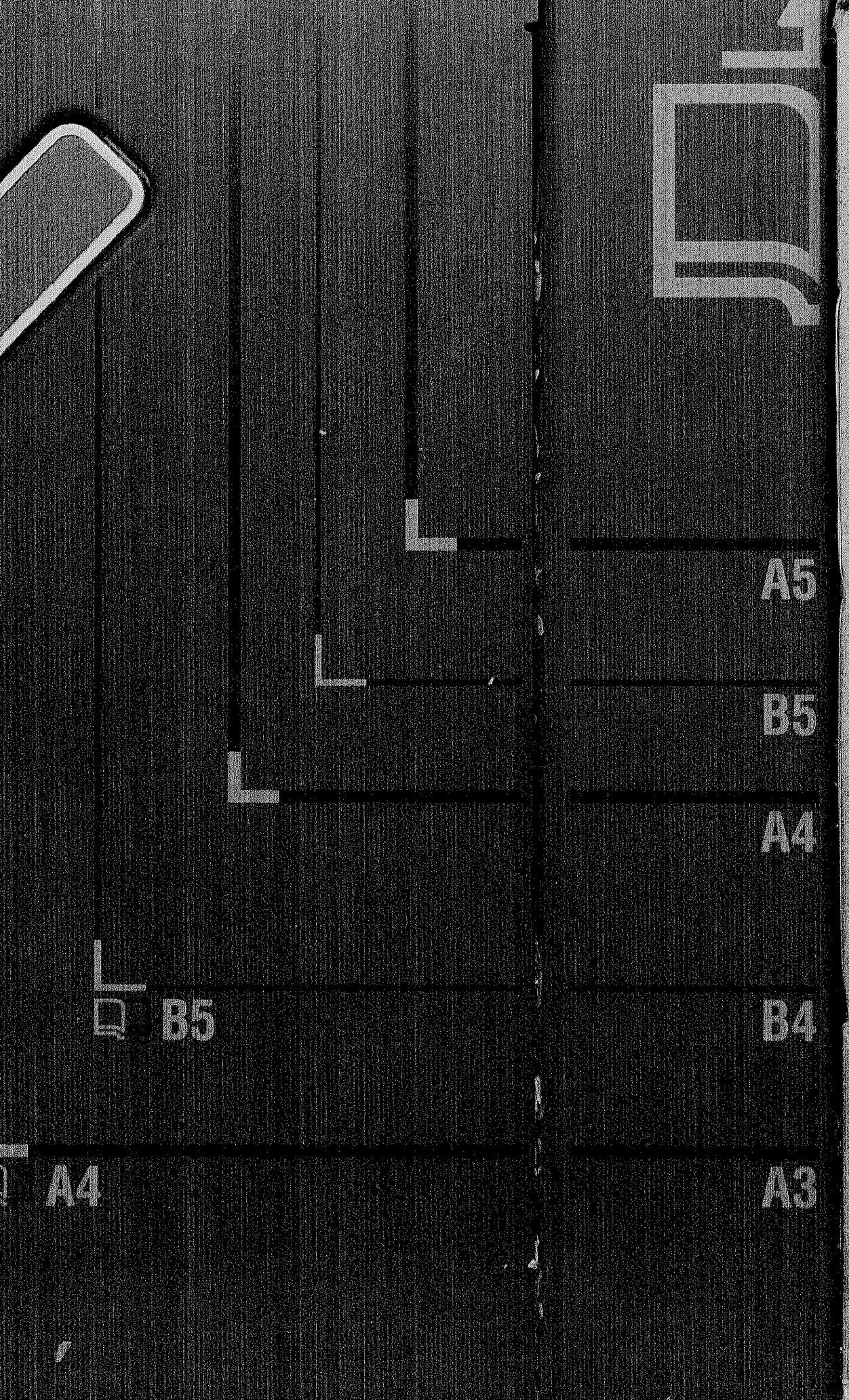


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No. 233. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 10th May 1873, No. 1036 :—

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Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 231. Order thereon, 23rd May 1873, No. 721.

