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[Despatch Abstract.]

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From J. H. ROBERTSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 26th July 1898, D. Dis. No. 1235-Rev.

With reference to G.O., No. 494 P., dated 18th May 1898, directing me to report what effect has been given at railway stations to the instructions issued in G.O., No. 274 M., dated the 23rd February 1897, regarding the destruction of rats as a plague precautionary measure, I have the honour to enclose herein a copy of the circular issued by the Traffic Manager, South Indian Railway, to the station-masters on the subject.

ENCLOSURE.

CIRCULAR of the Traffic Manager, South Indian Railway Company, dated Trichinopoly, 20th July 1898, G. No. 896.

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26 JUL. 1898

From

J. H. Robertson Esq
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SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government
with the effect given at
Railway Stations in
the Trenchinopoly & regard
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cautionary measure.

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SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY CO., LD.

TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Trichinopoly, July 20th 1898.

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Traffic Manager.

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Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
J. H. Robertson
Ag. Collector.

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