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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th September 1874.

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2. As it is very desirable that Sri Baliah should be assisted by an extra hand really experienced in the special work now assigned to him, and as the Board hope to have the settlement completed soon, I have ordered that the services of Ragothama Row be at once placed at the disposal of the Deputy Collector. This arrangement reduces the already inadequate number of Revenue Inspectors of the Kullakurchi Taluq from three to two, with which the Board will certainly agree with me in thinking that it is impossible for Mr. Lister to carry on the Revenue administration of the taluq with any success. It will take at least six months before the settlement is concluded; and Ragothama Row's services will probably be required for all that time by the Deputy Collector.

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3. But then what am I to do? I cannot possibly manage Kullakurchi Taluq with a couple of Revenue Inspectors. Satisfactory revenue administration is impossible with only three Revenue Inspectors; and, if this number for purposes of general administration is reduced to two, I must realize my position as the nominal head of a phantom establishment, and trifle for Fasli 1284 whatever revenue the Curnams may choose to give me.

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(True Copy.)

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No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1874, No. 1, 19.

Land Revenue, No. 3.

THE Governor in Council sanctions the first proposal contained in paragraph 1 of the foregoing Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. Grubert.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From Pro. Bd of Rev.
Dated 15th Augt 1874.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. H. Grubert.

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PROCEEDINGS, 15TH AUGUST 1874, No. 2,268.

Dated 25 Aug 1874

Encl.

Received 26 August 1874

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No. 2,268.

Sankarapurum Jaghire—in South Arcot District.—Proposals of Collector that Ragothama Row, Kullakurchi Revenue Inspector, should be deputed to assist Sri Baliah in settlement of —, a substitute being appointed to act for him, and that an additional Revenue Inspector should be appointed to taluq, submitted to Government for sanction with Board's recommendation in favor of first proposal alone.

For orders.