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(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

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(True Copies.)

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President.

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,, Public Works Department.

Rxd. G. A. Turton.

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FINANCIAL.

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Dated August, 19th

Recd.

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AUGUST.
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Copy to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 28TH JULY 1874, No. 1,983.

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Encl: 25

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Received 10 August 1874

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