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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

(True Copy)

By Under Secretary

To the District Magistrates concerned.
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For orders.

This must be communicated to the Chamber of Commerce & the Madras Trades Association, but it is for consideration whether Govt. will desire to consult any one else.

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