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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th March 1862.

No. 225. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th February 1862, No. 1,052:—

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Dated 25th January 1845.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1862, No. 564.

The Board are requested to state whether the concession sought might not safely be granted on the conditions stated in paragraph 3 of the letter of the Collector of South Arcot to them, dated 24th June 1861, No. 103.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar,
with copy of Board's Proceedings of 1st August 1861.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 14th *February* 1862.
Despatched. 20 Feb.
Received. 21st.

Pro: of the Board of Revenue
23 April 62 C. N°1103 in Pro.
6 May 62 - N°983.

No. 1052.

Submitting in continuation of former Proceedings a letter from the Collector of Malabar regarding the free importation of grain for the consumption of the inhabitants of the French Settlement of Mahe.

N°225 & 226.
Vide G.C.
12 March 1862

N° 564 of 13th March

With an order

From Lt. Geo. Ogg
13th March 1862

To Copies to the Bd of Rev. Dispd

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J. D. S.