Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th October 1860.

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3. The Board do not consider it necessary to prolong the experiment at the Roshan Bhag as a public measure.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 75. ORDER THEREON 4th October 1860, No. 1788.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

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Exd. J. Wright.

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20th May 1860 No 53-64.

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22d January 1861 No. 9

No 7475.

22d September - 2d October

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Submitting copy of
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Recorded.

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