No. 13. Read the following letter from Rev. J. BURGESS, Editor, *Indian Antiquary*, to J. STURROCK, Esq., C.S., Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Bombay, 15th August 1873:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge G. O. of 6th instant, No. 811, just received, and, whilst acknowledging with thanks the consideration shown to my request by His Excellency the Governor in Council in offering to try to meet that request by having careful *copies* made and lithographed, I would most respectfully solicit that such copies be not proceeded with. I consider such copies as can be made otherwise than by mechanical processes as only a waste of money: no one can depend on their accuracy; and the most skilful Sanskrit scholar is sometimes led to make mistakes that a mere copyist would not make. We have had sufficient proof of this in the Wallabhi plates. Where perfect facsimiles cannot be made at once, I think it much better to make no attempt beyond taking a copy for rough translation, leaving the preparation of an authoritative copy in abeyance until it can be made successfully. I am at present about to return to Europe on a short visit; but, on my return, I may possibly find opportunity to visit Madras, and take such estampages as will enable me to make a facsimile.

2. I beg to tender my thanks for the promise of what information Mr. Burnell may supply respecting the Villapakam plates for use in the *Indian Antiquary*, and would request that it be addressed to "the Editor" who, in my absence, has instructions to attend to it as soon as received.

3. I have the honour, also, to tender my thanks for the promise of the Langadibbi drawings and of such papers on ethnographical and archæological subjects as may, from time to time, be sent to Government. This will be a boon to savants in Europe and America as well as to many in this country, who will see such papers in the *Indian Antiquary*, but would have no opportunity of seeing them as Government papers.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1873, No. 939.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that so much of paragraph 5 of G. O., No. 811, dated 6th August 1873, as relates to the Nuzid Sasanams remain in abeyance until further orders.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Editor of the "Indian Antiquary."
" the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
" the Professor of Sanskrit, through the Director of Public Instruction.
" the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

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Read the following letter from the Revd. Jas. Burgess, Editor, Indian Antiquary

Tendering his thanks to Govt. in directing the transmission to him of papers treating of Archæological & Ethnographical subjects and requesting that copies of the Nuzzid Sasanums be not made and lithographed

A.R. 15th August 1873

Ordered that so much of para 59 G.O. No. 811 dated 6th August 1873 as relates to the Nuzzid Sasanums remain in abeyance until further orders.

Rev. Burgess begs that the notes forwarded with as he doubts the copies being correctly made the type sheet after which he must withdraw he must correct to that extent & return the proofs & will transmit a fac-simile for lithographing.

Editor of the Indian Antiquary
Supt. of Revenue Survey
Professor of Sanskrit &c. &c.
Director of Public Instn.
Board of Revenue.