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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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No. 143

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th January 1882.

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November "	42 2 6	344 5 10	386 8 4	76 15 9	671 2 8
December "	863 4 3	936 4 2	1,799 8 5	32 8 8	90 2 10
January 1881	561 8 1	1,788 1 4	2,350 9 5	27 8 0	19 0 0
February "	923 11 9	1,040 11 0	1,964 6 9	166 3 4	197 13 7
March "	781 5 4	4,619 4 6	5,400 9 10	113 2 9	159 10 9
April "	870 15 10	2,144 13 5	3,015 13 3	..	30 0 0
May "	810 9 10	900 3 5	1,710 13 3	182 9 2	149 5 11
June "	855 8 9	763 8 9	1,619 1 6	45 1 6	127 4 2
July "	744 15 2	1,044 12 4	1,789 11 6	214 7 7	148 6 11
August "	1,005 14 5	2,176 6 4	3,182 4 9	100 15 1	192 4 11
September "	546 7 8	960 5 11	1,506 13 7	89 6 6	81 6 1
Total ..	8,245 1 6	17,373 15 11	25,618 1 5	1,205 3 2	3,040 10 0

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		7	8	9	10	11	12				
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September	..	229 6 0	241 7 6	330 5 1	433 12 5	590 13 0	1,354 14 6				
Total ..	..	183 4 0	236 14 0	272 10 6	318 4 1	614 14 0	1,205 12 7				
Total ..		2,175 7 1	3,151 14 3	3,380 10 3	6,192 8 3	7,346 3 3	16,919 5 9				

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Endorsement, No. 754-D.

FORWARDED to Government, through the Board of Revenue and the Collector of Madura, with reference to Rule VIII embodied in G.O., No. 1662-A, dated 19th November 1875, Revenue Department.

MADRAS,
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(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Colonel,
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Resolution - date 19th January 1882, No. 1418
SUBMITTED to Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

W. H. H.
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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Encl. A. S. Rodgers.

90-7-11-81 to 98-89.
 - 17-5-81 - 426-128.
 - 23-7-80 - 358-359.
 - 21-7-80 - 232-235.

Revenue Department
 No 814

1882.
 Board of Revenue,
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To
 THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
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 &c., &c., &c.

Printed February 7th.

Received 11/11/82

PROCEEDINGS, 19TH JANUARY 1882, No. 148.

Order 10/2/82

SUBMITTING to Government, with the Board's remarks, letter from the Collector submitting the Conservator's Inspection Report on the Madura Forests.

With Order.

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Forwarded

13th

No 320

Order

17/17/82

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To the Board of Revenue, Madras, 10/3/82
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ORDER—dated 18th March 1882, No. 320, Revenue.

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