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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

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W. J. H. LeFanu, Esq., I.C.S.
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Exd. P. Seethaiam.

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	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.
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Anantapur	Do.	6,44,000	59,000	1,38,000	1,62,000	..
Cuddapah	Do.	8,50,000	92,000	23,000	9,000	..
Total ..	....	41,43,000	6,22,000	6,05,000	7,69,000	..
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