No. 28. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th February 1871, No. 706 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot and Special Agent, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Punrooty, 14th January 1871, No. 5.

REFERRING to my letter to the Board of the 22nd November last, No. 135, Special Agent's Department, I have the honour to state that, at the instance of His Excellency the Governor of the French Establishments, I have arranged that from the 26th instant the examination of all liquor, etc., be made every Thursday in each week alternately by the Sayer Superintendents of Madalaputt and Mortandy, who have received my instructions on the subject, and a copy of which I enclose, they having already been prepared by me for the duty.

2. Some time ago I went over the office and yard, accompanied by the Governor, which His Excellency has assigned to our people to enable the proper conduct of the duty of searching and passing all liquor, and, until I receive the orders of Government for the entertainment of the servants recommended by me in my letter above quoted, I have arranged that a Sayer Gumasta do accompany the Superintendent on the occasion of his visit for the above duty, and meanwhile the French Government will provide a Gauger to test the liquor and examine the casks, etc.

3. In what I have done Government will be put to no expense whatever, while it will involve very little additional labour or trouble to the Sayer Establishment, and only once a fortnight will the respective Superintendents be called away from their posts, and then only for the part of a day. I therefore trust my proceedings in this matter, which seems to fall in with the views of the Board and Government may be approved.

4. I also send translation of the Governor's demi-official letter (dated 11th instant) to me on the subject, asking that the arrangement be given effect to at an early date; and having fixed the 26th, there will be ample time, if objected to, for the receipt by me of any other instructions.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Order to the Superintendents of Madalaputt and Mortandy Chavady Sayer Stations.

IT has been arranged between the two Governments that for the present all wines in cask or bottle destined to pass from Pondicherry into English territory shall be properly examined, tested, and sealed once in every week at Pondicherry, and for this purpose the French authorities have set apart and prepared the necessary office with yard, etc., attached, where the liquor for exportation will be brought to undergo the necessary examination before being passed. The object of this arrangement is to prevent the detention of such goods on the road in exposed places, and through which exposure they would be liable to damage or deterioration. Accordingly from Thursday, the 26th instant, the arrangement will commence, and the Superintendents of Madalaputt and Mortandy stations will thereafter visit Pondicherry every alternate Thursday and remain at the appointed office for the object as above stated. A Gauger and separate Clerk will eventually be appointed by Government; but at present the Superintendent will take over a Gumasta with him on each occasion, and a Gauger will be provided by the French authorities to gauge the

liquor, etc. After examination every cask should be sealed with wax and duly stamped, the duty levied, and a certificate or pass granted in the usual form, so that the goods may be liable to no further detention when passing the Sayer station into English territory. The two Ameens of Madalaputt and Mortandy will meet the Collector at Pondicherry on Thursday next, the 19th instant, at the late office of Mr. Norfor, when they will be shown the proposed office at which they will conduct the above duties, and will receive all further needed instructions in regard to their proper conduct.

PUNROOTY,
14*th January* 1871.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

PONDICHERRY, 11th January 1871.

DEAR MR. READE,

THE small locality that you have inspected as the staple mart for the Sayer officer who will visit the spirituous liquors is ready and furnished; you can, therefore, give him the necessary orders.

His advent at Pondicherry once a week will quite suffice, *Thursday* being chosen by the Chamber of Commerce. The wines and liquors to be imported by land into the English territory will be brought by them to his office.

I therefore request that you will be good enough to let me know your final resolve that I may let the Chamber of Commerce know of it.

(Signed) BONTEMPS.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, 28th October 1870, No. 6,386, and 9th January 1871, No. 101.

2. The Board approve of the arrangements made by the Collector as a temporary measure, but they hope that their proposal to make the examination of goods a part of the duty of the Consular Agent will soon be carried into effect.

3. They observe that the concession which was asked for on account of *casks* only is made applicable to cases of *bottles* also, but they do not object to this.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1871, No. 375.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Customs.

RECORDED, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 1st February 1871, No. 209.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Revenue Department.

No. 378

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2d March 1871.

Read the following ~~letter~~ *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.*

Submitting letter from Collector, reporting arrangements made for examination of Liquor, destined to pass from Pondicherry into British territory (*R. C. 15th February 1871 No. 706.*)

Recorded with reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 1st February 1871, No. 209.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 2nd.

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G. O., 2nd March 1871, No. 375.

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Nos. 28-29.

Liquor passing from Pondicherry in British territory.—Proceedings Board of Re enue regarding arrangements made for its exami zation recorded, with reference to G. O. of the 1 February, No. 203.