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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 212

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th December 1878.

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Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Narangoth Nambiyar Family - in Malabar District - Submitting to Government letter from Collector furnishing the report called for on the past history and the present condition of the -

No. 3,242.

DECEMBER.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

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in G.O. of 8th August 1878 No. 137

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Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

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