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[Despatch Abstract.]

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with remants letter from the Venerable the Archdeacon
for winding reports of Collectors on - in their districts
for 1896-97, Comd to the S.E.S. concerned with remants.

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