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No. 173. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1874, No. 2,352 :—

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6. The essays to which prizes were awarded are deserving of commendation.

7. The thanks of the Board are due to the Members of the Committee and Judges, and especially to Mr. Robertson to whose exertions such success as was attained was mainly owing.

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No. 174. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1874, No. 1,191.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. G. A Turton.

Govt. of India, 30th Sept. 1874.
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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 18th.

Read

G. O., 16th September 1874, No. 1,191.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 173-174.

*Madras Agricultural Exhibition.*—Considering the — of 1874, satisfactory; sanctioning extra expenditure of Rs. 880-1-1; resolving that the next exhibition be held in February 1876; issuing instructions as to how the Madras estate should be revised; fixing Rs. 15,000 as an amount to be allowed for expenditure; and considering the People's Park the best site for the Exhi

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with 10 copies of the report on Agricultural Exhibition.
„ the Secretary Madras Agricultural Exhibition.
Exd. G. A. Turton.

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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND AUGUST 1874, No. 2,352.

Read 31 Aug 1874

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AUGUST.

No. 2,352.

*Madras Agricultural Exhibition*—of 1874.—Report on—submitted to Government with recommendation that Exhibition be held next year on one of the esplanades in Madras, that prizes be doubled, and that system of district competition may be clearly recognized.—Sanction of Government requested for expenditure incurred in excess of sanctioned amount for exhibition—Correspondence connected with Exhibition to be kept with Farm Records—Suggestion of Board that report should be circulated, and if any spare copies are available they should be sent to Messrs. Higginbotham and Co., or Gantz Brothers, submitted to Government.

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of Town of Hartford

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The Joint Committee reported a Resolve that
an increased Compensation of $5,000 in
all the districts as proposed
by Mr Robertson of Litchfield
of his report — also D. Stoddard &
Mr Sparks — 879 1761

The order to be in force.

I did consider the removal of the
Judges because there existed then the
utter impediment of testing the
progress made — And act — and late
in the year — and letter I think
from Mr Ellsworth dated 1796.
Robert [illegible] Oxford by Deeds

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Park site, suggested for Robinson
& to be best: and the Engr
Hd to consult Mr Macleod & and
the Board should avail itself
of the complete terms which will
now be public to see what all
the requirements of the case
are so far as public purposes

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

of 15 Sept 74.

Read the following

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H. E. 22 August 1874, No 2352.

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Gen report on the Industrial Agricultural Exhibition of 1874