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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

14th October 1878, No. 3,994 W.

General
Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 176. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th September, 1878, No. 2,566.

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must elapse before this is a perfect road, as there are other more important roads in the district to which we must first devote our funds.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
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No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1878, No. 3,994 W.

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2. Mr. Foster appears to have omitted to make a reference to him on the subject.

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(True Extract.) —

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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Major, R.E.,
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To the District Engineer, Godavari.
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Govt. of (1878) Madras.
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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
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G. O., 14th October 1878, No. 3,224 W.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 176-177.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Stunich
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with two original statements to be returned.
" Collector of the Godavari District.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Gruberl.

*Rel. to the Board of Rev.
30-10-78*

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Public Works—executed in Godavari District
during 1877-78.—Submitting to Government
Collector's report on —.

Proceedings, 17th September 1878, No. 2,566.
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Board of Revenue,
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To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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D. C. Godavaris
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Nos. 176 to 177

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Submitted by