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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th August 1863.

No. 247. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th August 1863, No. 5,073:—

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2. I regret to say that no clue whatever has yet been found towards fixing on the culprits. Positively nothing has transpired, save that the difficulty of abstracting money from the Cash Chest without inevitably attracting attention to disturbance of the seals and locks was not so great as might be supposed.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government. The Board await the Collector's further report.

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No. 248. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1863, No. 1,556.
Ordered to be recorded.
(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,073.

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Secretary.

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

Copy to G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Pro: of Court for Enquiry

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Submitting with remarks letter from the Collector of Malabar reporting on the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry to investigate the matter of the defalcation of Rupees 12000 discovered in the Civil cash chest.

Re: 1556.

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