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[Despatch Abstract.]

Murray's Handbook for India, Burma and Ceylon.

Recording papers regarding assistance towards the
issue of the ^{new} tenth edition of -----.

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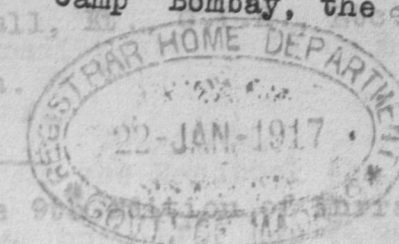
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
ARCHAEOLOGY IN INDIA.

Camp Bombay, the 20th Jany: 1917.

Mr. S.B. Buckland, 61, Cornwall Gardens, South Kensington,

London, S.W.

General of India.



My dear Sir,

In spite of the war, the 9th edition of Murray's Hand-
book for India, Burma and Ceylon is nearly exhausted, so that

Would you kindly read the enclosed copy of a letter
a 10th edition is called for, and I have
from Mr. C.E. Buckland, late of the Bengal Civil Service, in
with its preparation. The correspondence
which he asks for help from the Archaeological Department
self on this subject in 1912-13 is attached
in revising the last edition of Murray's Handbook for

I hope that you and your provincial colleagues
India, Burma and Ceylon? This guide book is ^{the} most reliable
one of its kind and it is up to us to do all we can to
assist Mr. Murray in the new edition as we did in the last.
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I myself am willing to revise ^{the} introductory chapters and ^{am}
especially regarding Indian Archaeology, and
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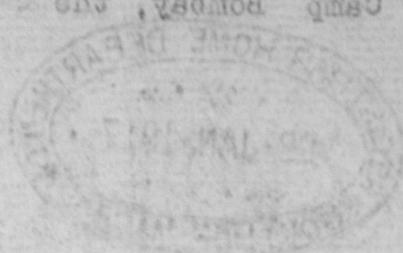
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Department, Madras.
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done; so I do hope we may have recourse to your kind offices
again.

I have read carefully the Government of India's Resolu-
tion, Education Department, Archaeology, Nos. 352-370, dated
the 22nd October 1915, on your note of 34 paragraphs which
you were so good as to send me. It shows what great worth

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Camp Bombay, the 1st Jan: 1917.



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Would you kindly read the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. C.E. Buckland, late of the Bengal Civil Service, in which he asks for help from the Archaeological Department in revising the last edition of Murray's Handbook for India, Burma and Ceylon? This book is a most reliable one of its kind and it is up to us to do all we can to assist Mr. Murray in the new edition as we did in the last. I myself am willing to revise introductory chapters and suggesting to the local Governments that the other chapters may be revised by the Archaeological Superintendent of the Circle to which they relate.

If the Government agrees as to the desirability of assisting Mr. Murray will you kindly issue the necessary instructions to Mr. Buckland.

Yours sincerely,

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Public Department, Madras.

Copy of a letter dated the 12th December 1916, from Mr. C.E. Buckland, 61, Cornwall Gardens, South Kensington, London, S.W., to Sir John Marshall, Kt., C.I.E., Etc., Director General of Archaeology in India.

In this edition of the Handbook the idea is to reduce the changes as far as possible, and to confine it to the necessary additions, corrections, and deletions. A 10th edition is called for, and I have again been entrusted with its preparation. The correspondence between you and myself on this subject in 1912-13 is doubtless in your possession.

I hope that you and your Provincial Superintendents will again do us the great favour of giving us the help you so kindly accorded to us in 1912-13, which made it possible to introduce much valuable information into the Handbook, especially regarding Indian Architecture, the places of interest rediscovered, and the ruins and buildings worked upon by your Department - all of them the very matter which the tourist, and other travellers in India, may be presumed to desire to have brought to their notice. I do not know what publicity is given to the annual archaeological reports in India, or whether the public read them, but I think I may claim for the Handbook that it attracts the attention of a good many people to the results of your Departmental labours which they would otherwise have difficulty and trouble in obtaining from reports. In ~~improving~~ improving the Handbook on these topics, I venture to think that some public service is done; so I do hope we may have recourse to your kind offices again.

and not exhaustive accounts, such as a Report or Gazetteer might contain. I should be very thankful if this could be done. The District officials might be able to say something in each case, but they could not do it half as well as your experts, as for instance, in the case of sites which you were so good as to send me. It shows what great worth

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the 22nd October 1915, on your note of 24 paragraphs which
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Yours

your Department is doing in a large number of places: one
might perhaps say that probably in no direction are more
changes in the Handbook required, to bring it up to date,
than in the results of your work.

