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Read the following paper :—

No. 105. *Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 16th February 1878, No. 780 W.*

Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Buildings), dated Fort William, 1st February 1878, No. 9 P.W.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, in the Public Works Department, General, Irrigation, and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal, North-Western Provinces, and Oudh, and Punjab, in the Public Works Department, General and Irrigation Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana.
[illegible] Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar [illegible].
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow.
The Superintending Engineer, Simla Imperial Circle.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations, and [illegible] ers noted on the margin, for information and guidance.

(By order,)

(Signed) G. T. SKIPWITH, Capt., R.E.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of Madras, Public Works Department, General Branch.

From A. P. HOWELL, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department, dated 9th August 1877, No. 1542.

From the Resolution of the Bombay Government in the Public Works Department, No. 130-P, dated 27th June last, the Government of India have observed that certain sums have been sanctioned for the demolition of the Guttul Fort and for filling in the ditch, and for levelling the Fort and reclaiming the ditch at Gadag as famine-relief works.

2. The Government of India have no knowledge of these particular forts, but they feel assured that His Excellency the Governor in Council would not have approved their demolition had they possessed architectural merits or historical associations. I am to take the opportunity of reminding the Bombay Government of the various instructions* which from time to time have been issued in view to the preservation of buildings, &c., of historical or architectural interest. The Government of India consider the preservation of such works an urgent duty, and though the subject has received considerable attention, it is feared that the instructions are not always strictly observed. There is, indeed, reason to believe that destruction of such buildings is still occasionally permitted, especially by railway contractors and engineers. Even where it is necessary to remove them, inscriptions and valuable carvings should be carefully preserved.

* Home Department Circular Nos. 57—4,030-9, dated 29th August 1867.
Home Department Resolution Nos. 14—930-41 A, dated 24th February 1868.
Public Works Department Circular, No. 9, dated 18th February 1873.

No. 31—1552.

Endorsed by Home Department.

Copy forwarded to the Local* Governments and Administrations for information and guidance with reference to the correspondence quoted; and to the Public Works and Foreign Departments, and the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce for information and for the issue of any further orders which may be necessary.

*Governments of Madras, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore and Coorg, and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1878, No. 324.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and to all Collectors.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
To all Collectors.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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