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No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1874, No. 1,331.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Salt.

THE Governor in Council regrets that it is not in his power to comply with this application. Mr. Plunkett's merits have already been recognized and his claim for promotion will receive consideration on the occurrence of vacancies, but a special allowance cannot be granted.

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3502

From Mr. B. Chetty, Chapter 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

The petn. of Subbiah Chetty
Servn. Cuddapah &c. &c.
Praying for permn.
Appointment - &c.

Gobt. of 1874 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October 16th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 10th October 1874, No. 1,321.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 176-177.

Mr. Plunkett, Deputy-Collector, Salt Department, Nellore District.—Declining to grant a special allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem to —.

[illegible] Cases [illegible] Bks
list the [illegible] Collateral [illegible]
is understood. Understood
administration is in Cash
and I will ask the Board to
[illegible] to suggest some
mode of new [illegible] the
Establishment [illegible] as to
diminish the [illegible] of the present
without increasing them.
Argyle Rooms [illegible]

[illegible] 10/15

[illegible] Establishment
will be [illegible]

I think we should
say that Miss Butt
& proceed
claims in the case in
Literature in the Faculty
Vacancy. But Victoria should
also ask to be
Shorter [illegible] the only [illegible]
Queen's [illegible] S. W.
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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,803.

Plunkett, Mr., Salt Department, Deputy-Collector, Nellore.—Recommendation of Collector that a special allowance of Rupees 100 may be granted to — on account of his work, submitted for favorable consideration of Government.

Ext. G. A. Turton;