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Land Compensation Claims

in Vizagapatam. — Passing orders on returns
of — for half-year ending 31st December 1881
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The state of things disclosed in the first of the foregoing papers makes it clear, that the subject of compensation claims has, until recently, been wholly neglected in the Vizagapatam District.

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(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue, with six enclosures.
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Exd. J. Fischer.

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