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No. 156. Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 28th April 1873, No. 38 :—

I have the honour to inform you that there is a village on the northern side of Cocanada entirely inhabited by Pariahs. This village, forming a portion of the town and adjoining one of its principal thoroughfares and the Madras Bank, contains about 290 huts, of which 125 belong to a class of people who have been living there ever since the foundation of the town, and 165 to people come some five or six years ago from Vizagapatam District to seek employment here. The ground on which the latter huts, or the comparatively new portion of the village, is situated is a Zerayetti land belonging to the Zemindar of Pittapore, and given out for a small annual rent by the ryot who is the holder of the land under the Zemindar to the owners of the huts.

2. The village containing the old and the new huts is so overcrowded that there is hardly room for a scavenger to enter into and clean the place, and, consequently, small-pox and other diseases are often prevalent there.

3. Dr. Cornish inspected the place personally in the latter part of 1871, and, thinking that the existence of this village was a serious drawback to the improvement of the town as well as a source of danger for the public health, suggested that it should be removed to some further distance from the town.

4. The Commissioners also have on different occasions inspected the place and exerted themselves to make arrangements for its sanitation ; but, all their efforts having proved vain, they have resolved to apply to Government in order to obtain its sanction for the entire removal of both the old and new portions of the village from their present sites to a place about 1000 yards to the north, undertaking to pay a fair compensation to each of the owners of the huts for rebuilding them there with their old materials.

5. The new site intended for the reconstruction of the huts is an Inam land which the Commissioners will purchase for the purpose.

6. I request that Government will sanction the removal of the village.

No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1873, No. 663.

Under Section 143 of the Towns' Improvement Act, 1871, the Governor in Council sanctions the proposal of the Municipal Commissioners to arrange for the removal of the huts in question to an unobjectionable site on payment of due compensation to the owners.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secretary,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cocanada.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
COCANADA.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 1873.
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