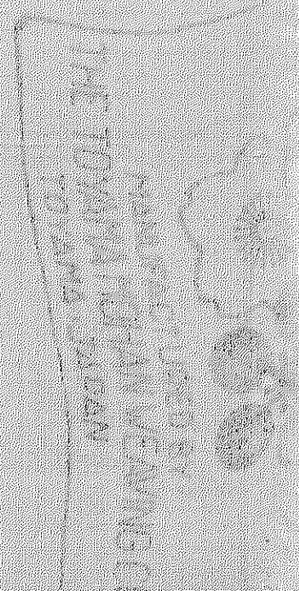
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(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Comm[illegible]

with plan.



Erd. J. Wright.

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No. 852. Colonial Secretary's Office
Kingston 15th February 1893

Sir,

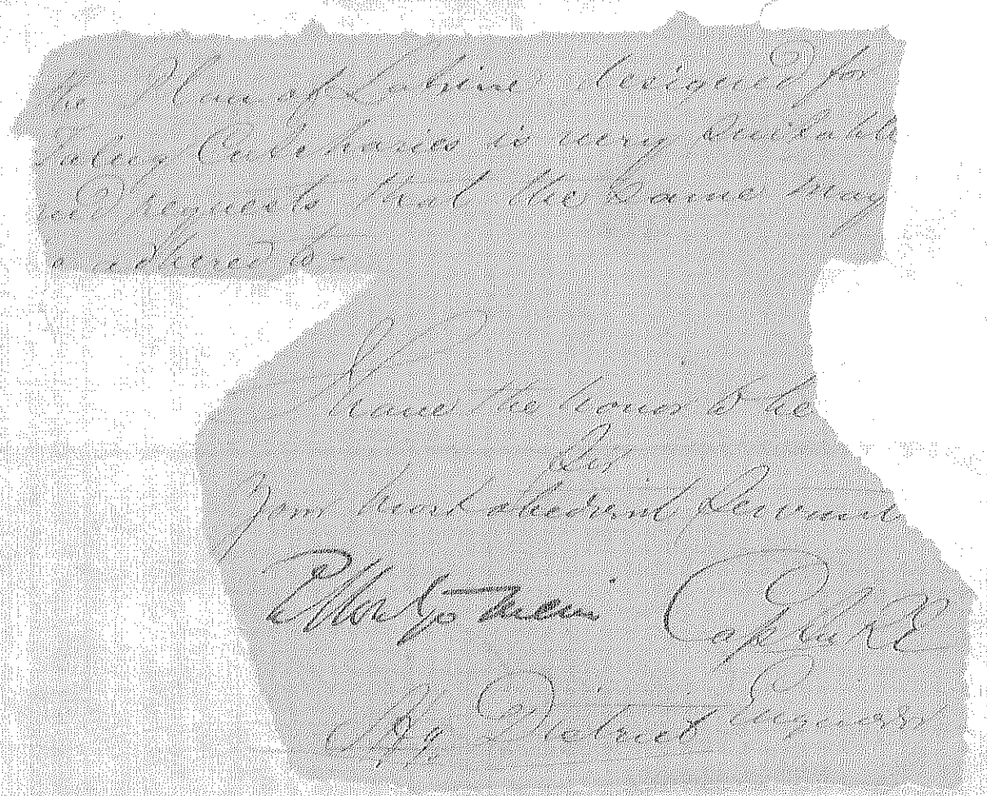
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the Capt. S. A. Montgomerie R.E.
Offg. District Engineer
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I do Colonel C. W. Watches C.B.
Secretary to Government
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

With reference to C. O. No. 45.
dated 8th May 1892, I have the honor
to inform you that the Collector
with whom this Office has been in
Communication relative to the adoption
of the Plan of Labour in use in the
Coincoatore Municipality as the
Rural Taluq Collectories under Con-
-sideration in this District, states
that the Plan in question is not
suited to the requirements of this
District. and further that the
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the Labour in a Taluq Collectory
in this District do not do enough
as to render the adoption of the
Coincoatore Municipal Plan
desirable - He is of opinion that

