Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st August 1872.

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1872, No. 1,213 :—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 10th June 1872, No. 1,639.

With reference to G. O., No. 673, dated 25th April 1872, communicated with Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 3,184, dated 30th idem, I have the honour to state, that it is estimated that about seven or eight thousand boxes of opium—about 30,00,000 tolahs weight—pass through Jaggiapett annually.

2. The merchants of Jaggiapett obtain their supplies from Indore or Oomeravatti, the means of transit employed being always bullocks, camels, and bandies. The drug is never imported by post except in very small quantities for samples. It is said that Kotah is one of the chief depôts for the Malwa opium, and that the Jaggiapett merchants get it from there *via* Indore where it pays a duty of 10 Annas per parcel to the Rajah of the place, a relative of Holkars. From thence it comes *via* Oomaravatti where it pays a duty of 1 Rupee a pukka seer, which clears it through the Hyderabad Territory into the British Territory. Again, Hoominábad opium pays a duty to the Nizam at Bhonday gani; I cannot tell the amount as none of the Jaggiapett merchants trade that way. Once at Jaggiapett the opium goes north as far as the Presidency boundaries and south to Madras and probably further as far as the merchants can tell. There is said to be a large consumption of it in the villages lying among the hills of the Northern Circars.

3. To the best of the Jaggiapett traders' knowledge it is none of it exported by sea.

Submitted to Government with reference to G. O., 25th April 1872, No. 673.

No. 4. Order thereon, 1st August 1872, No. 1,145.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Customs.

The Government see no need to take any further action in this matter.

2. The trade so far as any thing to the contrary appears is perfectly legitimate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS, 5TH JULY 1872, No. 1,213.

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Received 15th July/72

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No. 1,213.

Opium.—Letter from Collector of Kistna District, reporting probable quantity of opium passing through Juggiapett annually, stating that it does not seem to be exported by sea, and furnishing further information in regard to distance to which it is despatched, etc., submitted to Government.

With order
No. 1145 - 1st August/72.