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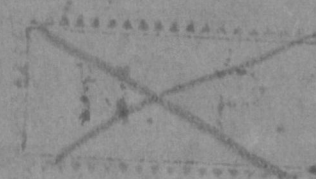
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G.O., Nos. 775-76, Educational, dated 21st November 1907.

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Letter—from F. P. RENNIE, Esq., I.C.S., Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Bangalore, the 17th January 1908.

No.—131 (6).

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No. 776, dated the 21st November 1907, regarding the performance by the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, Madras, in respect of Coorg, of those functions which have been assigned to him in Madras under the rules regulating proceedings under the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878, and to enclose six copies of the rules issued by the Chief Commissioner on the subject for the information of the Government of Madras and for favour of communication to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, Madras.

ENCLOSURE.

Notification of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, No. 95, Bangalore, dated 23rd December 1907.

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FROM

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To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
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Dated Bangalore, 17th January 1908

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I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

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For Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Forwarding for information & for Communication to the S. G. M. Six copies of the rules issued under the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878.

The draft order placed below is submitted for approval

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