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2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council invites special attention to the remarks of the Government of India, from which it will be seen that the success of the Volunteer movement depends very much on the encouragement given to it by civil communities, both official and mercantile.

3. His Excellency in Council therefore trusts that this Presidency will not be allowed to be behind other parts of India as regards the furtherance of the movement, and hopes that all Heads of Departments and of Mercantile establishments will do all in their power to induce those who are eligible, to enrol themselves as Volunteers, and that they will give those who have enrolled themselves every facility possible for attending drills, &c., and rendering themselves efficient.

4. A copy of these Proceedings will be placed on the Editors' table.

(True Extract.)

Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Inspector-General of Ordnance.
" Commissary-General
" Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Superintendent, Army Clothing.
" " Family Payments and Pensions.
" " Reserve Pemount Depôt, Hosûr.
" Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
" " " the Commander-in-Chief.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Public, &c., Departments.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Chairman, Madras Chamber of Commerce.
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THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
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