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Tamluk". The proposal in has already been seen, of Contai should Sub-Divisions of Contai with a new Sub-Division comprising the thanas of Arayangarh, and Sabang, forming part of the Midnapur Sub-Division. The presentation of the people, ought to set at rest the alleged inaccessibility of the people, but I will not

vision of Tamluk, which the District of Contai, the District of Contai, Panchkura or Maishadal, and Nandigram. The of the thana of was until recently at the people of this thana are say anything against the thana of Masalandal is nearer to Contai than Kharagpur or Midnapur the expenses of these and to be cheaper in the

The Hidjli tidal at their gates, running of the thana, and the Orissa Coast joins Contai. The thana is practically like Maishadal. The only at now remain to be are the thanas of Panchkura, and it is at they are both con-

amer and railway re- people of Tamluk and come to Kolaghat and on the B. N. Rail- they may go to tai by rail, a journey of hours. Besides, the road between Contai has been melted up to the side and Kalinagore and bullock carts are for the people to travel of the year. There

steamer service be- and Contai through and Orissa Coast the arrangement when King Edward VII. of Wales, passed

goan on his way to not, therefore, be remotely that Contai to the people of Tam- proposed in 1904, part of the greater District of Contai.

main the case of the of Dantan, which the district of Contai. by the aforesaid com- by Sir Andrew that this new Sub-

ment of the thanas Arayangarh and Sabang. Sub-Division be also Contai? My now is in the negative. the thanes will be have a Sub-Division they have not at I understand, submitted a

acknowledging the Gov- will then have for the appoint- And they are they

of the proposed partition will be fru- trated. Completely by making Kra- ragpur the new district town, for the object, it is alleged, is to acquaint the District Officer with the peoples them- selves personally, which he can not possibly do from Kharagpur—at least, not so effectively as he could have done from Contai. It is no statesmanship at all to neglect a so-called inaccessible but ever progres- sive place, with a faithful source of discontent to the administration and the people alike, and it is earnestly prayed that the mistake is found out by the authorities before it is too late. The proposal of the Committee of 1904 was not at all disproportionate from the points of view of area, po- pulation and revenue, and it ought to be admitted now that a more bene- ficial administrative scheme was sel- dom, it ever, conceived by a body of Divisional Commissioners of Bengal— with a direct railway line between Contai Road Station and Contai, which is spoken of by the Bengal Administration Report of 1912-13, at Page 80, and with a similar railway line between Panchkura and Tamluk, which is referred to in the deed of Provisional agreement between the District Board of Midnapore on one side and Messrs Martin and Co., on the other, the whole of the proposed District of Contai will be opened up in 3 to 4 years and may it not please the orderings of Providence that there will be no lamentations over the present partition scheme, consequent upon the unpleasant discoveries of inevitable mistakes and lack of per- sonal knowledge of the people by the District Officer:—It is not unknown to us what an average young District Officer is made up of now-a-days, and what are his general dispositions, and may not Kharagpur, with the large white population and electric lights fans, prove itself the grave of reputation of any body in the future.

ONE WHO KNOWS THE DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT ENGINEER OF HOOGHLY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BENGALIAN."

SIR,—I beg to draw the attention of the public through the medium of your much esteemed paper to the recent appointment to the post of the District Engineer of Hooghly, which has been offered to a junior and apparently inexperienced man in supersession of the claims of ex- perience and distinguished Sibpur College graduates, in violation of a Bengal Government Circular to the effect that a candidate for the post of a District Engineer must have at least five years' experience and that pre- ference should be given to Sibpur Col- lege students. I understand the gentleman selected by the District Board has only about nine months' experience in the District Board of Rungpur. He was originally a student of the C. E. College Sibpur, in the lower classes, but he proceeded to England and in a much shorter time than his friends in the East came back as an Engineering Graduate. A number of first class Sibpur men with more than five years' experience be- hind them applied for the situation but unfortunately their claims have been overlooked for reasons unknown and the junior man has been appoint-

ed. It is a pity that the follow- ing

THE INDIAN RELIEF FUND.

BENGAL WOMEN'S BRANCH

The further following subscriptions have been received since the publica- tion of the last list. All money re- ceived is devoted to the provision of comforts for our sick and wounded soldiers. A gift of Rs. 250 provides a complete "Unit" box of extras and outfits for 10 beds.

