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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22d November 1859, No. 4789.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 31st October 1859, No. 203.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board observe that Government in their orders, dated 4th November 1859, Revenue Department, No. 1500, directed the immediate discontinuance of all expenditure of public money on the farm, and the withdrawal of Government interference in its management.

In Con. 5th November 1859.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1859, No. 1674.

Ordered that the foregoing proceedings be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
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Acting Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D,

Copy to Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

P. of Govt. 10th Novr/59 No 4789.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

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Submitting for information a communication from the Collr. of Coimbatore reporting that the Mulcer farm and balance belonging thereto were at once made over to the overseer of the Annamalay forest as directed by Govt.—

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