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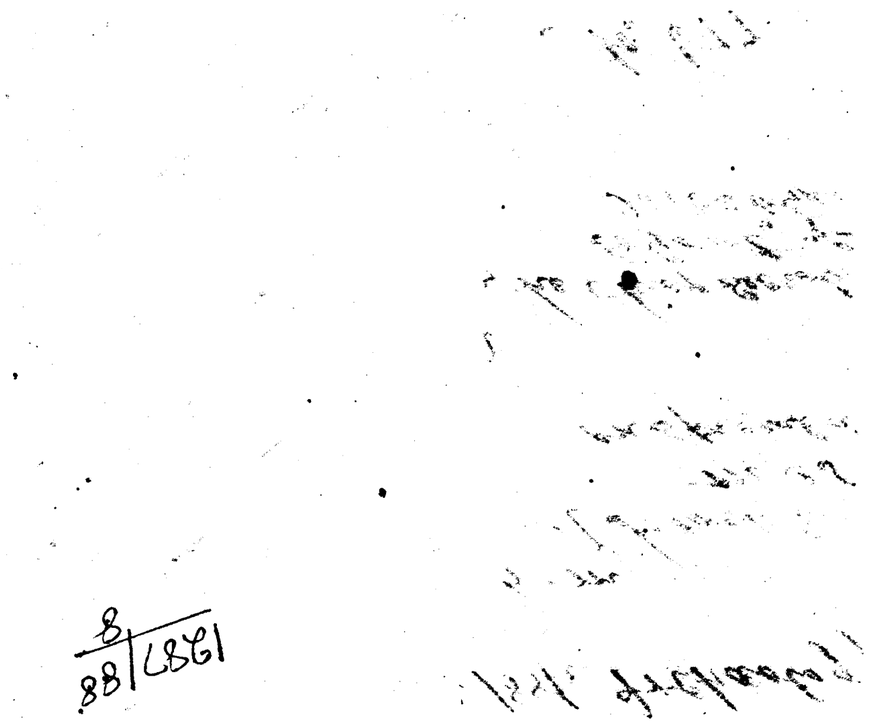
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W. Lowell Esquire M. C. S. on special duty, d: 13 September 1881, No: 677.

Order thereon 22d Septr: 1881. No: 12 [illegible]

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(H. E. No: 1288)

Despatch To
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The Secretary to the Government of India, [illegible]

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(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To R. Sewell, Esq., C. S., on Special duty.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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OOTACAMUND,
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Report of Archæological Survey of Southern India for 1881-82

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