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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated November 28 1859.

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* *Dated 28th October* 1796.

3. If Government are resolved to take up the land, she prays that other lands of equal value may be given to her in exchange.

4. Compliance with this request is most difficult of attainment in Malabar, where all land is private property, and every one is unwilling to sell. The only course to be pursued, therefore, is to take the land up under the provisions of Act VI of 1857, on payment of its full value, determined by a Punchayet.

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6. I am inclined to think that the value determined by a regularly constituted Punchayet will exceed both of the above amounts.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1859, No. 1610.

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Acting Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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