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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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31-8-23

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of May 1860.

No. 99. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th April 1860, No. 1,793:—

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(In Con. 4th April 1860, No. 1,539.)

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(A true Extract.)

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No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1860, No. 799.

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Exd. J. Wright.

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Board of Revenue.

Dated 11th
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Forwarding paragraphs
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Fort St. Geo:
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11 Copies to the Board of Revs: Disp: 18

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