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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting letter from the Collector of North Arcot reporting on the state of the — in Wandiwash taluk for the week ending 4th April 1891, and approving the instructions of the Board regarding the inspection of, and report on, relief operations.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 14th April 1891, No. 213 :—

Mr. Clogston.

Read—the following paper from M.R.Ry. K. V. LAKSHMANA RAU, Deputy Collector, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Wandiwash, 5th April 1891 :—

Report on the state of season in the Wandiwash taluk for the week ending 4th April 1891.

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3. The number of coolies on works which showed a steady falling off, as shown on the margin, in the three weeks ending 4th April 1891 has again increased, and is now 2,199. The decrease during the two weeks ending 4th April 1891 is attributed to the occurrence of a festival. In the course of his frequent tours, the

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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ORDER—dated 30th April 1891, No. 384, Revenue.

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