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ENCLOSURE.

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RESOLUTION—dated 24th March 1897, No. 246.

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ORDER—No. 238, Revenue, dated 7th April 1897.

Miscellaneous.

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Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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" the Honorary Secretary, Famine Charitable Relief Fund, Madras Branch.

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