Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th October 1872.

No. 249. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated October 1872, Miscellaneous No. 6,724 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to t Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 23rd September 1872, No. 21

I HAVE the honour to state that a Nair named Kooppakunnath Unneri A an inhabitant of the Manjeri Amshom, Ernad Taluq, died intestate and with heirs on the 3rd February 1872.

2. The deceased has left moveable and immoveable property; the forme being valued at Rs. 12-8-0 and the latter at Rs. 662-8-0, or Rs. 675 in the aggre- gate. His debts amount to Rs. 264-12-0, of which Rs. 196-8-0 consists of encum- brances on lands; the net assets of the estate thus represent a sum of Rs. 410-4-0.

3. The deceased leaves behind him a childless widow, 45 years old; but she has no legal claim upon the property of her husband, whose family followed the Marumakathayam rules of succession.

4. The Tahsildar brings to notice that this woman was kept by the deceased as his wife while she was very young, she nursed him during his illness, and finally performed the funeral ceremonies connected with his death. That officer therefore recommends that the moveable property, valued at Rs. 12-8-0, together with a sum of Rs. 100 out of the sale-proceeds of the landed possessions, may made over to the widow whose means of living is precarious.

5. I think it is most desirable that the woman should receive som aid from the property left by her husband, [illegible] approved the assets left to Government would be reduced to about Rs. 300.

6. I think it would be well to leave the whole assets and liabilities of the estate to the widow as an act of grace.

7. The moveables are in the custody of the Adigary, and the landed pro- perty in the possession of mortgagees and tenants.

SUBMITTED for the order of Government.

2. The Board support the Collector's recommendation on behalf of the widow in whose favour he suggests the escheat should be relinquished.

No. 250. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1872, No. 1,489.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector is authorized to carry out his proposal in favour of the widow.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.