No. 88. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd August 1872, Miscellaneous No. 5,318 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Trichinopoly, 19th July 1872, No. 151.

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue as per margin, I have the honour to forward the accompanying copy of letter from the late Officiating Deputy-Collector T. Puttibhiram Pillay, showing in detail the amount of work done up to date, in transferring to the Great Southern of India Railway the lands required for the Tuticorin extension line, with the aid of the extra establishment sanctioned in G. O. No. 182, dated the 30th January 1872.

Board's Proceedings No. 396, dated 16th January 1872.
Do. do. No. 814, dated 3rd February 1872.

2. Puttibhiram Pillay having assumed charge of the office of Huzoor Sheristadar on the 16th instant, his appointment of Special Deputy-Collector has been, as directed by Government in their order, communicated in the Board's Proceedings No. 4,838, dated the 12th instant, cancelled from that date.

3. The Board will perceive from his letter that, with the exception of the site required for the station-house at Trichinopoly, the disposal of which has been delayed pending a reference to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, all the lands required for the proposed line have been surveyed and made over to the Company, and the amount of compensation due to the land-owners has also been settled. The preparation of Registers and Bills and payment of compensation is all that chiefly remains to be done hereafter, and this Puttibhiram has, as arranged by my predecessor Mr. Webster, undertaken to perform with the aid of the extra establishment, in addition to his own duties of Sheristadar.

4. The extra establishment in question was entertained on the 12th February last, and the period of six months for which it was sanctioned expires on the 11th proximo. Puttibhiram Pillay requires that this establishment should be retained in its present strength for a further period of three months to enable him to complete this special work. Looking to the fact that the hands on the permanent establishment of the district are already fully employed, I consider that the services of the extra establishment are indispensably required, as proposed, for a further period of three months from 12th August next; and I beg accordingly that you will be pleased to obtain and communicate to me the requisite sanction for the same. A tabular statement is herewith forwarded.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Huzoor Sheristadar, Trichinopoly, to the Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge, dated Trichinopoly, 18th July 1872, No. 99.

Now that my appointment as Officiating Deputy-Collector is cancelled by Government Proceedings dated 5th instant, No. 26, I beg to submit the following report respecting the present state of the Railway work with which I was specially entrusted while holding the temporary appointment.

2. I entered upon my duties as Officiating Deputy-Collector on the 12th of February last, on which date my office establishment also was entertained. All the papers, etc., previously received respecting the Tuticorin Extension Line were sent to me.

3. I was for seven days assisting the Collector in the Jummabandy of the Trichinopoly Taluq, as it commenced immediately after I gave over charge of the taluq to my successor. I was, at the same time, engaged in making the preliminary arrangements for the measurement of the lands taken up for the new extension line, and in negotiating with the owners thereof.

4. From 12th to 20th March last, *i.e.*, during the Rock Fort and Moharum festivals which came off simultaneously, Mr. Whiteside put me in charge of the Town of Trichinopoly, and I was very busy all these nine days in going about the town and its suburbs, and in making such arrangements as were necessary for the time being to keep the peace and to avoid the clashing of the Mahomedan and Hindoo processions which took place both during the nights and day-time.

5. From the 25th March to 14th April I conducted the settlement of the Museri and Kulitalai Taluqs under the orders of Mr. Webster; but before going to Museri I succeeded in making over to the Company the Inspectors' and Engineers' bungalow-sites and the quarries and a few miles of the line itself, so that the Railway work might not in the least be delayed for want of lands.

6. From the 15th April up to the 17th of June, for a period of full two months, I was fully engaged with the Railway work and some magisterial cases sent me by the District Magistrate, and since then I have been doing the duties of the Huzoor Sheristadar in addition.

7. When I first commenced the Railway work, as Class A. lands were not distinguished from Class B. by any mark, I attempted to mark and separate both classes with the aid of the map furnished me; and this entailed much work upon my establishment. On my representing the matter to Mr. Whiteside, the Collector, he referred it to the Chief Engineer, and he wrote to say that A. and B. Class lands need not be separately measured. I felt great difficulty in making my measurement tally with that of the Railway Company. The Company had simply to take the length and breadth of the line and of the ground necessary for stations and for the diversions of rivers, etc., within the limits of each village, and calculate the area; and it was, therefore, very easy with them to ascertain the correct area: whereas I had to measure the several hundreds of pieces of fields comprised in the line, station ground, etc., in the limits of each village; and as the measurement must necessarily be defective from the pieces being very small and of different shapes, I always found it very difficult to make my measurement fit that of the Railway. I had on that account in several instances to measure twice and sometimes thrice over the same pieces. I was not allowed any temporary Surveyors as was done in the case of the Erode Extension Line to assist me in this work; but as I found I could do the work without Surveyors, I made use of one or two Curnams of the taluqs through which the line lay for a few weeks, and completed the work. To make the owners of lands agree to, and to convince them of the correctness of, the measurement, involved, in some instances, some difficulty.

