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ORDER—dated 6th February 1883, No. 171, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 879A—44-27, dated 14th September 1882.

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G.O., 8th February 1879, No. 326.
Letter, Financial Department, No. 295, dated 18th February 1879.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
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3- " Supdt Central Museum.
6- " Hon'ble Secy Mysore Planters Association

Note — When the grant was Imperial this Govt. recommended the increase & it is submitted they cannot do less than act on their former recommendation now the money is Provincial &

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Draft G.O. on biennial report of Dy. Director Horticultural Gardens, Madras.

1. The Secretary R. O.
~~2. The Financial Department~~

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