Read the following:—

No. 190. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th September 1872, No. 1,806.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 1st August 1872, No. 385.

I HAVE the honour to submit for the consideration of the Board of Revenue a proposal that I desire to make, which, if sanctioned, will, I am strongly of opinion, conduce very much to the improved administration of this district.

2. The point in question is the manner in which the revenue-officials in charge of this district are inconveniently crowded together in stations closely contiguous, leaving enormous extents of each officer's division at a great distance from his head-quarters, and entailing thereby long journeys on all parties who have occasion to attend the several cutcherries from time to time.

3. The head-quarters of the Deputy-Collector on general duties is at Gudiattum, and his charge consists of the taluqs of Gudiattum and Palmanair and the magisterial charge of the Poonganoor and Kangoondy Zemindaris. Gudiattum is only 15 miles by rail west of Vellore, the head-quarters of the Sub-Collector, whose charge consists of the Vellore, Arcot, Poloor, and Wandewash Taluqs, and magisterial charge of the Arnee Jaghire. The Sub-Collector resides only 14 miles west of Ranoepett, the head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector, whose division consists of the Wallajah Taluq and magisterial charge of the Carvetnugger and Calastri Zemindaris.

4. The Board will thus perceive that the three revenue-officers I have named reside in almost a straight line east and west along the line of rail, quite close to one another, and are by no means centrically situated in respect to their several divisions.

5. The head-quarters of the Head Assistant Collector, it has been decided, shall be moved to Arconum when proper office-accommodation has been provided, and this will no doubt be a great change for the better in so far as the central position of the Head Assistant is concerned; besides Arconum is at the junction of the north-west line of rail, is rapidly rising in importance, and will some day be a place of large population and traffic. Stationed there the Head Assistant will be able to move by rail rapidly with ease to any portion of the division, and will in like manner be easy of access to complainants coming from all parts of his range.

6. The unwieldy proportion of the sub-division is the matter to which I now desire specially to invite the Board's attention; it is one that has for a long time received my careful consideration, and it has been again forced upon me more strongly by the report I submit herewith on the unsatisfactory condition of the Wandewash Taluq; and in dealing with that report I request the Board will be pleased also to dispose of this reference.

7. The town of Vellore is situated 40 miles north of the Cusbah Poloor, and 50 miles north-east from that of Wandewash. These taluqs, however, extend to a much greater distance, and the most southerly and eastern villages of the

17. I must not omit to add that if the charges of the Sub-Collector and Deputy-Collector are amended, a trifling alteration of existing Local Fund Circles will be required. This, however, will be of no serious importance. The Sub-Collector and Deputy-Collector's new divisions would then form the southern circle of the district, and the remaining portion of the district the other.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements,

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Map.

THE redistribution of taluqs now proposed by Mr. Whiteside has the advantage of locating a divisional officer in the immediate neighbourhood of the Wandewash and Poloor Taluqs where close supervision is eminently needed. The Sub-Collector, however, will be left with only three taluqs, which is too small a charge for an officer of that grade, and the most natural and convenient arrangement appears to be to add the Palmanair Taluq to his division, and to assign him the magisterial charge of the Kangoondy Zemindaris. The Collector will report whether he can propose a better distribution.

2. Although the Deputy-Collector from his proposed station at Arnee would be within easy reach of the taluqs of Poloor and Wandewash, it will be in any case desirable that the next settlement of those taluqs should be conducted by the Collector in person. Reforms are needed there which should be initiated under his personal authority.

No. 191. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th November 1872, No. 2,168.

Read again Board's Proceedings dated 11th September 1872, No. 1,806.

Read also the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 30th September 1872, No. 496:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 11th instant, No. 1,806, suggesting a modification of the redistribution of the charges of the Sub-Collector and Deputy-Collector on general duties in this district, and directing me to report whether I can propose a better distribution.

