Revenue Dept.

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To

Dated 3rd July

Rec'd 4th Sept.

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12th Sept 1874

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 5th August 1869.

Read the following :—

No. 42. MINUTE by the Honourable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, dated 28th July 1869.

I regret that I am again obliged to leave the Presidency for the same reason which necessitated my absence in the early part of the present month.

2. As His Excellency the Governor and my Colleagues are aware, I had arranged to go to the Neilgherry Hills for August and the first half of September, but having been already absent for a fortnight in June, and again for a fortnight in the present month, I should have hesitated to leave Madras again so soon, had not the state of Mrs. Arbuthnot's health rendered it very desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that I should be with her at the present time. I propose to be absent about five weeks, and as much of my time during that period will be employed in the revision of the Report of the Commission on Public Works, of which I am President, and which has just concluded its sittings, and in connexion with the two Bills for amending the Towns' Improvement Act of 1865, and for providing for primary education and sanitation in villages not under the Municipal Act, as well as for District roads by means of local taxation, which are to be introduced when the Legislative Council meets in November, I trust that no material inconvenience will result from my absence.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1869, No. 1096.

Resolved that the foregoing Minute be recorded, with reference to the despatch from the late Court of Directors to the Government of India, in the Financial Dep.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Military do.
„ Public Works do.

Exd. J. Wright.