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| 293 | Despatch No 85<br>(Revenue) | 23 Nov -         | Secretary of State                                  | Government of India                  | Replying to No 216 Arrangements concluded by the Viceroy for systematising the policy and strengthening the administration of State relief throughout the famine stricken districts of Madras appear to have been well calculated to secure the objects in view and meet with the appreciation of Her Majesty's Government.                                    | 278      |
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| 295 | Despatch No 88<br>(Revenue) | 29 Nov           | Secretary of State                                  | Government of India                  | Replying to No 271   | 279      |
| 296 | Despatch No 98<br>(Revenue) | 27 Dec -         | Secretary of State                                  | Government of India                  | Replying to No 288   | 280      |
| 297 | Despatch No 99<br>(Revenue) | 27 Dec -         | Secretary of State                                  | Government of India                  | Replying to No. 269  | 281      |