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No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1873, No. 111.

At paragraph 5 of their Proceedings first above read, it was stated that the correspondence relating to the petty dues of the nature of a Moturpha levied by the Cannanore Rajah within the "Karar limits" would form the subject of a separate order, and the recent reports on the dangerously insanitary condition of the town and suburbs, in great part of which municipal action is obstructed by the existence of this separate local tax, preclude further inaction on the part of Government, as it is perfectly evident that, from the date of the previous correspondence up to the present time, the Rajah, notwithstanding the promises made in the matter, has done nothing whatever effectually to remove the grounds of complaint.

2. The effect of the continued levy of these private dues would be to inflict a serious hardship on the people living within the Karar limits who have become liable also, under the Towns' Improvement Act, to the payment of municipal taxation, and, pending the settlement of this question, the collection of municipal taxes has remained in abeyance.

3. From the correspondence printed in the former Proceedings, and from the recent report, it is evident that, in consequence of the Karar lands and houses being scattered over a large portion of the municipal area, the effect of this exemption has been to paralyse useful municipal administration in a large Military Cantonment and to expose the public health of an important town to serious danger.

4. The Government have, therefore, resolved that the collection of these petty taxes shall cease, and that the provisions of the Towns' Improvement Act shall be applied within the Karar limits of Cannanore. The collection by the Rajah of such personal and professional taxes of the nature of a Moturpha has no legal sanction or authority, but the Government recognise the fact that, by their entire abolition for a public object, a considerable loss will be entailed on Sultan Musa Ali Rajah, and that he is equitably entitled to a reduction of *peshkush* on this account. In accordance with this view, the Collector of Malabar was authorized to offer liberal compensation in this form to the late Sultan Ali Rajah on the condition that all collections of the nature of Moturpha taxation should cease, but he declined to consent to any settlement of the matter.

5. The same offer will now be renewed to Musa Ali Rajah, who will be informed by the Collector that, in the event of his refusing to enter upon an agreement upon the subject, the necessary steps will be at once taken to prevent the levy of the private cesses in question within the Karar limits, on payment of compensation calculated on the ascertained net income derived from this source.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
14th March 1873.

6. The Collector will report, with as little delay as possible, the result of his communication of this decision to Sultan Musa Ali Rajah, as the Government cannot allow matters to remain as they are at Cannanore in regard to sanitation.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Accountant-General.

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THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR,

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Dated March, 14th.

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Passing orders in view to the petty dues now collected by the Cannanore Rajah within the Karar limits being discontinued, and the Towns' Improvement Act introduced therein.

W. 109
Comm.r to the
Board of Revenue
18 March 73.