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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1504 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 5-11-1859

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No. 54. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th October 1859, No. 4024.

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 17th September 1859, No. 893.

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2. The money I consider was legitimately advanced under the provisions of Act XXI. of 1841, and to enable its adjustment in my accounts with the Civil Auditor and Accountant General, I solicit that the early sanction of Government be obtained for its disbursement.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with the Board's recommendation that sanction be granted for the expenditure of Rupees 150, incurred by the Magistrate's order in cleansing the streets of Nursapatam, on the representation of the District Engineer.

2. The Board do not, however, consider that the Act quoted contemplates the expenditure by Government of the sums necessary to effect its object, the removal of nuisances, but that they should be levied as a fine from those who caused the nuisance, and although assistance may be needed in the first instance to get rid of the accumulation of years, the Magistrate should use the powers conferred on him by the Act, as regards the future.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 55. ORDER THEREON 5th November 1859, No. 1504.

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P. W. 1st October 1859, *No.* 2347.

Order 20th June 1859, *No.* 813.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 5th November 1859

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Acting Secretary.

To T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government.
Copy to Collector of Vizagapatam.

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Dy 5th Nov.r 59.

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