8. As regards compensation for lands I fixed five general rates for each village as detailed in the margin, making each rate susceptible of a small proportionate increase or decrease according to the classification of the soil. In some special cases I allowed a little more if the improved state of the land and its value, because of its position, permitted it; and this I did in a very few instances. Before I set about fixing the compensation I provided myself with all the available informations respecting the sale of lands in the villages through which the line passes and those adjoining such villages. I procured this information from the Puttah Transfer Registers in the Taluq Cutcherries and from the entries of the Sub-Registrars' registers. I struck an average of the values of land for the past five years in each village as the limit beyond which I should not go, and commenced my negotiations for the settlement of value with the lowest figure, and went on raising it till the villagers agreed to a reasonable price. I also gave due consideration to the value of lands as entered in the title-deeds produced by the villagers at the time of settlement.

Cultivated Nunjah	Cultivated Punjah
Waste do.	Waste do.
Garden.	

9. The wells, houses, etc., taken up by the line I carefully inspected and valued the cost of their re-erection, allowing something for the removal of the materials, etc., according to the prevailing rates. I adopted this mode of compensation, because I knew that the sale-proceeds of the

materials would be as nothing when compared with what the Government might have to pay for them, and also because to purchase them wholesale and sell the materials would involve unnecessary expenditure to Government, especially as it would be necessary in addition to watch the articles until they were sold.

10. As regards the trees I allowed the owners to cut and remove them at once, but in the case of fruit-trees I allowed compensation, and have arranged for their being put up to auction on behalf of Government. In the case of those fruit-trees on Government Poramboke lands which were held under puttahs, I have allowed no compensation besides the removal of the tree itself by the owners and the cancellation of the tree-puttah, of course on the approval of the Collector.

11. In the Town and Cantonment of Trichinopoly I was obliged to allow a higher rate, as the line runs through valuable property.

12. The whole length of the line in this district is 41 miles and 25 chains, and the statement below shows the extent of all classes of lands taken up by the line and the average rate of price of each class, exclusive of the rate for the town, which is unavoidably higher, as is shown in the statement separately:—

Locality of the Lands.	Iyan or Inam.	Description.	Extent taken up. ACRES.	DEC.	Compensation settled. RS. A. P.	Average Rate per Acre. RS. A. P.
In the villages	Iyan ...	Nunjah.	40	6	3,466 6 3	86 8 6
		Garden.	26	8	857 1 1	32 13 9
		Punjah.	163	29	2,330 5 1	14 4 4
	Inam ...	Nunjah.	44	92	5,603 8 10	107 15 8
		Garden.	13	83	1,531 2 8	110 11 4
		Punjah.	149	3	3,967 7 9	26 9 11
In the Town and Cantonment	Iyan ...	Punjah.	10	64	311 7 11	29 4 4
	Inam ...	Punjah.	31	25	1,202 3 0	34 7 6
33 houses	.....	.....	...	...	410 9 0	.....
22 wells	.....	.....	...	...	2,108 13 0	.....
176 trees	.....	.....	...	...	361 6 0	.....
Total...	..	...	...	...	22,150 6 7	.....

13. As regards compensation for personal Inam lands the value fixed for Government lands was taken as the data for Kudivaram right; and as for the Melvaram right I have settled with them that they should take an equal value, *minus* the proportion which the quit-rent may bear to the full assessment of the land; as for instance, if one-fourth of the full assessment has been fixed as the quit-rent, the Melvaram owner is to be paid three-fourths of the compensation fixed for Kudivaram. The proportion of the quit-rent to the full assessment in each case is being now ascertained with reference to the Inam Registers. In the case of Service Inams I have already selected in a few important cases Government waste in the adjoining villages, and have taken agreements from the parties concerned to take these lands in lieu of the Inams.

14. The only bit of ground for which compensation has not as yet been fixed is that portion of the station ground which lies within the compound of the bungalow now occupied by Mr. Logan, the Chief Engineer, and his office. The owner thereof, the Lady Superioress of the Convent at Trichinopoly, wishes to know if the whole compound, inclusive of the bungalow and out-houses, cannot be taken, and Mr. Webster has referred the matter to the Consulting Engineer for Railways. With this exception, I have made over the whole of the line that lies within this district, and settled compensation for all the A, B, C, and D class lands, and have taken necessary agreements from the parties concerned, binding them to the prices I have settled with them for their lands, houses, wells, etc., included in the line.

15. The total value of all lands, houses, wells, etc., taken up for the Railway comes to Rs. 22,200 in round number. As it is likely that there may be mistakes in the calculation of

the proportion of the personal Inam quit-rent, and as some Nunjah lands shall have to be purchased in lieu of the Service Inams, I think the total cost may exceed the amount I have given above by about Rs. 3,000.

