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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1864.*

No. 280. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th August 1864,
No. 5,044.

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, dated 26th July
1864, No. 128 :—

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4. I shall be glad to be favored with the views of the Board for communication to the Committee.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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2. Section 13 authorizes the Committee to obtain annually an account of receipts and expenditure from the Trustees, &c., and keep the same in their possession in order to obtain the said account, and to write and to keep in good order, and for other purposes, the services of a Mootsuddy and two Peons are necessarily required. In such a case in what manner they can obtain their salaries; we request you will issue an order so that we may get an account showing the number of Pagodas, the Ināms, &c., and the number of persons employed on each work, and also reply on these points.

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(True Translation.)

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Translator.

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Collector.

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No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1864, No. 1,499.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Advocate General, through the Government Solicitor, for his opinion.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Government Solicitor.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 5,044.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

1864 Aug 10
28th 1864
Refered to the
Revenue General,
brought to the
Collector, for his
opinion
19th Aug 1864
Office of the Secy to Govt
in B. of R. D.
No 280 & 281.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No. 2136.

1864. Department.

Rev. Secy to Govt for R. D.

Dated 8th August 1864.

for the Secy to Govt
for R. D.

No. 5014.

From the Secy to Govt
for R. D.

Submitting for consideration letter from the Collector of Kurnool forwarding a communication from the Committee appointed for the management of Hindoo Temples in the Nandial Taluk requesting to know how the expense that will be entailed under Section 13 of Act XX of 1863, is to be met.

1864. 19th Aug
W. D. and B. D.