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Received 15 Rupees as Surveying fee, (Initialed) R. W.
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Tuticorin, the Twenty-third day of September 1867.

(Signed) C. E. MIRUS.
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(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Collector.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, in view to the defective packing being brought to the notice of the Home authorities.

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No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1867, No. 2,590.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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