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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th December 1881.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellore, 24th November 1881, No. 422:—

In clause 8, paragraph 12 of his letter to Government, dated 27th June 1881, embodied in G.O., dated 26th July last, No. 1006, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd September last, No. 1912, the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras recommends that the Jail at Chittoor should be abolished on the ground that it is unfit for occupation owing to defect in sanitation.

2. With reference to the above remarks I would beg to observe that for a length of time the prisoners in the Chittoor District Jail have enjoyed a remarkable immunity from disease of a serious kind. There has not been a single death among the prisoners during the last one and-half-year, the only death that has occurred being the case of a lunatic, who was very recently sent to the Jail Hospital for observation and report by the Civil Surgeon, and who was at the time of his admission suffering from severe fever and high delirium and died in hospital a few hours after his admission.

3. The Jail was, no doubt, unhealthy when it was overcrowded during the late famine, but that was the case all over the country; and since the number of prisoners in Jail assumed its normal proportion, the prisoners have enjoyed quite as good, if not, better, health than in any other Jail in the Presidency, and this fact should be borne in mind before the State is committed to heavy expenditure in the erection of new Jail buildings.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Order quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.

Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.

" " Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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SUBMITTING to Government letter from the Collector offering remarks with reference to the recommendation of the Surgeon-General for the abolition of the Jail at Chittoor in North Arcot District on the score of insanitation.

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