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~~Secretary to Govt~~
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~~The Offg Collector~~
~~Jaupore~~

~~The Secretary to~~
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~~N.W.P.~~

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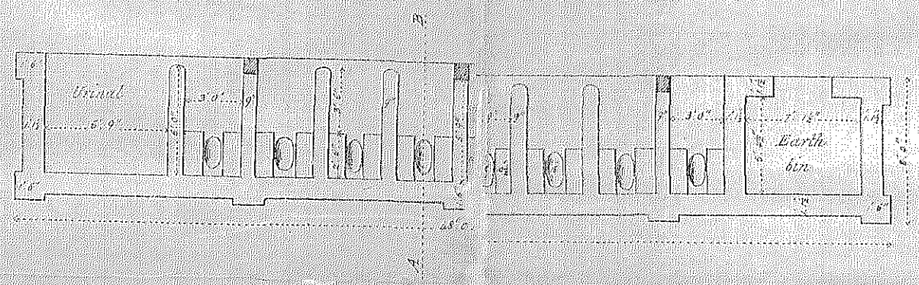
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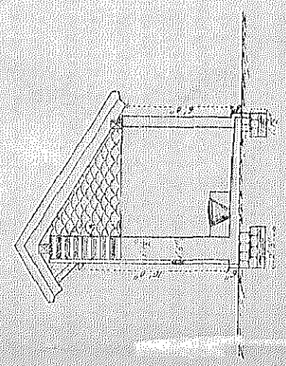
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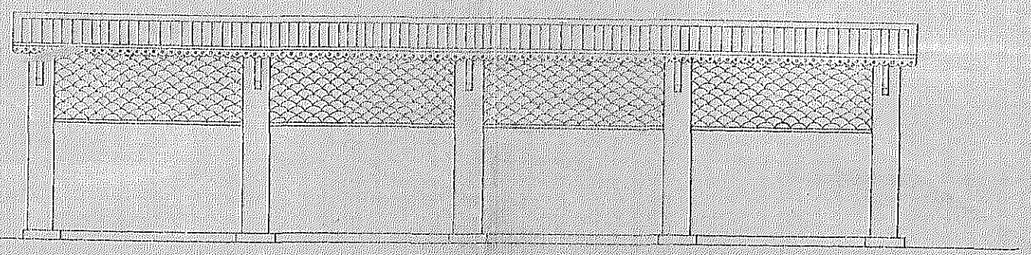
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Madura
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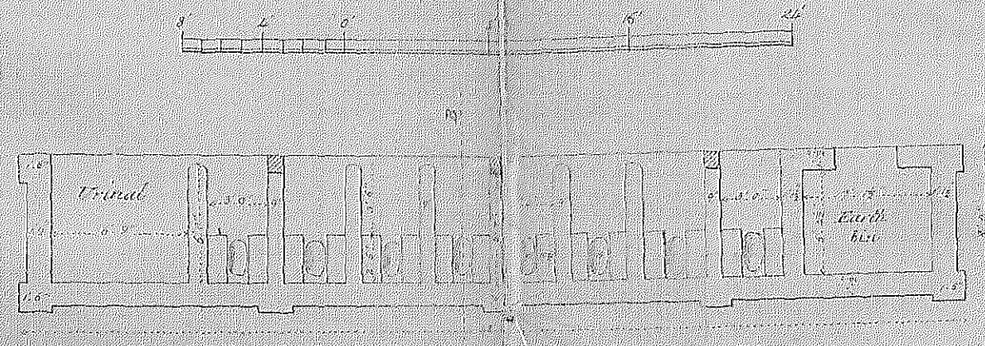
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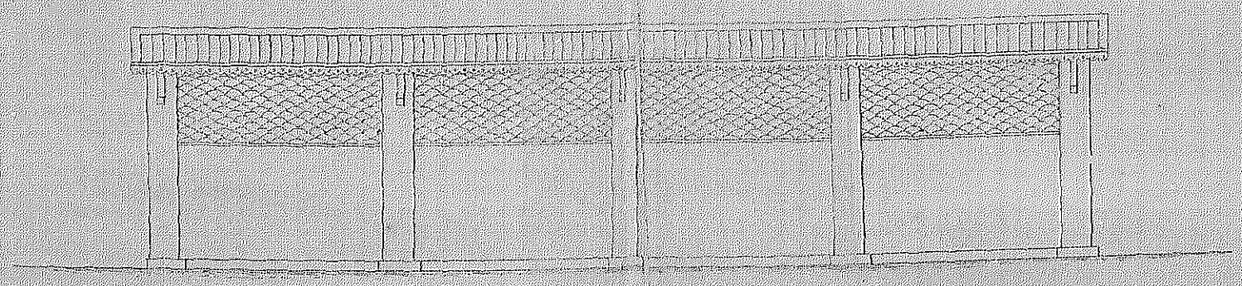
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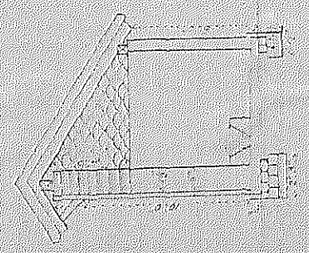
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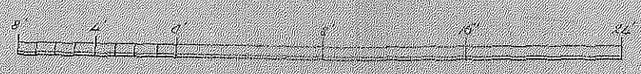
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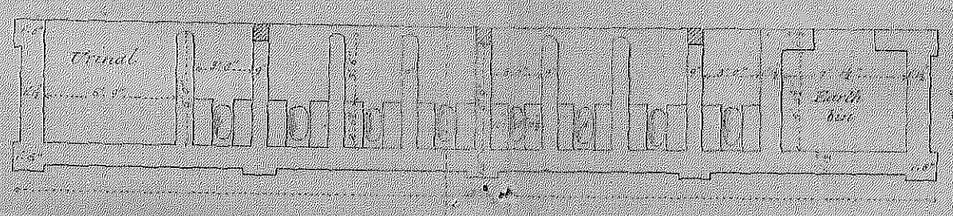
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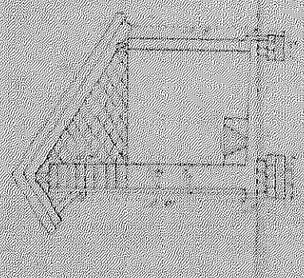
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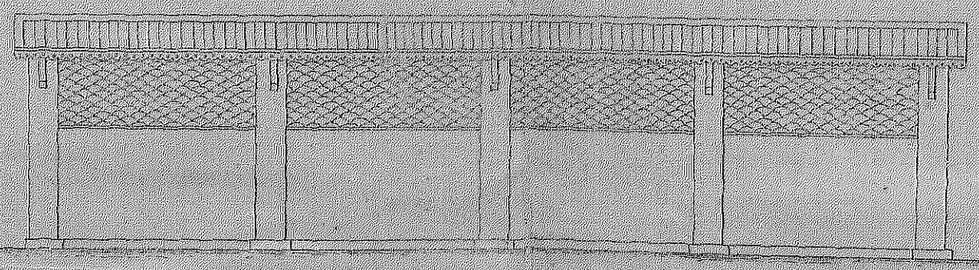




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~~Read the following letter from~~ the ~~Magistrate of~~

~~(Here enter~~ ~~Queen's number)~~ 187 , ~~No.)~~.

Notification

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A rate on houses, buildings, and lands, according to the annual value thereof. at 3½ per cent.

~~A tax upon arts, professions, trades, and callings.~~

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Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals as described in Schedule C. to the above Act annexed.

Fees on the registration of carts.

~~To—~~

~~The President of the Municipal Commission in~~

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No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1873, No. 1,306.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

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Colonel, R.E.,
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To District Engineers,
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To Major R. B. Kennedy,
To the Public Department.
,, Revenue ,,
} With Plan.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Financial Department

Govt. of 11873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

DISTRICT ENGINEERS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 10th.

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G. O., 10th May 1873, No. 1,305.

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Sanctioning Lt Col Roberts' Plan of Latrine to all Municipalities publicised in view to its adoption if approved.