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J. F. PRICE,
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To the Government Epigraphist.
 „ the Superintendent, Archæological Survey.
 „ all Collectors.
 „ the Surgeon-General, for communication
 to District Medical and Sanitary officers.
 „ the Public Works Department.
 „ the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
 „ the Superintendent, Government Press.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From E. D. MACLAGAN, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Archæology), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 27th June 1893, Circular No. 36-8.

The Government of India having received the opinions of all Local Governments and Administrations on the draft rules for the decipherment and publication of Indian inscriptions, forwarded with Mr. Muir-Mackenzie's Circular No. 11-8, of 7th February 1893, I am directed to request that the accompanying copy of the rules, amended in accordance with suggestions received, may be substituted for that previously issued.

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Full particulars should be given as to the disposal of the inscription pending further instructions; and, if it is not the property of Government or cannot be placed in the custody of Government officers, report should be made as to what steps are or can be taken to secure either the original or an impression of it.

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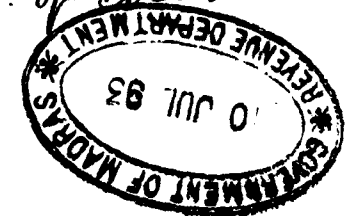
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