Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th May 1872.

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No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1872, No. 735.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Inam Commissioner.

Exd. G A Turton.

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