

Public Works (189⁶) Department.

G.O., No.

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10/4/96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Arrears of pay — Govt. India
resolution fixing the period within
which claims of officers are
accounted — should be investigated
by the Account Dept., Recorded

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To The Joint Secretary Genl of Madras
Public Department Railway Board,

[For General Distribution.]

Circular No. 5 Public Works,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL

Calcutta, the 20th March 1896.

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By order,

G. H. Walker
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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*To The Secretary Govt of Madras
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