In this edition (10th) of the Handbook the idea is
to reduce the changes as far as possible, and to confine
it to correction of errors, addition of new matter, bringing
of statistics up to date.

Probably therefore it will be ^{un-}necessary to change the
introductory information on Architecture, and the Preservation
of Ancient Monuments and Antiquities (pp. xci and cv, 9th
edition) but even in them, you might on inspection think it
desirable to make some corrections, or say something, to
bring them up to date.

If you will help us, as I hope, I would gladly leave
it to you to decide how it is to be done. If you would send
me the last annual reports of each of your circles, I might,
with some labour, worry out the main points and use the mate-
rial. But in so doing I should certainly not be up to date,
and might easily make mistakes or omissions, though want of
local knowledge. If your Superintendents (or other officers) ^r
could conveniently take the copies of the 9th edition (which
I believe they all have) would it not be simpler and better
if they would kindly draft the corrections and interpolations
desirable, indicating the pages and lines at which they
should be introduced? It would be necessary that they should
be brief, as indications to the sightseer what to look for,
and not exhaustive accounts, such as a Report or Gazetteer
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from pages 40-41 of the 9th edition. No district officer
could have written that. Perhaps little or no additions are
required to it; please let me have it back, in due course,
amended if necessary, on the margin of the extract or other-
wise.

I hope that you will forgive my troubling you with
all this again; but, apart from one's natural desire to get a
bit of work done well, I do think that it is a matter of
some public importance as well as of concern to the sight-seer,
that the valuable results of your departmental researches ~~the~~
should be widely known.

Home Dept:
(Edn)

From the papers

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recorded in G. O. No. 860 Puli, dt. the
18th. July 1912. It will be observed
that when the 9th. edition of Murray's
Handbook of India, Burma and
Ceylon was projected, Mr. John Murray
at the instance of Mr. L. E. Russell and
desired to enlist the co-operation
of Dist. officers in this Presidency in
revising and supplementing the
information contained in the previous
edition with a view to its being
brought ^{up to date}. The Govt. on that
occasion doubted the propriety of
imposing the extra work involved
on Govt. officers and accordingly
gave them distinctly to understand
that there was no official obligation
on them to undertake the work.

2. The work which is
now sought to be got done by Mr.
Longhurst is loosely indicated at
portion 'K' on page 3 ante. The
point for consideration is whether
Mr. Longhurst can ~~appropriately~~
be called upon by the Govt. to do

the work. Perhaps as on the 1
previous occasion ^{a copy of} the correspondence
may be forwarded to Mr. Loughness
with a covering D.O. saying that
the Govt: leaves it entirely to him
to comply with the request ^(or not) Sir
John Marshall may also be written to
to this effect.

Two draft D.O's are submitted
for approval.

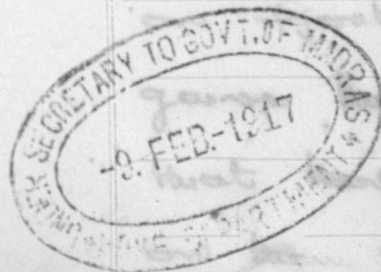
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Home Dept.
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L. 299.

D.O. No. 299-1
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Dear Mr. Longhurst,

I am to

forward a copy of ~~the~~ a
~~copy of the~~ D.O. from

Sir John Marshall (with
envelope) ~~and~~ ^{soliciting}

asking your help in the work
of revising Mr. Murray's
Handbook of India, Burma
and Ceylon. The Govt.

leave it ~~to you~~ ^{to you} to
decide whether you will comply
with the request or not. ^{They} do
not wish it to be understood

from the transmission of the
request that there is any official
obligation upon you to do the
work if you do not wish to do
it. Whether you elect to do
the work or not, ~~you~~

address your future cor-
respondence, if any, on the
subject direct to Sir John
Marshall.

Yours truly,

Please keep the two D.O.s
return file sharp
to me.

Yr
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[Handwritten signature]

To
Mr. Longhurst Esq;

Received
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enclosure
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D.O. 2
PPS d
Dear Sir John

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt
of your D.O. let. No. 1-C, d/ the
20th January 1917 regarding
the revision of the ninth
edition of Murray's Handbook
for India, Burma and Ceylon
and to state that a copy thereof
(with enclosure) has been
communicated to Mr. Longhurst
with the intimation that the
Govt: leave it to him to decide
whether he should do the work
or not.

Yours sincerely:
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6.2.17

To
Sir John A. Marshall,
Kt., B. P. C., M. A., Litt. D.
F.S.A.,
D. O. of Archaeology

Abstract:-
Murray's Handbook for
India, Burma & Ceylon.
Regarding
papers regarding the
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The D.O's to Mr. Longhurst
and Sir John Marshall have issued
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