

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th April 1868*

No. 288. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1868, No. 2,284.

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3. This course has been adopted with advantage to Government and the landholders in North India. A uniform system can then be introduced, and much of the clandestine felling where contiguous forests dovetail into one another will be prevented.

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ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1868, No. 986.

Forests, No. 13.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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