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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th July 1874.

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No. 159. Order thereon, 17th July 1874, No. 1180.

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To the Board of Revenue.
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Dated July, 17*th*.

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G.O., 17*th July* 1874, *No.* 1180.

JULY.

Nos. 158-159.

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Recommended in Govt. letter dated 10th July 1874, No. 1,180.

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