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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1874.

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6. I beg also to bring to the notice of the Board, (*vide* my Annual Report for 1872-73, recorded by Board in Proceedings, No. 1,833, of 17th March 1874,) that the English Index of records requires to be re-written and completed.

7. These are in separate pieces of paper, and contain numerous subjects, not necessary to be kept on record. The idleness of the late Acting English Record-keeper, which, but for his not passing the test, and consequent removal, would have led to his reduction, has delayed much the steps I was taking to classify the important records, and to eliminate the useless ones.

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9. The Board would hardly credit the manner in which the English records have been kept, or rather allowed to rot, in this office; a long narrow enclosed low verandah has been crowded with the English papers; the improvements to the Cutcherry, which, on arriving, I proposed in 1868, are only now in progress, and I am able to move the English records into light and air, having improved a section of the old Treasury for

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11. I believe that nearly half of the English records might be with advantage destroyed; but to go through such a long list, and to compile a new index, will require extra help. So that I trust the Board will see fit to recommend for sanction the addition of two hands—one at Rupees 20 in the Vernacular, and one at Rupees 30 in English Correspondence Department, for six months, to enable me to dispose of business, which former neglect, as well as the wholly inadequate nature of the public accommodation formerly provided for the records now renders doubly pressing.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government.

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No. 166. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1874, No. 1,043.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Erd. A. Grubert.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated August 19th.

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G. O., 19th August 1874, No. 1,043.

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Nos. 165-166.

English and Vernacular Records of Coimbatore Collector's Office.—Sanctioning entertainment of two extra hands for six months, at a monthly cost of Rs. 50, to index the—.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Received 28 August 1874.

BOARD OF REVENUE
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 5TH AUGUST 1874, No. 2,093.

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