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Conference of Curators of Museums

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No. 6950-6956-36.

Government of India.

Department of Commerce and Industry.

(Practical Arts and Museums).

Simla, the 3rd October 1910.

From

A..C.McWatters, Esq., I.C.S.,

Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with the endorsement from this Department No. 7407-7414-17, dated the 4th October 1909, relating to the Conference of Curators of Museums in India.

2. I am to forward copy of a letter from the Standing Committee, Museums Conference, No. 1628, dated the 8th September 1910, in which they propose that the Conference which should, in accordance with the decision arrived at in October 1909, be convened during the next cold weather may be postponed till the cold weather of 1911-1912. The Government of India have no objection to the proposal, and I am to enquire whether it meets with the approval of the Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A.C.McWatters

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 6957-6958-36.

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D.B.I.

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No. 6950-6956-36.

Government of India.

Department of Commerce and Industry.

(Physical Arts and Museums).

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No. 1628.

Indian Museum,

Natural History Section,

Calcutta, the 8th September 1910.

From

N. Annandale, Esq., B.A., D.Sc., F.A.S.B.,

Secretary, Standing Committee, Museums Conference;

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Department of Commerce and Industry.

Sir,

In continuation of the correspondence ending with your endorsement No. 1128-17, dated the 9th February 1910, I have the honour by direction of the Standing Museums Committee to address you as regards the Museum Conference that it is proposed to hold next cold weather (see Resolution Nos. xxviii-xxxii of the Museum Conference, 1907).

2. The Committee, having considered the question of the Conference from all points of view, are of the opinion that it would be better to postpone the next meeting of the Conference till the cold weather of 1911-1912, and then to hold it in Calcutta. As, however, they are unable to say whether this proposal would meet with the approval of the Local Governments and Native States they would esteem it a favour if you would consult the Governments and Durbars concerned as regards this point.

3. The Committee's reasons for making these proposals are follows:-

(i) The reorganization of the central (Indian) museum to which constant reference was made in the report of the first conference is still in progress, and the committee are of the opinion that a second conference would be more profitable after its completion than at the present stage. They think also that it would be as well for the delegates to have an opportunity of judging for themselves of the changes carried out with the approval of the Conference of 1907.

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(ii) The officers of the Indian Museum have been engaged, and still are engaged with details of the reorganization entailed by these changes and have therefore been unable to carry out as yet the proposals made in Resolution II, III, V, XV and XXI of the Conference of 1907.

4. The Committee desire to express their opinion that the Conference of 1907 has greatly facilitated an exchange of specimens and opinions, at any rate so far as zoological collections are concerned, and that a second Conference, when the time is ripe, would therefore be in the interest of all concerned.

5. In conclusion I am to invite your attention to the fact that the state of Travancore, which maintains at Trivandrum one of the best local museums in India, was apparently not invited to take part in the last conference.

I have, &c.,

Sd/- N. Annandale,

S E C R E T A R Y .

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Department of Commerce & Industries

C. No. 1985 From the Govt of India No. 6950-6954 dated 3-10-1900.

SUBJECT.

Conference of Curators of Museums in India

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Report of the Conference

A Conference of Curators of Museums in India was held at Calcutta in December 1907. Of the Resolutions passed at the Conference, nos. XXVIII to XXXII contained proposals for the holding of future conferences triennially and for the appointment of a Standing Committee for the purpose.

2. In para 4 of their letter dated 6th Oct. 1908, printed on page 2 of G.O. no. 736 Bdl & 30th Oct 1908, in forwarding the report of the Conference of 1907, the Govt of I. asked for the opinion of this Govt. on the proposals for the holding of triennial Conferences; and in letter no. 813 Bdl dated 12th Dec. 1908 this Govt. stated that they were in favour of the proposals. The Govt. of India then sanctioned the proposals - Please see India's letter dated 4th Oct. 1909 on page 2 of G.O. no. 570 Bdl & 22nd Oct. 1909

3 The Standing Committee appointed for the holding of triennial Conferences now proposes that the Conference which should be held in December next may be postponed to the cold weather of 1911-1912, ^{before which it is expected that} the reorganization of the Central (Indian) Museum ^{would be} completed. The Govt of I. have no objection to the proposal and enquire whether it meets with the approval of

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this Govt. There appears to be no objection to the proposal and the Govt of I. may be informed accordingly -

4. The Govt of I. do not refer to the question of inviting the State of Travancore to take part in the Conference, which is raised in para. 5 of the Standing Committee's letter and it need not be referred to in this Govt's reply to India.

5. The draft below is for approval.

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Letter to N^o 598 of 20.10.10

The Secy to the Govt of I.

Dept of Commerce & Industry

Sin,

In reply to Mr. Melvath's letter
no. 6950-6956-36 dated 3rd Oct. 1910,
I am directed to state that the Govt.
of Madras have no objection to the
~~proposed~~ postponement of the Conference of
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