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16th April 1874. Secy. to Govt. P. W. D.

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17th April 1874. Acting Chief Secretary.

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OOTACAMUND, 4th May 1874. (Signed) D. F. CARMICHAL, Acting Chief Secretary.

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(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1874, No. 1117.

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(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
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To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. G. A. Turton,

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 6th.

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Nos. 36-37.

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No. 1,487.

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Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
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Exd. G. A. Turton.

Financial Department

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To

The Board of Revenue

Dated 6 July
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Nos. 367.

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30/6/74