
with me in the Catching shed and
reported me of themselves until
they were called by me. It is
rather to be surprised that the
District Magistrate who was on the
spot did not himself feel the
Shock although all that were with
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reported it to him. I wish to be
satisfied that as one of the Village
officers thought it necessary to report
the occurrence to one of his own accord
and without a requisition from me, that
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when so many people both in the Town
and the surrounding villages experienced
the unusual Shock, in consequence of the
of the Earthquake being so near.

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an Earthquake took
place at Cassanville
on the 27 July 1867
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No. 23. Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 27th July 1867, No. 43.

I believe it is usual, if not required, to report to Government any unusual phenomena coming under the notice of public Officers, and accordingly I have the honor to submit the accompanying copy of a report* from the Tahsildar of Villapuram, detailing the occurrence of the

* Dated 27th instant.

shock of an earthquake, as supposed, on the evening of the 3rd instant.

2. Stree Baliah sent me at the time a brief notice of the earthquake in Tamil, when I wrote to him myself in English, directing him to give me every particular connected with its occurrence and further, I desired him to ascertain from all parts, within reasonable distance, whether the supposed earthquake was felt by any one elsewhere. The enclosed report is the reply to this, and from the details given there would seem no reason to question that what was experienced was really an earthquake, though apparently felt over a very limited area.

3. I have had no report from other parts of the District showing that the earthquake was sensible to any one elsewhere, and my inquiries have failed to elicit any information about it in Tindevanum, to which place apparently it extended. Tindevanum is about 20 miles in a direct line from Villapuram.

4. The description given by the Tahsildar is interesting, and possibly accounts may have reached, or may reach Government, proving that the phenomenon was not confined to the locality of Villapuram and its neighbourhood.

5. I may add that nothing was felt of the earthquake in Cuddalore so far as I can learn, notwithstanding this place is only distant, in a direct line from Villapuram, about 22 miles.

6. The fact may be of interest to the Astronomer, or to others engaged in scientific pursuits relating to phenomena of the kind.

From the Tahsildar of Villapuram, in charge of the Treasury, South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot; dated Cuddalore, 27th July 1867.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Demi-Official of the 5th instant, and to submit in reply that, to the best of my belief, I am not mistaken in my impression of the earthquake at Villapuram.

2. Having never experienced an earthquake before, I could not testify to the exact nature of the shock from past knowledge. The fact of having felt a shock is however certain, and the impression it made on me is too strong and deep to leave any doubt as to the occurrence of a phenomenon occasioned by some agencies at work beneath the surface of the earth. The following circumstances have led me to conclude that the shock was caused by an earthquake, though not strong enough to be perceived by extremely superficial observers.

3. The phenomenon occurred at 5 P. M. on the 3rd instant, when I was in the Cutcherry house with my subordinates engaged in receiving petitions. On a sudden I felt as if I was shaken, and the same was experienced by the rest of the attendants, though they seem to have taken no notice of it, their attention having been probably engaged otherwise. A rattling noise was heard among the tiles of the building (Cutcherry house), and from the motion of the sound among the tiles, and the direction of the shock, I could at once perceive that the subterranean agency, whether it was a stream of melted minerals or any thing else, was moving from the south to the north. The shock did not last longer than one second: so did the sound in the tiles of the roof. The shock was felt at the same time throughout the town, and from the reports I have since called for

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South Creek

to the Chief Landing to

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No 1185 Forwarding

Copy of a letter from

the Secretary of the

Association on the subject

of the ownership of an

South Creek in that

valley on the 3rd estate

With in which

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5th August 1867.**

I learn that it manifested itself on all sides of the Kasbah, except the south. Its influence was felt as far as the village of Parani on the north (13 miles), Valavanur on the east (6 miles), and Sennacannaram on the west (11 miles). The phenomenon seems to have occurred also at certain villages in the Tindevanum Taluq, as I could gather from the ryots of Veedur of my Taluq, who had been to those villages.

4. In the town itself some females, who were drawing water from a well in the Bazaar street, felt suddenly some force shaking them and tending to throw them down, and they were observed running in different directions in confusion.

5. The officials who were with me in the Cutcherry did not report to me of themselves, until they were asked by me. It is rather to be surprised that the District Moonsiff who was on the spot did not himself feel the shock, although all that were with him felt it and immediately reported it to him. It is to be regretted that no one of the Village Officers thought it necessary to report the occurrence to me of his own accord and without a requisition from me, but when so many people both in the town and the surrounding villages experienced the unusual shock, it leaves little doubt of the earthquake having occurred.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1867, No. 950.

Communicated to the Madras Literary Society, and to the Government Astronomer, for information.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Madras Literary Society.
,, Government Astronomer.

Edw. J. Tulloch.

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Mr. C. W. Pearce Esq.
Clerk of the Court.

Mr. R. S. Ellis Esq.
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the phenomenon occurring under the notice of Public Officers, and in consequence thereof to have the honor to submit the accompanying copy of a Report from Mr. Laharlhar of Villapuran, detailing the occurrence of the shock of an earthquake as supposed on the evening of the 3rd instant.

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