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Engineer Officers now removed to the British Establishment	1	1	8
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Military Department, Fort William, the 6th August 1867, *No.* 180.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(By Order,)

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Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Dy. Secy. to Govt.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1867, No. 2,730.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers and to the Consulting Engineers for Railways and for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
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Macmillan Colonel,

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