No. 303. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th May 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,662 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Cocanada, 17th April 1872, No. 91.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 4th July and 8th January last, Nos. 2,687 and 52, respectively, I have the honour to submit the following report on the state of the taluq records and offices.

2. They have been carefully examined by the divisional officers, whose report of the manner in which they are kept and the arrangements made for granting extracts is, with the following exceptions, favourable.

3. At Tanuku the two rooms in which the records were kept have been converted into a Subsidiary Jail, and the records are now mostly kept in the verandahs. The space at Pithapore is insufficient. At Narsapur the Taluq Cutcherry is located in a building rented for the purpose, which is reported to be, from want of space and defective construction, most unsuitable, and no better accommodation is available. The erection of a new Cutcherry was sanctioned* some time ago, but under Order of Government dated the 25th January 1870, No. 310, Public Works Department, the materials collected for the purpose were sold, and nothing has been done since. The present Taluq Office of the Bhimaveram Taluq is at Viravasaram. The building belongs to Government, but the accommodation is insufficient. Under G. O. dated 9th April 1869, No. 975, the head-quarters of the taluq have to be removed to Bhimaveram, where a site for the office has been selected and the construction of a new building sanctioned. The Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Cocanada has the necessary accommodation, but being situate in the main street of the town on which it fronts, there is considerable difficulty in carrying on work, owing to the din which prevails during nearly the whole day. My predecessor was of opinion that it should be removed to a less frequented spot. There is a good site available about 200 or 300 yards distant in the immediate vicinity of the Munsif's Court. If sold, it is estimated that the building and site would fetch about Rs. 3,000. I strongly recommend the transfer of this office to the site above-mentioned. The present building, though in good order, is not well adapted for a Magistrate's office.

* G. O., dated 21st June 1869, No. 1,037, Judicial Department.

4. A house has been rented under the authority of Government dated the 28th October 1871, No. 1,498, for the Taluq Cutcherry at Rajahmundry, pending the erection of a new office.

5. Sivakode in the Narsapur Taluq is the station of the Sub-Magistrate and Deputy-Tahsildar, and the Government building in which his office is now located is sufficient for the purpose.

6. Many interpolations and interlineations were found in the records of the Ellore and Tanuku Taluqs, but the Head Assistant Collector informs me that he sees no reason to believe that any of them were made with a fraudulent intent. Instructions have been issued to prevent this for the future.

7. No Curnams or outsiders are allowed access to the record-rooms, but the necessary documents for reference are inspected by them in the presence of the Taluq Sheristadar or Deputy-Tahsildar.

8. As regards the necessity for increasing the subordinate revenue agency, I have not the least hesitation in saying that at any rate in the delta taluqs the establishments are inadequate to the requirements of the service. As cultivation and irrigation extend and property becomes more valuable, so does the work of a Tahsildar and his subordinates increase. In Yernagudem Taluq, yielding a revenue of Rs. 1,28,000, there is the same establishment provided as for Bhimaveram, the land-revenue from which is almost four lakhs. In Ramachendrapur, Amalapur, Narsapur, and Tanuku, the revenue from which ranges from five lakhs to eight-and-a-half lakhs, only one additional Gumastah is allowed.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st May 1872.

No. 304. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1872, No. 852.

Miscellaneous.

THE employment of two Clerks for two months at a total cost of Rs. 60 is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Miscellaneous No. 3662 Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 20th May 1872

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F. C. E. Sullivan Esqre
Acting Collector

To,

J. Gross Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
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Godavery Dt Collrs Office (Sd) H. C. Sullivan
Cocanada 17th April 1872 Actg Collector

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True copy & Extract
H. Stokes
Acting Sub-Secretary

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

C. Manchester
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Board of Revenue

Dated 20th May 1872
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Submitting a Report of Collr. of Godavery Dt. on state of Taluq records & offices, and recommending that two vernacular clerks at a cost of Rs. 60 be temporarily sanctioned for arranging records of Cellore Taluq.

Walter Ross
No. 862-31st May