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No. 58. Read the following Proceedings of the Board Revenue, dated 11th November 1874, No. 3,246:—

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Dry Cawnies 23,193.	
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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
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No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1874, No. 1,502.

Land Revenue, No. 1.

The proposal in paragraph 1 of these Proceedings is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. W. H. French.

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To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
.. the Collector of South Arcot.
with one original statement.

Exd. W. H. French.

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PROCEEDINGS, 11TH NOVEMBER 1874, No. 3,246.

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