No. 235. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1872, Miscellaneous No. 6,928 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Chittoor, 4th October 1872, No. 502.

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of the Board that I appointed, in July last, one Ragava Iyengar, a Gumastah in the Wallajah Taluq on Rs. 15, to be 3rd-class Revenue Inspector in the Chittoor Taluq on Rs. 20.

2. The Treasury Deputy-Collector in his letter No. 732 of the 10th ultimo has informed me that the Accountant-General objects to pass Ragava Iyengar's pay, as he has not been employed continuously from the 1st January 1859, and has not passed the General Test Examination.

3. From the enclosed copy of his Service List it will be seen that, although Ragava Iyengar was holding a subordinate appointment previous to 1864, he was actually doing a Gumastah's work in the Revenue Department, and lost is permanent appointment in 1860, when the new scale of establishment was introduced and the taluqs were reorganized.

4. Ragava Iyengar is known to bear a good character, and is well qualified by experience to hold the appointment to which I lately promoted him. His age is 36 years, and it would be very hard for him now to study for the examination while he has constantly to go about his division on business, and as a Gumastah he could find no leisure to study. There is much difficulty in this district in finding really efficient men for the post of Revenue Inspector, and as the general run of passed candidates are men of no experience they are of real little use in an appointment where experience is the chief qualification ; and if the Examination Rules are rigidly enforced in the case of servants of long standing and experience, the efficiency of the service must necessarily suffer, especially where, as in the present case, the salary of the post could be obtained by a Gumastah in a Taluq Katcheri with less travelling and infinitely less responsibility.

5. I beg therefore that, in the interests of the public service, the Board will be pleased, as a special case, to move the Government to exempt Ragava Iyengar from passing the General Test Examination.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1872, No. 1,482.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED as a special case ; the break in service that would otherwise qualify for the promotion having been caused by reduction of establishment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bandlemen.

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Rangava Iyengar of Walla-
Taluq who has been
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Annexed is a Statement
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Fort St. George

Question for determination — Whether
Candidate by Examination required

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