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3. The figures of expenditure were sent to me under date the 15th instant by the Assistant Engineer at Ranipet, and the cost thus shown is that which is expected to be defrayed on final measurement and payment for materials supplied.

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Commd: to the Supty: Engr: V Circle & the Ex: P.W. accts. in continuation of G.O. No. 947 W dt 7th April 86.

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