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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 504. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th July 1865, No. 4,158.

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th June 1865, No. 91 :—

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2. The Collector's remarks in paragraphs 5 and 6 regarding the bad condition of the tanks in the Kurnool Range, and of the road from Nundial to Kurnool in the Nundial Range, deserve attention.

No. 505. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1865, No. 1,752.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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R A Dalyell

Acting Secretary.

To Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E., Secretary to Government, P. W. D.
,, W. Huddleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting for information and consideration report of Collector of Kurnool on the progress of public works in that District during 1864-65.

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