No. 293. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd October 1872, No. 2,046 :—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 28th September 1872, No. 225 :—

THE sanction accorded in G. O., dated 27th July 1871, No. 1,310, for the continuance of the extra establishment as per margin, entertained to facilitate the collection of the sums due on account of Escheat lands sold, as well as to perform the duties connected therewith, having expired on the 1st May 1872, the services of the servants concerned have been dispensed with.

	RS.
1 Gumasta on 20 Rupees for each of the Taluqs of Ponani, Ernad, Palghat, Kotteyam, and Kurumbranad	100
1 Peon on 6 Rupees do. do.	30
1 Gumasta in the Huzur	20
Total...	150

2. The only establishment left therefore, is that sanctioned in G. O., dated 17th April and 13th September 1871, Nos. 688 and 1,590 ; the authority for which expires on the 30th April 1873, as per margin.

	RS.
1 Inspector, Ponani Taluq	40
1 Do. Palghat do.	30
1 Clerk in the Deputy-Collector's office ...	20
Total...	110

3. The Deputy-Collector, Southern Division, who is immediately in charge of the Escheat Department and the five Tahsildars of the taluqs noted in the margin above, strongly urge the necessity of re-entertaining the Gumastas and Peons.

Particulars of kists.	1870-71.	1871-72.
	RS.	RS.
Arrears...	5,12,032	5,29,722
Kists for the current year...	1,99,713	1,59,795
Total...	7,11,745	6,89,517
Collection under Arrears.	1,45,913	70,115
Do. under Current Demand	41,334	31,046
Total...	1,87,247	1,01,161
Balance...	5,24,498	5,88,356

4. The Comparative Statement marginally noted shews the Demand, Collection and Balance of Escheat kists for 1870-71, and 1871-72. It will be seen that there is a decrease of Rupees 86,000 in the collection of the past year as compared with that of the previous year, and it seems scarcely necessary that I should repeat the causes which brought about this result as they have already been explained in my letters marginally noted.*

* Dated 30th May 1871, No. 132, and 28th February 1872, No. 379.

5. The ordinary Taluq establishments are quite unequal to the increased amount of the ordinary work which has fallen upon them since their formation years ago. I have no hesitation in

saying that the imposition of any further additional work upon these servants must inevitably lead to neglect of duty in some branch or other of the work.

6. It will be observed that the collections of the past year though comparatively tardy have caused the State only a percentage of not more than $1\frac{3}{4}$ Rupees.

7. The services of the extra Gumastas and Peons were not confined to the collections of each year's kists, but have been usefully employed in the preparation of the Jenm Deeds in cases where the purchase money was paid in full, and in many other miscellaneous duties. The number of Deeds issued during the past year amounted to 763 involving a sum of Rupees 4,94,759.

8. I have minutely gone through the nature and heaviness of the duties which the extra establishment had to perform and find that the amount of work to be performed in the current year in connection with the issue of Title-deeds and other miscellaneous work is equal, if not greater, than that to be imposed by the collection of kists.

9. As to the duties performed by the Gumasta entertained in the Huzur, he had to examine the various returns and accounts received from the taluqs, to prepare consolidated statements therefrom, and to test the correctness of the names, amounts, boundaries and other particulars mentioned in the Jenm Deeds, by comparing them with the Register Book, as also the stamp value of the Deeds. He had, besides, to attend to the ordinary correspondence.

10. On the whole, I am satisfied that if the extra aid hitherto allowed is denied, one of the clerks will have to be detailed from the regular establishment, no doubt, to the serious inconvenience of the ordinary work.

11. I have therefore the honour to request that sanction of the Board may be obtained for the re-entertainment of the extra establishment at a monthly cost of Rupees 150.

South Malabar.

	Rs.
1 Inspector on	40
1 Do.	30
4 Clerks on Rupees 20 each	80
3 Peons on Rupees 6 do.	18
Total...	168

North Malabar.

3 Clerks on Rupees 20	60
2 Peons on Rupees 6	12
	72
1 Clerk for Huzur on	20
Total...	260

12. To avoid the confusion resulting from there being two extra establishments for Escheat work sanctioned for periods terminating at different dates, I think it will be better to consider them as one establishment as per margin.

They might both be sanctioned till 1st April, when the introduction of the Limitation Law may alter the position of the question.

23. The establishment will be within the Budget provision which is Rupees 3,120.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board recommend the sanction of the establishment as proposed by the Collector in paragraph 12 until 30th April 1873.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th October 1872.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1872, No. 1,511.

Land Revenue.

THE temporary establishment is sanctioned as proposed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 3476

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND OCTOBER 1872, No. 2,046.

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Escheat establishment—in Malabar District.—Retention of — until 30th April 1873, recommended to Government.

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Approved - E.H.

30 Oct 72