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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

12th February 1878, No. 217.

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(True Copy.)

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Estimate.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 126.

ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1878, No. 217.

Irrigation, No. 2.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with one estimate.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Boat. of (1878) STOKES

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Ac, Ac,

Dated February 12th.

Recd.

G.O., 12th February 1878, No. 217.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 125-126.

Yerra Tank in the Chintalapudi Division
Godavery District.—Sanctioning repair of the—
an estimated cost of Rs. 85.

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Secretary.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

Revenue Dept
No 580
 1878.

**BOARD OF REVENUE,
 MADRAS.**

PROCEEDINGS, 18TH JANUARY 1878, No. 149

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Received
G. G. G. G.

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Yerra Tank—in Chintalapudi Division
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 ment letter from Collector requesting sanction
 for the repair of — at the estimated cost of
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M. M. M.
Sanctioned

12. Dec 1878 C/1116

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