

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1837

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Dated

4-10-1860.

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From

H. Forbes, Esquire,

Member of the Legislative Council.

To

T. Pycroft, Esquire,

Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George

Dated, Fort William, the 21st September 1860.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th October 1860.

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No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1860, No. 1,837.

Ordered to be referred to the Board of Revenue for report, after communication with the Chamber of Commerce at the Presidency, the Collectors of the Cotton Districts and such private Merchants engaged in the Cotton trade in the interior, including the petitioners, as they may think it useful to consult.

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

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Your Most Obedient Servant

W. McKee.

Member of the Leg. Council

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With reference to the notice
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