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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,  
21st March 1866.*

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. MUIR,  
Secretary to Government of India.

No. 91. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1866, No. 285.

Copy furnished to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, who will communicate to their Highnesses the Rajahs of those States paragraph 2, and the last clause of paragraph 3 of the Resolution of the Government of India.

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A. J. ARBUTHNOT,  
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*W. Muir*  
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