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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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1. The Asiatic Society of the presidency in which the coins were found.
2. The Asiatic Societies of the other presidencies in the following order : Calcutta,
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to time advertize coins in the Government Gazette, Part II, and keep a register of numismatists who wish to have the opportunity of purchasing coins. Any coins not sold, and any coins not worth selling, should be dealt with by the mints and melted down.

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Ordered that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local Governments and administrations for information and guidance, and that a copy be forwarded to the Director-General of the Archaeological Survey of India and the Revenue and Agricultural department for information, and to the department of Finance for the issue of the further necessary instructions; to the Foreign department for communication, for their information and guidance, to all Political officers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

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Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 2627 (Miscellaneous), dated the 8th December 1884.

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ORDER—dated 21st January 1885, No. 156, Public.

Communicated to all Collectors, and to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To all Collectors.

„ the Board of Revenue.

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Coins.

Communicating to all Collectors and to the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, certain correspondence from the Government of India regarding instructions for dealing with — found under the Indian Treasure Trove Act.

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The Collectors of
The District Magistrates of
The Presidents, Municipal
Commissions,
The Presidents, Local Fund
Boards,

Anantapur.
North Arcot, Chittoor.
South Arcot, Cuddalore.
Bellary.
South Canara, Mangalore.
Chingleput, Saidápet.
Coimbatore.
Cuddapah.
Ganjam, Chatrapur.
Godávári, Cocanada.
Kistna, Masulipatam.
Kurnool.
Madura.
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Secretary to the Government of India.

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the 3 presidencies are
included in the list.

Alternative
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is sufficient. J.W.

All collectors.
Hd. of Revenue.
Supt. Govt. Museum.
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Subject

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A. M. S. S. S.

Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Government of Madras.

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