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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1365 Press ~~Mis.~~

23-24

Dated October 7, 1859.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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Report on the Working of District Presses for official year 1858-59.

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Copies to Collectors having Presses.

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