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Mis. No. 990.

Referred (in original with enclosures) for the remarks of the Collector of Tinnevelly through the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George,
5th March 1883.

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

Forwarded.

Revenue Board Office,
8th March 1883.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
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Resolution—dated 3rd April 1883, No. 935.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with Government reference returned.
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Order—dated 28th April 1883, No. 525, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government concur with the Board, and desire that the necessary instructions may be issued to the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Boundary

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No 153. Tinnevelly Collector's Office
11th A. 5 March 1883.

From, J. B. Pennington Esqre
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BOARD'S GEN. REC. No 1777 OF 1883

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Enclosure in a letter
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Residents Office, K.
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From The Board of Revenue.

Dated the 3rd April 1883

FOR ORDERS.

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Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Board of Revenue,

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