16. I received several petitions from the land-owners praying for culverts for small irrigating channels, cross-roads, etc., in those cases where the Railway Engineers had omitted to make any mark for constructing them. I disposed of all those petitions by representing to the Railway Engineers my own opinion in each case after personal inspection of the locality.

17. When I set about preparing the registers and bills for submission to the Consulting Engineer through the Collector, a communication arrived from the former to the effect that all necessary arrangements for the disbursement of the compensation should be made ready before the submission of the bills, and I at once wrote to ask if the title-deeds or receipts for the value paid should be taken from the parties concerned and registered before the bills and registers are submitted, and, if so, from what funds the registration fee should be defrayed; and the Collector has referred the matter to the Consulting Engineer for instructions.

18. Mr. Webster, when he offered me the Huzoor Sheristadaree, promised that he would allow the use of the establishment given me as Officiating Deputy-Collector till the close of the Railway work, but he omitted to mention this in his letter to the Board.

19. The registers and bills to be submitted to the Consulting Engineer have as yet to be prepared as above stated, and the title-deeds or receipts for the value paid have to be prepared for about 600 individuals, and I cannot get on with them unless the establishment is allowed me for about four months more. It has been sanctioned for six months only, and as that period expires by the 12th of August next, I request the favour of your getting the permission of the Board to its being entertained for three months more.

20. Besides the preparation of the registers, etc., I have enumerated above, there may be many other little works connected with the Railway, which I cannot quite anticipate just now; and it is not at all possible to get through the work with the limited establishment under the Sheristadar, whose hands are all fully engaged with their own legitimate work.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board recommend that the special establishment be retained for an additional period of three months from the 11th instant.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1872, No. 1,189.

Miscellaneous.

THE retention of the temporary establishment for a further period of three months is sanctioned.

2. Puttibhiram Pillay's report shows that he exercised much good judgment in the settlement of the matter entrusted to him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 5318 REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 2d August 1872.

Read the following

No. 151.

From W. P. Austin Esqre
Actg Head Assistant Collector in Chge.

To James Grose Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

SIR,

Adverting to the Proceedings
Bd. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue as per margin
dated 16th January 1872
do do No 814
dated 3rd February 1872

I have the honor to forward herewith accompanying Copy of letter from the late officiating Deputy Collector T. Puttabiram Pillai shewing in detail the amount of work done upto date, in transferring to the Great Southern of India Railway, the lands required for the Trichinopoly Extension Line, with the aid of the Extra Establishment sanctioned in G. O. No 182 dated the 30th January 1872

1872.

2. Pattabiraman Pillai having assumed charge of the Office of Huzur Sheristadar on the 16. Instant his appointment of Special Deputy Collector has been as directed by Government, in their order Communicated in the Board's Proceedings dt. 7838, dated the 12. Instant, Cancelled from that date.

3. The Board will perceive from his letter that, with the Exception of the Site required for the Station house at Tuticorin, the disposal of which has been delayed pending a reference to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, all the lands required for the proposed line have been surveyed and made over to the Company and the Amount of Compensation due to the

the Land-owners has also been settled. The preparation of Registers and Bills and payment of Compensation is all that chiefly remains to be done hereafter, and this Pattabiraman has, as arranged by my predecessor Mr. Webster, undertaken to perform with the aid of the Extra Establishment, in addition to his own duties of Sheristadar.

4. The Extra Establishment entertained on the question was entertained on the 12. February last, and the period of 6 months for which it was sanctioned expires on the 11. Proximo. Pattabiraman Pillai requests that this Establishment should be retained, in its present strength, for a further period of 3 months to enable him to complete this

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Special work. Looking to the fact that the hands on the permanent Establishment of the District are already fully employed, I consider that the services of the Extra Establishment are indispensably required, as proposed, for a further period of 3 months from 12th August next and I beg accordingly to request that you will be pleased to obtain and communicate to me the requisite Sanction for the same.

A Labourer Statement is herewith forwarded.

Trichinopoly Collectors Office 19th July 1872

I have to
(Signed) W. Austin
A.S. Asst Collr in charge

Submitted for the orders of Government.

The Board recommend that the Special Establishment be retained for an additional period of 3 months from the 11th Instant.

(Signed) J. Grote
Secretary

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with 2 Enclosures.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Dated 2d August 1872.
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SUBJECT.

Submitting letter from the A.S. Head Assistant Collector in charge Trichinopoly soliciting sanction for the retention of the Extra Establishment entertained to aid T. Pattabirama Pillai in making over the lands required for the Jutticotta Extension line for a further period of 3 months at a monthly Cost of Rs 103

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Sanction the retention of the Establishment entertained to aid T. Pattabirama Pillai in making over the lands required for the Jutticotta Extension line for a further period of 3 months at a monthly Cost of Rs 103 as noted in the margin.

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