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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

20th September 1878, No. 1,534.

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Ootacamund,
22nd July 1878.

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4. All the eastern boundaries are in Coimbatore District. I think the explanation of this is easy. Malabar proprietors are very apt to extend their boundaries across land to which they have no title, in the hopes that they may acquire it in time, if no adverse claim is set up. I will, if you think it necessary, try and mark down the eastern boundaries if Mr. Peet will allow me his Mulcers for a day.

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No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1878, No. 1,534.

Forests, No. 16.

THE Government concur with the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
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To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Exd. A. Grubert.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS, 10TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,234.

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