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(True Extract)

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To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Registrar, Madras University.
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[SUBJECT.—*Introduction of tutorial system in Government colleges.*]

Demi-official—from T. E. MORA, Esq., I.C.S., Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

To—the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. RAMACHANDRA RAO Avargal, Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—Ootacamund, the 7th May 1917.

I am to send you the enclosed Government Order for issue.

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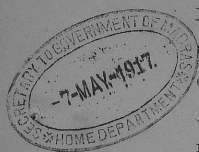
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