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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

G.O., dated 15th January 1892, No. 28, Public.

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From J. W. P. MUIR-MACKENZIE, Esq., C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Archæology), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 21st October 1891, No. 2178/28 Arch.

(1) No. 17, dated the 9th Jan. 1891.
(2) „ 378 „ 13th May „

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt on the 1st September with your endorsement No. 622, dated 24th July 1891, of the Government Proceedings noted on the margin, which contain the orders of the Government of Madras in regard to the lines on which the conservation of ancient monuments in the Presidency should proceed.

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No. 4815 C.

Transferred to the Public Department.

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(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

30th October 1891.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Under-Secretary.

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G.O., dated 1st October 1886, No. 2569 W.
" " 1st January 1888 " 59 W.
" " 10th June 1891 " 1576 W.

(True Extract.)

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. $\frac{2178}{28}$ Arch.

Dated Simla, the 21st October 1891.

SUBJECT.

Conservation of ancient monuments in the Madras Presidency.

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Your most obedient Servant,

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