

14TH NOVEMBER 1887, No. 1070, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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	CASES.	ACS.	C.
Pending at the end of the last half-year	871	341	9·3
Claims for lands taken up during the half-year	509	270	15·7
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	Total ...	1,380	611 25
			954½ yds.
Claims disposed of during the half-year	614	223	5·3
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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Exd. W. H. French.

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