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Local Funds—Roads.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1875, No. 1047.

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(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Nos. 110-111.

Local Funds—Roads.—Orders passed on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, communicating certain information respecting the conversion of the timber bridges on the Great Northern Trunk Road within the Chicacole Circle into masonry bridges.

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J. W. Fischer

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To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam District.

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