

No. 1,430.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th September 1880.

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Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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To the Political Department.
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| 3. For planting up teaks in yards of terraces ... | 11,607 |
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