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No. 342. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th June 1875, No. 1,772 :—

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27*th September* 1874.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. R. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Sydapet, 11th May 1875, No. 808.

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2. There seems to be no doubt that if Sunnapugunta be abolished, a depôt for the sale of salt will have to be established in its place somewhere in the neighbourhood (in the opinion of the Salt Deputy Collector of this district at Kottur.) The establishment of such a depôt will cost money, and will lead to no increase in the salt revenue. Further, my experience leads me to believe that in many cases where facilities exist for the manufacture of salt the abolition of salt pans leads to illicit manufacture.

(True Copy.)

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1875, No. 1,156.

Separate Revenue, No. 47.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated July, 31st.

Read.

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Nos. 342-343.

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To the Collector of Nellore.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" to the Acting Collector of Chingleput.
" to Dr. Ratton.

Encl. W. J. Lewis.

No 11156
31st July 75.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 28TH JUNE 1875, No. 1,772.

Dept 3 July 75

Encl.

Received 8: July/75

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No 11156-31 July 1875
With order.

Encl. to Hon. W. Ellis's M.F. 25/7/75 pd 26 July/75
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