No. 150. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Chepauk, 7th September 1872, No. 1,854-53 :—

IN compliance with G. O., 14th December 1871, No. 2,108, the officer in charge of No. 5 Revenue Survey forwarded to this Office five copper "Sashanams," lent by certain villagers of Vellapakam, Arcot Taluq, North Arcot District.

2. As Captain Liardet informs me that owners are unwilling to part with them, I have had copies made and lithographed, and have now the honour to transmit them. One set has been made (as far as material would permit), a facsimile of the original copper-plates, by Mr. Barren, the Head Draughtsman and Lithographer of the Survey Office, and I think he has satisfactorily succeeded in reproducing them.

10 copies plain.
1 copy bronzed.

3. No means being available for the translation of the inscriptions, I am unable to form any opinion of their purport or archæological value.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1872, No. 1,353.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that one set of the lithographed copies be forwarded to Mr. Burnell for his remarks. Colonel Priestley will be informed that the "Tambra Sashanams" to the owners with thanks for the loan.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To A. C. Burnell, Esq.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Director, Archæological Survey of India.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Returns 1872 Wpk
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Re Surveys

To Secretary to Govt
Re removal of Sarawak

Dated 7th
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Answd. 11th do
1872

No 1854
Inc 6 Rpts Re Pahang
Subject Dayaks

No 1353
Wm White Esq
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Copies "Sarawak" Land
Regulations of Village
Lakam, Orcot Salooks

No 1353

Brd Customs ask for the Lithographed
Copies to forward to Mr Burnell for
his Guards. Col. Bisshop will be good
enough to return the prompt return of the
"Tambahanmanu" & the owners
will thanks for the loan.

23rd Sept 72

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Ans 1st Oct
Copy to Hon. Cunningham
Lt Col Bisshop