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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th December 1868.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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No. 507. ORDER THEREON, 2[illegible]h February 1869, No. 508.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Judicial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. G. A. Turton

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