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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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6. The Association had no liabilities, but at the end of December had a balance of Rupees 425 odd ; of this, however, 100 Rupees is Government money granted by them to make a well in the market place, which has not yet been expended.

7. No rules were ever drawn up for the conduct of affairs ; there were two Committees, but their several powers were never defined, and the Sub-Committee seem to have had the management of every thing, and to have done exactly what seemed good to them.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. B. FOORD, *Acting Collector.*

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order in the Revenue Department, dated 9th September 1864, No. 1,656.

No. 63.

ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1865, No. 1,529.

Local Funds.

1. The Government observe that the Ganjam District Road Fund is inadequate to provide the proposed grant to the Chicacole Municipal Fund, and that no other funds are available.

2. Under these circumstances the Government are unable to comply with Mr. Foord's application for a grant-in-aid.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
the Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

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(Here enter 21st June 65 No 3371.)

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