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Recording letter from
the Sanitary Commission
Madras forwarding
note made during
his march from Palni
to Coimbatore.

9TH OCTOBER 1891, No. 859A, PUBLIC.

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Dr. J. A. Loring

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14/9.*

15 Sep

*Satisfactory specimens
H.E.'s specimens*

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18 Sep

L.H.

21/9/91

*Should not this or the effect
of it be made public?*

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23 Sep.

No.

Dated 10th Sept 1891

Received 12th — do

Enclosures One

*Resubmitted to the Hon.
Mr. Stokes with refer-
ence to His Excellency's
remark.*

SUBJECT.

*Enclosing a short account
of his march from Palni to
Coimbatore -*

*20 B.
25/9*

*Record the enclosure
and it on E.T. Loring
thence submitted official
for the D.O.*

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6 Oct

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*Sanitary Commission
Sept 7
Editor, Table 26
20 Oct
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SURGEON-MAJOR J. A. LAING,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS.

To

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Manager
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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

Pondicherry, 10th September 189

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