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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 31st December 1875, No. 2543.

Communicated to the Department Public Works.

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
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