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(True Copy)

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1874, No. 892.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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FOR ORDERS.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

To

Dated July 17th.

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G. O. 17th July 1874, No. 892.

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Nos. 141-142.

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Of course it must be fully assessed
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Mosque—at Porto Novo in South Arcot District.—Collector's letter bringing to notice action by sale by Durmakurta of certain Inam forming its endowment, submitted to Government with recommendation that Inam should be fully assessed, and difference between full assessment and quit-rent paid to man forming Inam, be paid to Mosque Committee. Action proposed for forming a Mosque Committee.

JUNE.
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PROCEEDINGS, 6TH JUNE 1874, No. 1,371.

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