

Public Works (1897) Department.

Revenue

G.O., No. 1030 W

DATED 12 April 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Summary. Pro. Revenue Dept. recording
the fortnightly - narrative of the
Godavari St. for the period ending 15th
February 1897, Comd. to S.E. I.C. etc.

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