No. 69. Read the following letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trevandrum, 5th September 1872, No. 99 :—

ADVERTING to the second paragraph of G. O., No. 1,179, dated the 9th ultimo, I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 30th October last, No. 76, when I reported that the Diwans of Travancore and Cochin stated that to the best of their belief the opium consumed in these States was the produce of British India and was imported from Bombay or Madras by land or by sea according to circumstances by the farmers of the Sircar's monopolies of the article.

The Sircars do not in either State obtain any supply for their respective monopolies; that is left entirely to the farmers of the monopolies.

2. I have called for further information from the Diwans as to the checks (if any) exercised by the Sircars against introduction by the contractors of opium not covered by pass and will report further as soon as I receive it.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1872, No. 1,308.

Separate Revenue, No. 7.
Customs.

THE Government await the Resident's further report.

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

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Resident's Office, 3d
Sheevandrum, 5th Sept.r 1872.

No. 98.

From,

G. A. Ballard Esquire
Resident in Travancor, Cochin

To,

The Honorable E. C. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
For.t Saint George

Sir,

×No. 1179. Adverting to the 2d para. of G.O. dated the 9th Ultimo I have the honor to refer to my letter dated 30th October last No. 96 when I reported that the Dewans of Travancore and Cochin stated that to the best of their belief the opium consumed in these States was the produce of British India, and was imported from Bombay or Madras by land or by sea according to circumstances by the farmers of the Sirkar's monopolies of the Article.

The Sirkars do not in either State obtain any supply for their respective monopolies. That is left entirely to the farmers of the monopolies.

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2: I have called for farther information from the Dewans as to the Checks (if any) exercised by the Sirkars against introduction by the Contractors of opium not covered by Pass and will report farther as soon as I receive it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Serv.t

G. Malcolm

Resident.

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From,
The Resident in
Travancore & Cochin

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dy 5 Sept. 1872
Rec'd: 9th " "

Ulla to Order
No. 99.

Enclosure - None.
No. 1308 Dt 9th Sept 72.

Reporting that
neither the Travancore
nor Cochin Governments
obtain any supply of
Opium for consump-
-tion in their States
except through the
Farmers of the Mono-
-polies —

No. 1308 Dt. 9th Sept. 72.
Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to
transmit herewith
Statement
No. 1.

I have &c.
(Signed) V. B.

From the Resident in Travancore & Cochin. Dated 18th Sept. 72.
14. Board of Revenue " — 4 —

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