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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th November 1875.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 225.

ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1875, No. 1,659.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of 1875 Madras.

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&c., &c.

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Encl.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with six enclosures (including two petitions), to be returned.
" the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 4000 of 1875.

Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

Proceedings, 4th October 1875, No. 2,773.

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Redford, Mr.—Engineer of the s.s. *Margaret Northcote*, and petitioner in No. 1601 of 1875.—Report of Collector of Tinnevelly on the claim of — to arrears of pay and batta, submitted to Government.

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Bd. Rev.
4 Oct 75.
No. 2773.
Engineer Redford
to P.

Bd. give him batta for the voyage to Calcutta. Exceptional service.

No 1659 1659/6 P.D.

Pros: of the Madras Govt

Under date the 18th November 1875.

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Submitting report of Coll.r of Tinnevelly on the claim of Mr Redford Engineer of the S.S. Margaret Northcote. —

H.E. 4th Dec/75 No 2773.

The Governor in Council sanctions the grant of Batta to Mr Redford during his voyage to Calcutta which was an exceptional service.

14 To the Board of Rev. & the Accountant General

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Batta Eyre Pogg
Engineer of the
S. Mansfield North-
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