

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 3197^h

DATED 8-12 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

~~Utilisation of the~~ Vellore Mosque.

Informing the Legislative Dept. that there is no prima facie objection to the admissibility of the question re the utilisation of the — as a store-house proposed to be asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 19th Decr 1899.

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READ—the following paper:—

Questions proposed to be asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 19th instant by the Hon'ble

No. I.

Forwarded to the Departments of the Secretariat concerned for favour of remarks at a very early date as to whether there is any *prima facie* objection to the admissibility of the questions.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

5th December 1899.

J. Ashby
for Secretary to Government.

To the Departments of the Secretariat concerned.

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