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No. 163. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1864, No. 7,143.

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Abstract.

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6. The largest item of expenditure entered in the return under "New Works," is the compensation for lands taken up by channels and embankments.

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8. A sum of Rupees 1,500 has been spent on the improvement of communications in the Rumpa country. This is a very necessary outlay, and one for which it is difficult to obtain labour as the country is so feverish.

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No. 164. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1864, No. 2,086.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E., Secretary to Government, P. W. D., with enclosure.
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Copy to J. Fraser, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 2896.

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Dated 31st *October* 1864.

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Submitting for information letter from the Officiating Collector of the Godavery district forwarding report on the Public Works executed in the district during 1863-64, together with a Statement showing the expenditure on those works.

Recorded
15th November 1864.