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No. 127. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 16th August 1861, No. 1,037 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government, a letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 1st instant, No. 186, requesting instructions to continue to Salt Superintendents, the Magisterial powers vested in them as heads of Police, with the exception of the committal of cases for trial. In my report to Government on the revision of Salt Establishment, dated 22nd December 1860, I have referred to this subject, and observed that it should be left optional with the Collectors to invest any of them with such powers ; but as no orders have yet been passed on that report, I request the instructions of Government on the subject of the accompanying letter. I see no objection to the Collector conferring the small powers on any of the Superintendents whom he thinks competent to dispose of petty cases in a satisfactory manner.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1861, No. 1,955.

The Government consider it objectionable and unnecessary to vest Salt Superintendents with Magisterial powers. Their own duties are sufficient to occupy their time ; they are not chosen on account of fitness for Judicial work ; they have no proper Establishments for such duties, and in all cases of offences against the Salt laws they are directly interested.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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From C. Pelly Esqre Member of the Bd of Revr

To J. D. Sim Esqre Secretary to Govt Revr Dept

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Enc: 1. Letter and order submitting a letter from the Collector of Nellore and requesting instructions of Government on the subject of magisterial powers with which the Salt Superintendents are vested as heads of Police

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