Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th May 1872.

No. 177. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,371 :—

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1872, No. 791.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Government Astronomer.

2. The Collector will use his best endeavours to replenish the salt stores.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Tanjore Collector's Office
Vallam Tanjore Taluq
7th May 1872

I have &c
(Signed) W. M. Cadell
C.S. Collector

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copy & Extract)

J. Gold
Secretary

To,

The C.S. Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

x H. W. Locker
C.P. Ramaswamy Pillay

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