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District Gazettes.—Letter from Collector of Malabar, submitting certain remarks with reference to order of Government for publication of, fortnightly instead of weekly, forwarded to Government, with recommendation to permit continued issue of Malabar District Gazette weekly.

5. In this case, reduction in the rates of subscription would be tantamount to furnishing the present quantity of paper and print at a reduced rate, which I deprecate. The cost of one copy of the Gazette for a whole year is as follows:—

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Paper ...	...	...	...	3	1	0
Printing	...	...	...	10	15	7
Postage ...	...	...	..	3	1	0

Total...17 1 7

The Gazette has now 122 full subscribers, and is largely taken by mercantile firms at Calicut, Tellicherry, Cannanore, and Cochin, chiefly for the value of its weekly tables of exports and imports. The value of these would be considerably diminished by their publication only twice a month. The Gazette has, in fact, so far developed itself in this district that it seems a pity to reduce its usefulness, merely because in some districts, where trade is less brisk, a fortnightly edition is sufficient to dispose of the available matter. I therefore request that the Board will sanction the continuance of the Gazette in its weekly form.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with reference to Government Order,
No. 1,830, dated 22nd November 1870.

2. Under the circumstances stated by the Collector, the Board would recommend the relaxation of the order as to Malabar, and would permit the continued issue of the Gazette weekly.

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3. They observe, however, that the Gazette is susceptible of considerable reduction in bulk by more careful editing, especially in the matter of official signatures and addresses.

4. In a Gazette published "by authority," in which the Collector is responsible for the propriety and *bona fides* of every official notice inserted, it is altogether unnecessary that the signatures and addresses of the various officers of Government who insert notices (including the Collector and Magistrate) should be printed in full. For instance, in the Gazette of the 17th December last, in order to intimate that the Gazette would not be published during the holidays, it was scarcely necessary to add the Deputy-Collector's name and official designation, the date on which he penned the notice, and the place where it was written. It would have been quite sufficient to insert the notice without any signature at all.

5. Moreover, there was nothing in the Board's Order to prohibit the weekly publication of the statistical supplement.

No. 35.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1871, No. 621.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's proposal in paragraph
2 is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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

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