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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 14—6— 1860.

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Difference.....	191½

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1860, No. 987.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
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