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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

17th December 1878, No. 2,030.

Read the following paper :—

No. 197. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th November 1878, No. 2,971.

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Profit to Government	22,904	4	7				
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TUTICORIN,
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No. 697.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
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No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1878, No. 2,030.

Miscellaneous.

As the departmental management of the chank fishery continues to yield such satisfactory results it should be again undertaken, and the estimate of expenditure for 1878-79 is approved and sanctioned, including the honorarium of Rupees 100 to the Master Attendant's Clerk as recommended by the Board.

(True Extract.)

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Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.
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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 17th

Printed January 9th, 1878.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 17th December 1878, No. 2,030.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 197-198.

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

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Revenue Department
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1878.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated November 6th.
Printed 9th.
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PROCEEDINGS, 6TH NOVEMBER 1878, No. 2,971.

Dept 27th Dec

NOVEMBER.
No. 2,971.

No 2030 - 17 December 1878

Chank Fishery.—Submitting to Government report from Collector of Tinnevelly on the—for the season 1877-78 and an estimate for 1878-79, and expressing opinion that an honorarium of Rupees 100 should be allowed to Tuticorin Master Attendant's Head Clerk instead of an increase of Rupees 15 to his salary.

Copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 18 Dec. 1878 No 2030 and Report of Collector of Tinnevelly dated 10 Jan 1878 for information and necessary action.

Collector of Tinnevelly
Master Attendant Tuticorin
Head Clerk to Master Attendant Tuticorin
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Accountant Salt Revenue
Accountant Opium
Accountant Stamps
Accountant Abkari
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