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6th September 1881, No. 1,331.

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3. The correspondence on the subject is enclosed. It is requested that it be returned when no longer required.

Resolution—

THE Board of Revenue are entirely in accord with the views which find expression in Mr. Wilson's letter read above, and therefore request the Superintendent of Revenue Survey to issue instructions for the permanent demarcation of the holdings referred to.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1881, No. 1,331.

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
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" " Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" " Member, Board of Revenue, in charge of Settlement Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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