

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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5. This front portion of the building was carefully examined, and, as far as could be seen, there is no reason to apprehend any immediate danger.

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(By Order.)

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Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 20th June 1883, No. 1656, Judicial.

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(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
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To the Public Works Department, with estimate.
" Accountant-General.
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Exd. T. O'Connor.

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