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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

No. 245. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1874, No. 1,082.

Miscellaneous.

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To the Board of Revenue,
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Rec'd A. Grubert.

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Received 18 August 1874.

AUGUST.
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