Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26*th January* 1872.

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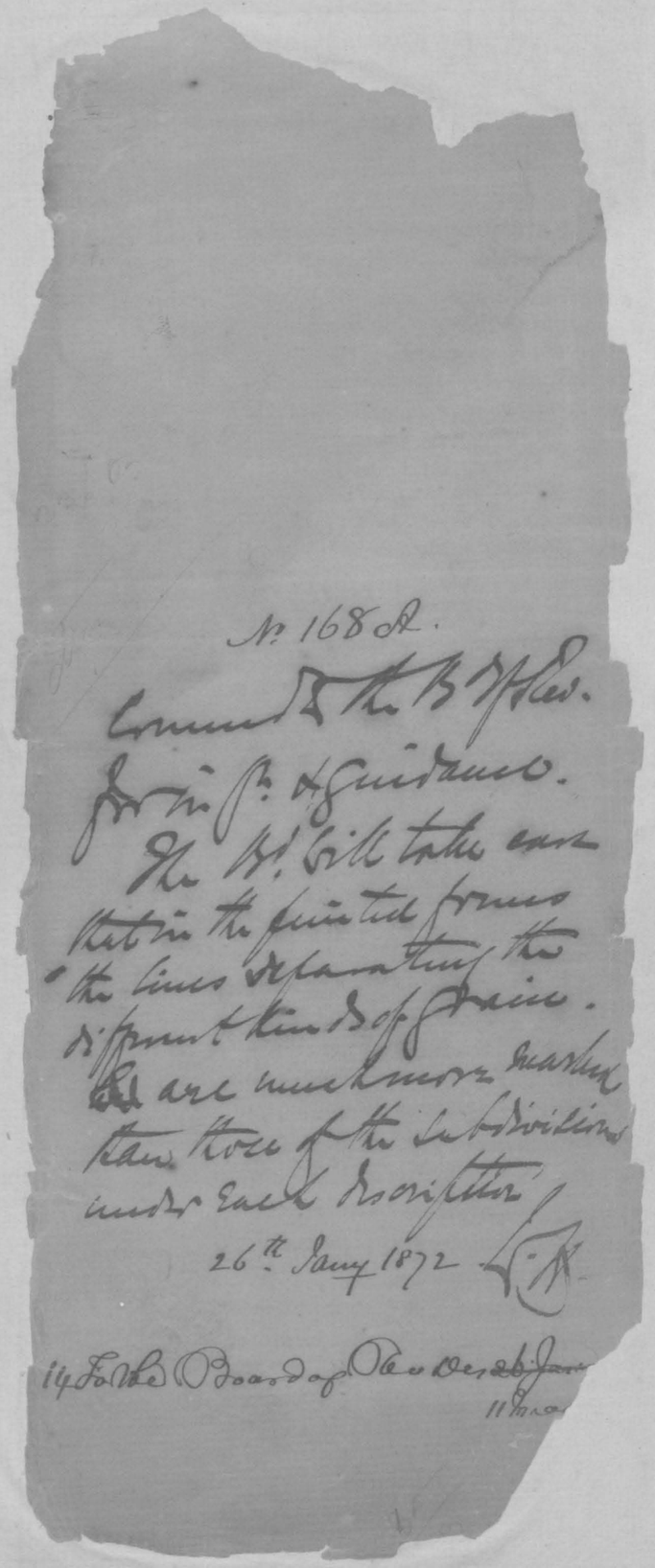
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