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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1875.*

No. 161. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd July 1874, No. 1,847:—

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 162.

ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1875, No. 1,237.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council recognises the expediency of not leaving the Vizagapatam District, where the Collector and Agent is obliged to make such distant and extended tours, without an Assistant to be in charge of the head quarters at such times. It is owing solely to the service having been of late undermanned that this has not been attended to.

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5. The Governor in Council will not object to this proposal, provided it is distinctly understood that those parts of the Gunapur Taluq which comprise the Soura tracts and the seven Khond tracts marginally noted be excluded from the Circle. Some portions of the country indicated are more advanced than the rest, but for the present His Excellency in Council is not prepared to include any part of it in a Local Fund Circle.

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Godairy. Bessemtack.
Bijepur. Durgi.
Chandrapur.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.
" the Judicial Dept.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

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Revenue Division of Principal and Senior Assistant Collectors of the Vizagapatam District—
Fusing orders, with remarks, on Board's Proceedings regarding certain charges in the —

AUGUST.
Nos. 161-163.

G. O. 15th August 1875, No. 1,837.

Noted August, 1875.

Recd.

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H. H. H.
Acting Secretary.

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
.. the Collector and President of the Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam.
with three enclosures to be returned.

Erd. J. W. Fischer.

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Note for Secretary's information and orders.

As requested by the Registrar, this notification has been prepared with reference to para 3 of G.O. 16 Aug. 1875 No. 237.

The Secretary's attention is however invited to the wording of the above-mentioned para. It runs thus "The changes in the Taluk Magistrates' jurisdictions have not yet been well considered."

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BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD JULY 1875, No. 1,847.

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For orders with a memo. prepared by Mr. Cannibal.

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The heading of the
Collector's Statement B
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marginally specified ^{237. Lingam Lingi =}
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to the Chicasale taluk
in the Guzam district.
From para 3 of their Prop.
(referred in the P.O. of 16 Aug 1914)
it would appear that

cannot
be done

20/12/14
The Board do not quite
approve the proposed change
in respect to these two
villages - Orders are
requested as to whether
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No 1237

Letter from Bala Kev

16 Aug 75

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14. To the Board of Revenue on 26 August
15. The Provincial Dept. S
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