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G.O. No. 217-18.

DATED 24-9-1917

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[Despatch Abstract.]

"Indian Architecture".

Forwarding to the Government of India an application from the publishers of the ----- with the information that this Government rejected a similar application as the Superintendent Archaeological Survey was of opinion that the journal was purely a commercial venture and that the publishers were not competent to carry the work through.

Please quote No. in reply.

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From,

The Publishers,

"Indian Architecture" 16-AUG-1917

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home Department.

Sir,

We beg to submit of our representative re-our publication "Indian Architecture" to the Government of India through the Local Government as directed in D.O. No. 53 A & E. dated 31st July 1917 enclosed.

We also enclose herein an extract from the D.O. letter of the Director General of Archeaeology in India, Simla, expressing his appreciation of our publication.

We request you will be graciously pleased to forward them to the Government of India.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
For PUBLISHERS.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Simla, the 31st July 1917.

P.O.No. 53

Dear Sirs,

I am directed to return your application dated the 11th July 1917, asking for patronage of the Government of India to the publication noted in the margin, and to

"Indian Architecture" suggest that any representation that you may desire to make on the subject should be submitted through the local Government concerned.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Asstt. Secy. to the Government of India.

To

Messrs. A.V.T. Iyer & Sons,
Publishers of "Indian Architecture"
Bangalore & Madras,
Triplicane, Madras, S.E.

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Extract from the Demi Official letter of the Director
General of Archaeological Survey in India, Simla to the Manager,
Indian Architecture, Triplicane, Madras.

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D.O.No.1532.
Office of the Director-General of
Archaeology in India.

Simla, the 8th. August 1917.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the
23rd July 1917 and of the three parts of your publication on Indian
Architecture and offer you hearty congratulations on both the
conception and the execution of the work which cannot fail to be
of signal value to all interested in the noble monuments of India.
x x I can readily enough assure you of the sympathy of this
Department in your undertaking and our desire to help you wherever
possible.

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Yours sincerely,
(Sd) D.B. Spooner,
Offg. Director General.

(True copy).

(Sd)

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SUBSTITUTE FOR DETACHED ENCLOSURE.

Home DEPARTMENT.

Letter No. 1218, dated 24th Sept. 1917.

FORWARDED TO THE S. G. S., Dept. of Education

WITH The G.O. mentioned above.
G.O. No. _____, dated _____ 1917.

DATE 24-9- 1917

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DESPATCHER'S INITIALS ms

Letter from the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey,
To the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department
Dated the 11th September 1917,
No. 448.

I have the honour to return herewith the original enclosures relating to the Publishers of "Indian Architecture" forwarded with Home (Education) Department Endorsement No. 832 B-1, dated the 31st August 1917 and to offer the following remarks :-

1. Record drawings belonging to this department are not, and never have been made available to the public. Retired officer of the Government, like the late Dr. Burgess, Mr. Smith and Mr. Cousins were supplied with a few drawings to serve as illustrations for works ordered or approved by the Government of India. A large number of the record drawings in this office have already been published in Mr. Rea's "Pallava Architecture", "Chalukyan Architecture", "South Indian Buddhist Antiquities", and numerous illustrated monographs appearing in the Annual Reports of the Director General of Archaeology; and I do not think any useful purpose would be served by permitting the publishers of "Indian Architecture" to again reproduce these drawings in their journal. Mr. Rea's publications mentioned above, are available to the public and printed at the Government Press. With regard to the unpublished drawings, these will be required to illustrate monographs and reports prepared by myself or other officers of this department from time to time.

2. I see no reason however, why the publishers of "Indian Architecture" should not be supplied with photographs taken by this department, in the same manner as they are usually supplied to the public, namely at a cost of 8 annas each.

3. "Indian Architecture", appears to be to be a purely commercial venture undertaken with the sole object of bringing money into the pockets of the publishers and I see no reason why it should receive any support from the Government. I shall be more than surprised if the work is ever completed as the publishers in my opinion, have

undertaken a work which they are not competent to carry
through and the compiler's knowledge of his subject is
indeed pathetic.

NOTES.

CNo 8383 From the publishers of the "Indian Architecture" dated 17.8.17.

Subject - Submitting for transmission to the Govt of India a petition requesting that they may be supplied with illustrations of Arch. drawings and photographs in the Offices of the Supt of Arch. in India.

In the Registrar

The petition has been submitted through this Govt. at the instance of the Govt of India. A similar petition submitted to this Govt. is being referred to the Supt. Arch. Survey for remarks. It is submitted that this may await receipt of the remarks of the S.A.S.

recd 14.8.17. JH 29.8.17

Ch 30.8.17

31/8/17

In the Registrar

Reference is requested to the letter of the S.A.S. a copy of which is on pp. 6-7 of.

The Supt is of opinion that the journal is purely a commercial venture and that the publishers have not the competence to carry through the work they have undertaken.

See linked file Ch 30.8.17

(Noted to Ch 21.9.17)

para 3 on pp 6-7 of

pp 4-8-6

2. The petition to the Govt. may be forwarded to that Govt. with an expression of the opinion of the S. A. S.

A draft order and a letter are submitted for approval.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 838B.

From the Publishers of the Indian Archives No.

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No. 1217, dated

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The application will be forwarded to the Govt. of India.

In a precedent please see

So. No. 844-45 Эл] (u)
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To, Messrs A.V.T. Araya & Co
Publishers of "Indiān Architecture"
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To,

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
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