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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th February 1876.*

No. 175. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January 1876, No. 258 :—

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	38
Per mensem...	33
Per year...	456

Sanctioned in Proceedings of Government, dated 12th April 1875, No. 576, R. D.

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(True Copy.)

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Statement showing the Fish-curing operations in the District of Ganjam for the quarter ending 6th November 1875.

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1875, No. 576, Revenue Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 176.

ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1876, No. 218.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Salt.

THE Government sanction the tem-
porary establishment proposed. The
provision for the Police guard will be
considered in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

**Govt. of 1876 Madras
REVENUE.**

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

To
S. B. ...
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Dated February, 15th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 15th February 1876, No. 218.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 175-176.

*Fish curing at Nowpadah in Ganjam District.
Sanctioning the temporary establishment
proposed in connection with the operations carried
on in — and requesting the Financial Department
to consider the question of providing for
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(True Copies and Extract.)

Calcutta
 Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 Copy to the Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Resd. J. Tulloch.

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 Police guards will be considered in the
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*14 To the Secy to Govt. Dec 16-1875
 15 The Financial Dept.
 16 The Collector of Ganjam. 15 February 1876*

*With the Financial Dept. to ascertain information
 regarding the length of time during which an establishment
 will continue. Under G.O. No. 2456. dated 12
 have been called on to report on the subject.*

*6012 of 1875-76
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BOARD of REVENUE,
 MADRAS.

1876.

PROCEEDINGS, 28TH JANUARY 1876, No. 258.

Copy to Secy 176.

Encl.

Received

3rd Feb.

JANUARY.
 No. 258.

*Fish-curing—at Nowpada in Ganjam Dis-
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 Collector's report regarding — and recommend-
 ing that the temporary establishment asked for
 in connection with it be sanctioned, and that
 early orders be issued in the Financial Depart-
 ment regarding the Police guards required.*

*with order
 No 218-10 Feb 1876*