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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following :—

No. 43. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1868, No. 5,132.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Muddenpully, 19th June 1868, No. 122.

The Acting Head Assistant Collector having brought to my notice the dilapidated condition of the gates, &c., of the old fort at Sidhout, and the danger to passengers if they are allowed to remain in their present state, I have the honor, with reference to the Board's Standing Order, No. 55, dated 26th July 1861, to request that the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for their disposal by public auction, as they are of no use for any public purpose in the district.

The Board sanction the disposal, by public auction, of the dilapidated gates, &c., of the old fort at Sidhout under the circumstances stated by the Acting Collector. Mr. Molony will report in what condition the fort is, and whether it is not desirable that it should be dismantled.

No. 44. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th October 1868, No. 7,487.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1868, No. 169.

With reference to Proceedings of the Board, No. 5,132, of the 13th July 1868, on the subject of dismantling the old fort at Sidhout, I have the honor to state that I do not consider it at all necessary that more should be done to it than has been done already in breaking up the guns and removing the gates. The fort itself is an interesting old place. There is a very considerable quantity of land inside it, and masses of ruins of the old buildings with old stones and cannon balls lying about, and a small but very pretty piece of Mahommedan architecture over the tomb of one Bismillah Sahib. This is in perfect order. There is also a good deal of Hindu sculpture of a better description than that usually seen. There are in the Cutcherry at Sidhout a quantity (560) of old iron cannon balls weighing about six pounds each. These might be sold with advantage, and would fetch something as old iron ; they are not only useless, but inconvenient where they are.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

No. 45. Order thereon 3rd November 1868, No. 2,767.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE.

To

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 3rd.

Recd.

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G. O., 3rd November 1868, No. 2,707.

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Nos. 43-45.

Old Fort at Chilkat in Cuddapah District.—Board's Proceedings on the subject cited in the margin, it and of selling the old iron cannon lately, referred to Military Department.

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3rd. March/68.