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(* Vide your letter, No. 7600, dated the 31st October 1895.)

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(True Extract.)

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FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY

Home Department.
Public.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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L. M. Thornton

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To The Govt. of Madras.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 21st October 1895.

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Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) G. W. VIDAL,
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ACCOMPANIMENT TO BOMBAY GOVERNMENT, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, LETTER No. 7330, DATED THE 21ST OCTOBER 1895.

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