No. 67. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th September 1871, No. 3,922 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 17th August 1871, No. 268.

With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings No. 1,193, under date the 18th October 1870, forwarding coyp of Government Proceedings of the 13th idem, No. 1,556, I have the honour to enclose copies of the letters marginally noted from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, and Deputy-Collector on General Duties.

1. From Superintending Engineer, dated 5th June 1871, No. 52.
To Deputy-Collector, General Duties, dated 9th June 1871, No. 396.
2. From Superintending Engineer, dated 17th June 1871, No. 68.
From Deputy-Collector, General Duties, dated 1st August 1871, No. 256.

2. I am of opinion that the subject of altering the Sub-Magistrate's station from Ellavanasoor to Oolundoorpett may be dropped, unless the Government are prepared to bear the whole cost of the charge, as that spirited individual Rangappa Naik is not prepared to provide an office according to the standard design at the latter place, nor to contribute more than 300 Rs. towards the sum required to erect it.

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Enclosure No. 1.

From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 5th June 1871, No. 52.

With reference to Mr. Reade's letter No. 198, dated 21st October 1870, and the various reminders noted in the margin, I have the honour to express my regret that the reply from this Office has been so long delayed, and even now I cannot give you any thing like a full answer to the questions put.

Nos. —, dated 6th February and 24th April 1871, and * No. 85, dated 17th May 1871.

2. I referred the question recently to the Range Officer, and by his report, forwarded in original (to be returned), and by the remarks that I have made marginally thereon, you will see that the whole question is still in a very unsettled condition.

3. I have written these few lines, not in any way of disposing of the subject, but merely to show that it has not been lost sight of, but simply floundered over, and on hearing further from you, especially on the question of what style of office Rangappa Naik is prepared to build, and how far he is ready to lay down his money, I shall go further into the question, and by examining the towns named in person, shall be better able to report on the proposed transfer spoken of by Mr. Reade.

4. On the whole, perhaps, it would be better to leave Rangappa Naik alone, for Government surely can afford to build themselves Cutcherries, without relying upon spirited individuals.

5. Why the survey of the whole of Oolundoorpett should have been called for by the late Acting Superintending Engineer I am at a loss to understand.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Collector, to the Deputy-Collector on General Duties, South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 9th June 1871, No. 396.

IN enclosing copy of a letter dated 5th June 1871, No. 52, from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to report what style [illegible] Rangappa Naik is prepared to [illegible] Oolundoorpett for the use of the Sub-Magistrate. and to what amount he will provide funds for the building, in case the proposed transfer of the Sub-Magistrate's office from Ellavanasoor to that place is sanctioned.

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 17th June 1871, No. 68.

IN continuation of my letter No. 52 of the 5th June 1871, I have the honour to state that the Range Officer, No. 3 Range, South Arcot, has reported to me that Rangappa Naik of Arasampoondi states that he is not prepared to construct the Sub-Magistrate's office at Oolundoorpett according to the standard design, and that he has furnished you with a plan, showing the mode in which he would construct the Cutcherry, provided he is authorized to use the roof, doors, and windows, etc. of the present Ellavanasoor Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry.

2. I would leave him alone.

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ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From the Deputy-Collector, General Duties, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Trikalore, 1st August 1871, No. 256.

IN returning the enclosures to your letter No. 396, dated 9th June 1871, I beg to refer you to the plan that was submitted to Mr. Reade with my letter No. 104, dated 2nd April 1870, and it would show the style of building that Rangappa Naik had offered to build at Oolundoorpett for the use of the Sub-Magistrate now at Ellavanasoor.

2. Rangappa Naik has since been ill, and, as it is reported, there is no prospect of his recovery. He has apparently changed his mind since, and is not now quite anxious for the change which he so eagerly sought after a short time ago.

3. In his statement, copy enclosed, Rangappa Naik expresses his inability to raise the building or to provide any funds *unless he recovers from his present illness*, and the amount he promises, in the event of his recovery, is only Rs. 300, which is hardly five per cent. of the amount that may be required for the building.

4. I am thus of opinion that, as suggested by the Superintending Engineer in paragraph 4 of his letter No. 52, dated 5th June 1871, to your address, Rangappa Naik may be left alone, and it would, I believe, be placing ourselves in a false position to press the matter further.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their order quoted by the Collector.

2. Under the circumstances the Board agree with Mr. Garstin that the question must be deferred for the present.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th October 1871.*

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1871, No. 1,749.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur in opinion with the Collector and Board that the question of the transfer must be deferred till funds are available for erecting the necessary buildings.

(True extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS, 12TH SEPTEMBER 1871, No. 3,922.

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No. 3,922.

*Office of Sub-Magistrate of Yellavanasore*—in South Arcot District,—Letter from Collector forwarding correspondence regarding building offered to be erected by one Rungappa Naik at Oolundoorpett for accommodation of, and expressing opinion that subject of transferring Sub-Magistrate's station from Ellavanasore to Oolundoorpett must be deferred for present, submitted to Government with expression of concurrence in this opinion.

No. 1749. 6 October 1871

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