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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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The Board agree with Major Beddome in considering the transfer of the Goriathum Forest to the charge of the North Arcot Forest Establishment highly desirable ; and would not postpone the measure as suggested by the Collector.

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3. With reference to the statement in paragraph 2 of Major Beddome's letter, the Collector should endeavour to ascertain whether the parties who supplied the great quantity of fuel to the Railway (therein alluded to) have paid the seigniorage, and if not they should be required to pay the amount due at once.

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No. 356. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1868, No. 2,909.

Forests, No. 12. Approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To THE BOARD OF REVENUE, &c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 20th.
Recd. Encl.

G. O., 20th November 1868, *No.* 2,909.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 355-356.

Goriatkum Forest near Amboor.—Proceedings Board of Revenue authorising its transfer to the Forest Department, approved.

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Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Approved

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Exd. J. Wright.

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BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.
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PROCEEDINGS, 28TH OCTOBER 1868, No. 7,709.

Read the letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 19th October 1868.

Received 24th October 1868.

Exd.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1868.

OCTOBER.
No. 7,709.

Gorialum Forest in North Arcot District—Collector to submit full report on proposed transfer to Forest Department of,—and to require parties who supplied Railway Company with fuel from Jungles in charge of Revenue Department to pay seigniorage, if they have not already done so.—Copy of Board's Proceedings submitted for information of Government.

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