No. 105. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st June 1872, No. 883:—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 18th May 1872, No. 599:—

In pursuance of General Orders,* I have the honour to submit, for the information of the Board of Revenue, copies of telegrams that have lately passed to and from the Government and myself. In contravention of such orders, it would be idle for me to urge my own views further.

* C. O., No. XXVII. of 1867.

2. Of course no one can foretel with certainty that a breach near Ullal will take place positively this monsoon. If it does not, all our worst fears may be dissipated by a natural junction of the Netravaty and Gurpur rivers on the disappearance of the Badakodi Island. But if on the contrary a breach near Ullal does occur this monsoon, and does anticipate the junction, then whether the subsequent junction will be an equally easy matter as opined by the Chief Engineer, or a matter of greatly enhanced difficulty and expense, this at least remains that the Government will have to face the necessity of promptly making a heavy outlay for emergently taking advantage of supposed opportunities or grappling quickly with daily enhancing difficulties.

3. I hope to be able in about three weeks or a month to address the Board more fully on this subject, meanwhile, I am anxious that the Board should prepare the Government for this position, so that available funds may not be anticipated in other directions of less importance and less emergency.

4. I am confident that I shall be able to satisfy the Board in that letter, not only that Mangalore is calculated to be immeasurably the most important port on this Coast, and second only to Bombay, but also that in spite of all its present navigation difficulties it already is the first port on this Coast in this Presidency, and I believe already second only to Bombay, and that it has obtained this position in spite of favoured rivals by the mere force of its irrepressible natural advantages of position.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1872, No. 910.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. B. Bartleman

Revenue Department

1872. No 1943

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Proceedings, 1st June 1872, No. 883.

Dept 26 June /72

Encl. 1

Received 7

JUNE.
No. 883.

Mangalore harbour—in South Canara District.—Letter from Collector forwarding copies of telegrams between Government and himself regarding — and requesting Board to prepare Government to meet demand for works which may be rendered necessary to the harbour by the next monsoon, submitted to Government.

No 910

10 June /72