No. 287. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1871, No. 3,396 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1870, No. 336.

I HAVE the honour to reply to the Board's Proceedings dated 16th July 1870, No 4,908.

2. There are no navigable channels in this district.

3. Appended is a list of ferries to which the provisions of Act I. of 1870 might be made applicable. A schedule of tolls to be levied thereat and an account of the average receipts during the past five years are also enclosed.

4. The tolls proposed are the same as those now levied. The ferries are rented out every year, so that no establishment is necessary, as the contractor provides boats and servants. I would recommend this system being continued, as I am convinced that they could only be worked at a loss by Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—List of Ferries.

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1871, No. 131.

As called for in your official memorandum of the 14th ultimo, No. 484, I have the honour to forward a statement showing the maximum rate of tolls collected over ferries in this district.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

THE list of ferries will be submitted to Government.

2. The Collector states Act I. of 1870 *might* be made applicable to them, but expresses no opinion as to the expediency of doing so.

3. The ferries are all rented out. There are 130 of them, and some realize only one Rupee per annum. The average proceeds amount to Rs. 4,800 a-year. The tolls vary, and higher tolls are levied during freshes than when the rivers are low.

4. It is obvious that this extensive system of ferries is like a system of toll gates, and the proceeds ought to be spent on local roads and not on channels in other districts (Section 29). Hence the Board think Act I. of 1870 should not be extended to Coimbatore. If it is extended a disproportionate quantity of printing will be required under Section 5.

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1871, No. 1,465.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur in opinion with the Board that the extension of Madras Act I. of 1870 to the Coimbatore District is inadvisable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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Ferries,—Letter from Collector of Coimbatore forwarding a list of, to which provisions of Act I of 1870, may be applied, and stating that there are no navigable channels in District, submitted to Government, with recommendation that Act should not be extended to this District.

No 1465. 28 August 1871