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7th December 1876. No. 3,303*

No. 136. Read the following Circular from the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—General,) dated Fort William, 28th November 1876, No. 82 P W —

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The Director of State Railways  
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The Director, Persian Telegraph.  
The Deputy Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph

THE following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and Officers noted in the margin for information and guidance.

By order,  
(Signed) G. J. MELLISS, Lieut.-Col.,  
*Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.*

EXTRACT from a Despatch from the Secretary of State, No 45 P W, dated 22nd August 1876

I request that a general caution may be conveyed to your Public Works Officers as to the necessity for the greatest precision in all reports, the object of which is to support claims to be established in this country, on account of alleged bad or insufficient work supplied by Contractors.

EXTRACT from a Memorandum by the Director-General of Stores for India, dated 25th July 1876.

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No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1876, No. 3,303.

ACCOUNT, No 8

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineers, Presidency and Godavery, and Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works for information and guidance  
(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Presidency.  
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" Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works  
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