2. The Board's suggestion is to add the Palmanair Taluq to the Sub-Collector's division, which, under the arrangement already suggested by me, would be reduced to three taluqs, and to assign to that officer the magisterial charge of the Kangundi Zemindari.

3. I am of opinion that the addition of both these charges to the Sub-Collector would be too much. I have already shown in paragraphs 10 and 11 of my letter, embodied in the Board's Proceedings under reply, that the general work of the sub-division of late years has very much increased, and that in addition to this the Sub-Collector has the management of the work connected with Local Funds of the Vellore Circle and with the Vellore Municipality, of which Boards the Sub-

Collector is respectively now Vice-President. In proof of what I have urged I beg to submit copy of a letter* which I have since received from Mr. Kelsall.

* Dated 21st September 1872, No. 580.

4. Under these circumstances, I am of opinion that the addition of the magisterial charge of the Kangundi Zemindari to the Sub-Collector's proposed division would be as much as that officer can satisfactorily manage.

5. The Board will observe that in the concluding paragraph of his letter Mr. Kelsall requests that an Assistant may be placed in the sub-division to relieve him of some of his magisterial and petty revenue-work. The Sub-Collector is really in need of the relief he asks for, and I would beg strongly to recommend his request for the favourable consideration of the Board and Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. KELSALL, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector and President of the Vellore Municipality, dated Vellore, 21st September 1872, No. 580.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I have, as directed in your letter of September 18th, 1872, No. 1,735, assumed charge of the office of Vice-President of the Vellore Municipality.

2. I desire respectfully to record my opinion that the work of my own office will not allow me to give as much time to the Municipality as is required at the present juncture, and that it is most desirable that some one should eventually be appointed who has far more leisure than the Sub-Collector of this district ever will have.

3. If, however, it is determined that I am to hold the appointment permanently, I have the honour to suggest that, if possible, an Assistant may be placed in this division to relieve me of some of my magisterial and petty revenue-work.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Acting-Collector.

BY the present arrangement of revenue charges, sanctioned in G. O. dated 8th July 1868, No. 1,889, the Sub-Collector has Arcot, Vellore, Wandiwash, and Arni, and the Deputy-Collector has Gudiattum, Kangundi, and the magisterial work of Palmanair (the revenue administration being managed directly by the Collector).

2. In submitting this arrangement to Government the Board remarked that the Sub-Collector's charge was heavy, and subsequent experience has shown that it is too heavy for efficient administration. This is clearly shown in Mr. Whiteside's letter of the 1st August.

3. He now proposes to give the Sub-Collector, Arcot, Vellore, Gudiattum, and Kangundi, and to station the Deputy-Collector at Arni, and give him charge of Wandiwash and Poloor and the Arni Jaghire.

4. The Collector will thus assume magisterial charge of Palmanair.

5. The Board entirely approve of the proposed redistribution of charges, and resolve to recommend Government to sanction it.

6. Mr. Whiteside thinks the redistribution will necessitate a change in the Local Fund Circles, Gudiattum being taken from the Northern Circle and added to the Southern, but the Board doubt this. The Palar is the most natural divid-

ing line, and no inconvenience will be caused by leaving Gudiattum in the Northern Circle. The Sub-Collector can be an official member of the Boards of both Circles.

7. The future establishment of a distillery at Arni by Messrs. Corbett and Morison is alluded to in the papers. The Board understand that the Abkári Contractors are being urged to establish this distillery contrary to their own wishes by the Collector, but they doubt whether the project is necessary or expedient. A depôt would answer all purposes as well as a distillery.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1872, No. 1,617.

Miscellaneous. APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated November 26th.

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District Charges of North Arcot.—Pro
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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 9TH NOVEMBER 1872, No. 2,168.

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District Charges—Redistribution of—in North Arcot District.—Proposals of Collector in regard to—recommended to Government for sanction. Propriety of an Abkári Distillery being established at Arni questioned.

To the Cheif Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

,, the Collector of North Arcot.

with copy of Board Proceedings No. 1,806 of 1872.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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