

Public Works (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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of the — Comd to officers of the P. W. D. and depart-
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Public Works Department Secretariat of the Government of India

Government of India Resolution regarding the reorganization of the —, communicated to officers of the Public Works Department and departments of the Secretariat.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper:—

From Colonel T. GRACEY, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 23rd December 1897, No. 3386 G. [Reorganization of the Public Works Department Secretariat of the Government of India.]

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(True Extract.)

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Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India

Documents accompanying.
Nil.

*To The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras,
P.W.D., General Branch.*

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