No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th January 1873 No. 42 :—

Read the following letter from Assistant Surgeon J. J. L. RATTON, M.D., on Special Duty, to the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th December 1872, No. 9.

In reply to your communication, Miscellaneous No. 8,069, received this day, I have the honour to inform you that if the Board will apply for my services, substituting for two years whatever time is thought proper, it may be relied on that I will do my best to get through the work, if possible, in that time. My estimate of the time required to complete the work sketched (see Miscellaneous No. 7,838) was arrived at as follows :—The examination of the remaining southern salt stations from Merkanum to Cape Comorin will take from January till May or thereabouts ; it will be impossible, I think, to get from the Cape to South Canara, and to examine the salt manufactories there before the south-west monsoon sets in in June ; that work should, therefore, stand over till the following year. By reversing the procedure I could finish with the West Coast by May or June, but then again I could not examine half the southern salt stations on the East Coast before the end of the season in July or early in August, and the remainder should have to stand over till the next year. I had besides (in letter No. 7) reflected that the Board had not yet my report before them, wherein I ask to be allowed to test practically the method of salt manufacture I recommend.

Submitted to Government with reference to G. O., dated 2nd December 1872, No. 1,632.

2. The Board recommend that sanction be asked for the continuance of Dr. Ratton's employment on special duty for a year from the present time, or till 31st December 1873. This period ought in the Board's opinion to be ample to enable him to complete the examination of the manufacture in the Southern Districts, to devote a month to the West Coast, and to finish his report. The only Government pans on the West Coast are in the north of the Canara District and manufacture begins in March. They are within easy reach by rail and steamer; and Dr. Ratton after working southwards through South Arcot to Negapatam, could easily run across to the West Coast by rail ; and after examining the Canara manufacture in April, could proceed by steamer to Tuticorin and thence northward again to Negapatam. Manufacture in the Southern Districts goes on till September. He would then have ample time left to complete his report.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st January 1873.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1873, No. 79.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Salt.

APPLICATION will accordingly be made to the Government of India for the continuance of Dr. Ratton's employment on special duty till 31st December 1873.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Date 1 January 21st

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/ True Copy & Extract /

H.E. Stokes

Ag: Sub-Secretary.

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The Secretary to Government.

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