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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st February 1862.

No. 431. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1862, No. 625 :—

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1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 22rd December 1861, together with copy of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th December 1861, and also of the sample of New Orleans Cotton therein referred to which have reached me here.

2. In accordance with the request of the Board, I have examined the sample of Cotton, and find it to be of excellent quality, well cleaned, and of good color. It is superior to the average of "Dharwar Saw Ginned American" now selling in Bombay, and which ranks highest of all Indian Cottons. Its value in Liverpool (according to latest intelligence of prices) would be about 10*d.* per lb. If this Cotton can be produced in quantity and delivered in Liverpool equal to sample it will be eagerly sought after.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 432. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1862, No. 379.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To J. F. Minchin, Esq.
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„ R. O. Campbell, Esq., Chairman Chamber of Commerce.

Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.
„ G. R. Haywood, Esq.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 27th January 1862.

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Submitting for information a letter from Mr Haywood remarking on the sample of New Orleans Cotton sent to him.

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