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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th September 1861.

No. 235. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1861, No. 4,868:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Calicut, 26th August 1861, No. 158.

SIR,

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3. I have already more work to do than I can satisfactorily get through, although I begin it before breakfast and seldom leave my office before 6 or 6-30 P.M. The work entailed by the Income Tax alone is excessive.

4. I would suggest that if it be absolutely necessary that Committees for the examination of Pensioners be appointed, that they be composed of Military Officers who have time to attend to the same.

5. Early instructions on the subject are requested.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1861, No. 1,865.

Referred to the Military Department for consideration.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. wright.

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PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of REVENUE.

Dated 9th September 1861.
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No. 4,868.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Malabar reporting on the difficulty of assembling committees for the Examination of military Pensioners and stating that the object in view can be attained without such committees.

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