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No. 198. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1875, No. 3,157 :—

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1875, No. 1,810.

Miscellaneous.

WITH the foregoing Proceedings the Board of Revenue forward the annual report of the Collector of Ganjam

on the condition of that district, and on the progress of the measures intended for its amelioration, for the official year 1874-75.

2. The report is satisfactory in every respect; and it will be forwarded to the Home Government with reference to despatch from that Government, 15th May 1872, No. 13.

(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.

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To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Rd. W. E. Veach.

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