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FROM

THE HON. W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th April 1872.

Officiating Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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