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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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2. The Government of India will be addressed by telegraph as to whether the services of the Inspector-General of Artillery can be made available to serve on the Committee; and the Public Works Department will be requested to nominate an Officer of Royal Engineers who is well acquainted with Madras.

3. The Inspector-General of Military Works is expected to arrive in Madras on the 23rd December, and in accordance with the request contained in his demi-official communication, dated the 10th instant, the Committee will assemble on the 24th December 1887.

4. On receipt of replies from the Government of India and the Public Works Department, final orders regarding the formation of the Committee will be issued.

5. The following telegrams will be despatched:—

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(True Extract.)

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To the Adjutant-General.

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