Mr. J. F. Madan (proceeds of El- dhinstone Bioscope Entertainment), Rs. 2001. Mr. J. F. Madan (proceeds of entertainment by the Parsee El- dhinstone Dramatic Club), Rs. 1,542. The proprietors of "Kosmos" (pro- ceeds of entertainment) Rs. 165-8, St. John's Ambulance Association (B- R. centre) Rs. 250, Ladies of Rajbari and Goalundo 250, (Mrs Hurst 5; Mrs. Lebach 10; Mrs. Sharling 5; Mrs. Marshall 5; Mrs. Khurshed Rs. 5; Mrs. Shield Rs. 5; Miss Moss Rs. 3; Mrs. Neale Smith Rs. 5; Mrs. C. S. Das Rs. 5; Mrs. Winton Rs. 5; Mrs. Richardson Rs. 13; Mrs. Robot- ton Rs. 5; Mrs. Pestonjee Rs. 5; Anony- mous Rs. 5; Miss Sheriff Rs. 2-8; Anony- mous Rs. 20; Miss Brown Rs. 2-8; Mrs. Carrington Rs. 2; a friend Rs. 3; The Ranis of Lakhikote Rs. 100; Various small amounts Rs. 22; from Baliakandi Rs. 10; Mrs. Sircar Rs. 2; Mrs. Buchan Rs. 5;

The above collected and forwarded by Mrs. Richardson).

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Staff and Students of the Victoria Institution, 20 Beadon Street, Cal- cutta Rs. 75; Mrs. Philip Rs. 50; Truste- es of the Calcutta Zoroastrian Com- munity's Religious and Charity Fund, Rs. 1001; H. H. the Maharani of Mour- shanj Rs. 250; A working widow Rs. 250; Mrs. Newbould Rs. 50; Srimati Mritva Moyee Gupta of Kalia, Jessore Rs. 30; Collected by Miss Meade Rs. 309-8; Collected by Mrs. Fox of Khulna Rs. 118-10; Collected by Mrs. Humphr- ss Rs. 60; Collected by Mrs. Drummond, Barrackpore Rs. 67; Indian Ladies of Khulna (second instalment) Rs. 550; The Maharani of Nuddea Rs. 250;

The Ladies of Dishergarh and Dis- arict Rs. 467; Collected by Mrs. F. Owen —(Mrs. Owen Rs. 75; Mrs. Foster Rs. 10; Mrs. G. K. Mitchell Rs. 20; Mrs. J. H. Evans Rs. 10; Mrs. D. Blair Rs. 20; Mrs. G. A. Ashcroft Rs. 10; Mrs. O'Con- nor Rs. 15; Mrs. G. Miller Rs. 50; Mrs. H. Briggs Rs. 3; Mrs. C. H. Whiffen Rs. 5; Mrs. M. Moscheid Rs. 5; Mrs. Moon Rs. 3; Mrs. Bill Rs. 5; Mrs. E. Storrs Rs. 5; Mrs. T. P. Steele Rs. 10; Mrs. A. Pearce Rs. 10; Mrs. F. L. Cork Rs. 15; Mrs. R. Mitchell Rs. 10; Mrs. C. Thompson Rs. 10; Mrs. J. Horace Rs. 3; Mrs. Ma-

and Units at the rate of about 10 weekly. The programme of work does not end with the sending of a certain number of Units to the front; after that has been done it will be necessary to send a continuous supply of articles to replace those expended from the Unit boxes, besides which we have been asked to assist in supplying extras and comforts for the hospital ships which are to ply between India and the seat of war and finally it is hoped to utilise superfluous funds in assisting the fam- ilies of revervists who are in strai- tened circumstances owing to their bread-winners having been recalled to the colours.

It will be seen that there is a big programme of work lying ahead which is likely to last as long as the war lasts and much money is required to carry it out.

Subscriptions should be sent to Cap- tain W. L. Harnett I. M. S. Governor's Camp Bengal, donations of articles should be sent to Miss Rutherford, 134 Corporation Street, Calcutta; par- ticulars of requirements may be ob- tained from Mrs. Begg 16 Elysium Row, Calcutta.

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COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

The Committee appointed by His Excellency the Viceroy to enquire into the circumstances connected with the voyage of the "Komagata Maru" to British Columbia, its return to British India, the riot at Budge-Budge on the 29th September last and the subsequent arrest of those concerned, sat on Friday at 11 a. m. at the old Legislative Department of the Govern- ment of India, behind the Town Hall. The Committee was presided over by the Hon. Sir W. Vincent and composed of the following members, all of whom were present:—The Hon. the Maharaja of Burdwan, the Hon. Mr. Pagan, the Hon. Sardar Daljit Singh and Mr. H. Walmsley. Mr. J. H. Twynam, I. C. S., who has been appoint- ed Secretary to the Committee, was also present. The meeting was an informal one and lasted for about an hour and a half. The first question before the Committee was to consider whether the proceedings would be open to the press or not. The Committee came to the conclusion that the proce- edings would be strictly private and that the public would not be admit- ted. In case, however, it was thought desirable to allow the public a com- munique to that effect would be issued. The Committee will commence their regular business from to-day (Saturday).

DEATH OF AN ANGLO-INDIAN GIRL.

A PATHETIC STORY.

A case of much pathetic interest has been reported to the Coroner touching the alleged sudden death of a respectable Anglo-Indian girl Mrs. Constance Harcourt alias Miss Con- stance Leo aged 22 years of Lindsay Street. The deceased who it is said was a well-educated girl, was accord- ing to the police report was suffering from malarial fever and was under private medical treatment and on the