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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Referred to the Department of Public Works for remarks.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Fort St. George,
17*th March* 1873.

Memorandum.

No. 181.

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No. 182. Order thereon, 26th March 1873, No. 411.

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To the Board of Revenue, with four enclosures returned.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE, &c., &c.,

Read March, 26th.

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G. O., 20th March 1873, No. 411.

MARCH.

Nos. 180—182.

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Memo

From

The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

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Dated 19th March 1873
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Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
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Copy to the Officiating President of the Local Fund Board, Tanjore District.

Financial Department.

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To
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" Accounts General.

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P. W. 1873 Abstract
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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 7TH MARCH 1873, No. 331.

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Received 17th March 1873

MARCH.
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Abstract of Receipts & Disbursements
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Chief Secretary

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Govt. of {1873} Mr Mras.

Financial

To

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