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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From Miss P. F. PARSONS, B.A., L.T., First Assistant, Presidency Training School for Mistresses, Madras, to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State, India Office, London (through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras), dated St. Thomé, Madras, 10th February 1905.

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Enclosures.

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No. 72, dated 13th February 1905.

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

M. SCOTT COWARD,
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N. Ref. on C. No. 1193, dated 17th February 1905.

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A. G. BOURNE,
Director of Public Instruction.

Order—No. 144, Educational, dated 9th March 1905.

The application will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

[Here enter letter No. 4, Educational, dated 16th March 1905.]

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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Educational Department.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 144, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 9TH MARCH 1905.

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LETTER to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India.

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Letter No 74 d/ 16.3.05

To the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India

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× The despatch can go only in March. It has not yet returned from H.E. the Govr.

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