No. 94. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st July 1872, No. 1,153:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 12th June 1872, No. 929, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Petty Construction and Repairs of Salt-works in Tinnevelly District.*—Proceedings Board of Revenue on the difficulty of utilizing the allotments in connection with them, with orders thereon.

THE Board have further considered this matter since their proceedings of the 29th May were submitted to Government, and observe that the relaxation of rule proposed by them, and now sanctioned by Government will not obviate the most important kind of delay, viz., that which occurs in obtaining estimates from the Public Works Department.

2. They would propose that in addition the Collectors should be invested with authority to sanction estimates not exceeding Rupees 500 prepared under the orders of, and signed by, the Salt Deputy-Collector for works of an ordinary character not requiring professional skill. Such are the excavation of small channels and the construction and repair of embankments, platforms, and huts. The measurements and rates involved in the estimating for and execution of these works are simple and the Salt Deputy-Collectors may safely be entrusted with the duty. Bills for the works should be passed for payment on completion certificates furnished by the same officers. In districts where the amount to be [illegible] large, a special overseer may be attached temporarily to the Salt Department during the working months, and paid from the estimates as has been done in Chingleput (Board's Proceedings, 28th August 1871, No. 3,694); and for works of the kind now under discussion his services would be at the disposal of the Salt Deputy-Collector.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1872, No. 1,055.

Separate Revenue, No. 8.
Salt.

APPROVED and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS, 1ST JULY 1872, No. 1,153.

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Salt works.—not requiring professional skill —Government recommended to empower Collectors to sanction estimates for—not exceeding Rupees 500, prepared under the orders of, and signed by, Salt Deputy-Collectors. Bills for the works to be passed for payment on Completion Certificates furnished by the same officers. In Districts where the amount to be expended is large, a special Overseer may be attached temporarily to the Salt Department during the working months, and paid from the estimates.

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21 " Public Works Secty " "
6 " Accountant Genl " "

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