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(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kistna.
„ Judicial Department.

Encl. S. T. Austin.
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No. 39

From

J. W. Esquire

Ag. Registrar of the High Court
of Judicature at Madras.

To The Honorable W. Audleston
Chief Secretary to
Government

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"already founded into powder."

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"Court House on the northern side of which
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"the name of rooms - opening out into another
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High Court of
Madras
7th January 1876

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Wm

Ag. Registrar,
Appellate Side -

Under date the 20 Jan/76.

Read the following :—

Endorsement of the Indl. Dept.
in letter from the Registrar of the
High Court Madras }

(A.S. No. 23 d/8th Jan'y 1876)

The floor of the Municipal Court at Reyna was alluded to by the late District Judge appears to have been constructed of Brick jelly in Chiman at a cost of \$60; a material which is not calculated to ~~last~~ ^{except in rooms where it is} stand wear and tear ~~for many~~ ^{covered with matting-} years. No repairs might have been carried out by the local P. M. Officers on Mr. Wilson's demand, without reference to the High Court or Govt. The District Engineer Victoria, will now arrange for flooring the building with more lasting material.



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To *H. E. J. S. S. S.*

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