No. 130. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th July 1870, No. 5,083 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1870, No. 129.

On the 14th of March last the Deputy-Collector in charge of the Treasury sent me the enclosed bill of the Vaniembady Sub-Magistrate, and requested to be informed from what source the expenditure was to be met. No previous sanction was obtained from me, and I therefore rejected the bill, and pointed out that the Head Assistant Collector, under whose orders the work appeared to have been carried out, must make his own arrangements as to paying. The clearing away of the filth and rubbish of the town of Vaniembady is a matter that the Sub-Magistrate should have seen to long ago. Had he attended to his duty, there would have been no such accumulation of dirt to be taken away, and consequently the expenditure on removing the same would not have been necessitated. I considered that the refusing to accept, or have anything to do with the bill, would be a good example in future, and an incentive to the Sub-Magistrate to be more particular as to the sanitation of his town.

2. Mr. Sharp was my Head Assistant at the time, and I have received a letter from him (copy enclosed), in which he requests that under the special circumstances, application for the payment of the bill may be made to the Board. I request the Board will, as a special case, be pleased to order my including the amount, viz., Rupees 34-13-7, in my next Contingent Bill. The Subordinate Magistrate of Vaniembady has debited the amount to the item of "Magistrate Contingent Charges."

Enclosure No. 1.

From F. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate of Malabar, to the Magistrate of Salem, dated Tellicherry, 8th July 1870, No. 594.

The enclosed Contingent Bill from the Sub-Magistrate of Vaniembady, Tripatoor Talook, has, I learn from your endorsement on the back thereof, been rejected by you.

2. The circumstances under which it was incurred were as follow :—At the end of January last cholera broke out in the town of Vaniembady, large and important in itself, and a centre of a communication with many important parts of the country. On receiving intelligence of the out-break, I repaired to the place, and used every endeavour, by direct medical aid through the Dresser of Tripatoor, and by cleaning and fumigating the town, to eradicate the disease. Judging from the comparatively small mortality, the means used were successful. The expenditure to which you have taken exception was urgently incurred in connection with the measures I have alluded to, and I trust that, if you do not feel that you can pass the bill as an ordinary contingent charge, you will be good enough to seek the sanction of the Government for passing the amount as a special and emergent case.

3. I am aware that, in ordering that the materials and labour employed in cleaning the town should be paid for, I was guilty of an infringement upon the custom of allowing subordinates to forcibly appropriate without remuneration the time and materials of people, so poor and so low in the social scale that they dare not resist or remonstrate against such injury ; but I respectfully submit that that system is, apart from the question of its equity, inapplicable to a large town like Vaniembady, situated on a railway, and accustomed to free-trade.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th September 1870.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector requests sanction for the payment of Rupees 34-13-7 expended last January in cleansing Vaniembady on the appearance of cholera.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1870, No. 1,430.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the charge of Rupees 34-13-7 for sanitary precautions in the town of Vaniembady. It should be debited to the provision in the Civil Budget under the head "No. 26, Miscellaneous."

2. Mr. Sharp should be informed that the Government consider the tone of his letter to the Magistrate improper.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. K. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2377

From ~~From~~ Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No 3283

Dated 1st July 1870.

FOR ORDERS.

Should any case
arise in which
a Deputy Collector is
[illegible] to make
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FOR ORDERS.

No. 1430

The Govt sanction the
charge of Rs 34..13..7 for
Sanitary precautions in
the town of Vaniambady.
should be debited to the
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under the head "Rs 25
Miscellaneous".

Mr Sharp should be
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To Bd of Rev with an Encl to Dept &c
& Acct General &c

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