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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd February 1864.

No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1864, No. 444 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, dated Hoovinhadgaly, 6th January 1864, No. 3.

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6. Adoni.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

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No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1864, No. 187.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
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To the Board of Revenue.

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

Copy to A. Hunter, Esq., M. D., Honorary Secretary, Agri-Horticultural Society.

" to A. Wedderburn, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 22nd January 1864.
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