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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,

11 June
Chief Secretary.

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To the Surgeon-General. 11 June 1892

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WITH REMARKS.

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Office of Surgeon-General

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras 5th May 1892.

No. 363

From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
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FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

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Subject.

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