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Concerning the Preparation of the Annual Report of the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey Department, Southern Circle, Madras.

ENCLOSURES.

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Station Madras, Dated the 29th November 1916
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From (Name) A. H. Longhurst, Esq.,

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Southern Circle.

To the ~~Chief~~ Secretary to the Government of Madras
Home (Education) Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Government's criticism of my Annual Report for 1915-16 embodied in G. O., No. 109, Home (Miscellaneous), dated the 5th September 1916, I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, a copy of a demi-official letter No. 2224, dated the 21st September 1914, from the Director General of Archaeology in India, from which it will be seen that the standard of my Annual Report met with the approval of

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obliged if the Government will be so good as to enlighten me on the following points:-

- (1) It is pleasant for me to learn that "on the whole, my last report is an improvement on its predecessor", but I should like to know the reasons which have led the Government to arrive at this satisfactory conclusion.
- (2) I do not think it would be possible to give a more "concise account" of conservation works carried out during the year under report, than that appearing in Appendix D. I shall feel obliged if the Government will kindly point out to me which portions of my report are "unintelligible."
- (3) May I be informed of the names of the "more important works of repair done during the year under report," which I have failed to give a full account of.
- (4) The so-called "irrelevant matter copied from district gazetteers", was included at the special request of the Director General of Archaeology.
- (5) May I be informed how I am to compel the Superintending Engineers of this Presidency "to see that the budget allotment is fully expended within the year". It appears to me, that this is a matter which concerns them far more than it does me.
- (6) In paragraph 4 of my Annual Report for 1915-16, I have explained in detail what drawings were required during the year and how the Draftsman's time was occupied. In paragraph 4 of the Government Order under reference, the Government states "only six drawings were prepared during the year". Does this statement mean that too many drawings have been prepared, or that the number is insufficient? May I be informed of the nature of the drawings

monographs on the subject, such as Pallava, Vijayanagara, monographs to be incorporated in Part II of my Annual Report or are they to be prepared and issued as separate publications?

(8). With regard to the latter part of paragraph 4, some confusion of ideas seems to prevail regarding "Architecture and "Archaeology". Among scholars and experts, these two subjects are treated separately as distinct subjects. With the exception of a little article on "The Manufacture of Stone Implements in Prehistoric Times" appearing in Part II of my Annual Report for 1914-15, I am not aware that I have produced any "essays on archaeological problems". My article on the "Origin of the Typical Hindu Temple of Southern India" appearing in Part II of my last Annual Report, represents a valuable investigation into the origin of a particular style of Indian Architecture, which, up to the present, has never been explained. It is points of this kind which require elucidation before "monographs on the chief architectural works of Southern India" can be successfully undertaken. The most important consideration concerning the style of architecture of any country or people is, its origin and development. Without this knowledge, it is not possible to understand or to appreciate the value of any particular architectural style.

(9). If the Archaeological Survey Department is to prove of any real educational value, the Provincial Reports should contain something more than mere "Conservation Notes". As a rule, "Conservation Notes" are written primarily for the guidance of the Public Works Department Overseer who is entrusted with the repairs, and it is a little difficult to

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repairs undertaken during 1915-16, constitute "Annual Repairs" such as, the removal of vegetation, upkeep of paths and roads, repairs to notice-boards, and the pay of watchmen or sweepers. I should much like to be informed as to the manner to be employed in order to make "interesting reading" out of such material as this. In the early days of this Department, "Conservation Work" was necessarily regarded as "the primary duty of the Local Superintendent", but there is no sane reason why conservation should still be considered of paramount importance now that the important repairs have been completed and the buildings made over to the maintenance of the Public Works Department. Once an ancient building has been put into a thorough state of good repair, no further repairs, other than "annual repairs", should be required for the next twenty years or so. Therefore, no "Conservation Notes" on such buildings will be required during that period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. H. Longhurst

Superintendent.

many drawings have been prepared

may I be informed

Office of the Director General of Art,

in India,

Simla, the 21st September 1914.

My dear Longhurst,

I have just read with the greatest interest and pleasure your report for 1913-14. It is vastly superior to any report which has preceded it in the Southern Circle and I hope that you will make a point of always maintaining the high level which it has now reached.

I see that the Local Government has issued instructions regarding the expenditure of funds provided for conservation and no doubt they will be fully spent in future. It is difficult to understand how a sum of Rs.10,000/- could have been allowed to lapse, when there is so much waiting to be done at Vijayanagar and other sites, and so little money available.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) J. H. Marshall

To
A. H. Longhurst, Esq.,
Madras.

(True Copy)

A. H. Longhurst
Superintendent.

C.No.4429/16, From the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey,
Southern Circle, Madras, No.795, dated
the 29th November 1916.

Subject.

Regarding the preparation of the annual
report on Archaeology.

Mr. Longhurst resents the unfavourable remarks
made by the Government in their review of his last
annual report (G.O.No.109, Home (Miscellaneous),
dated the 5th September 1916) and considers them to
be unnecessary. While asking for enlightenment on
certain points concerning the manner in which the
standard of his annual report should be improved,
he takes up the attitude of criticising the remarks
and asks the Government to justify some of them. The
position taken by Mr. Longhurst and the tone of his
letter are rather curious. It is for consideration
whether the displeasure of the Government at the
attitude taken by him may be noted in the orders to
be passed on his letter.

2. The lines on which the Provincial reports
on Archaeology should be compiled have been laid
down by the Government of India in paragraphs 3 and 4
of their Resolution in the Revenue and Agricultural

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printed with G.O.No.745, Public, dated the 21st August 1903. Some of these instructions have been brought home to Mr. Longhurst on previous occasions. Thus, the report for 1912-13 was found by the Government of India to be defective in several ways and instructions were thereupon issued to the Superintendent to avoid such defects - vide G.O. No. 678, Public, dated the 6th June 1914, and the demi-officials on pages 10 to 12 and 27 to 28 of the notes to that G.O. Vide also G.O.No.371, Public, dated the 19th March 1913, in which instructions were issued in regard to the matter to be embodied in Part I and Part II of the annual report. With the instructions already given to him Mr. Longhurst should be able to prepare an interesting and readable report.

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3. It may be observed that the review of the annual report for 1915-16 was redrafted by the Honourable Sir Alexander Cardew.--vide page 3 of the notes with G.O. 109-10, Home (Miscellaneous), dated the 5th September 1916, and most of the Honourable Member's remarks are based on the notes on pages 2 and 3 of the G.O. It does not seem necessary to

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Mr. Longhurst wants explanation or elucidation and which have evidently been raised only for the sake of criticising the remarks made by the Government.

4. It is for consideration whether the letter may be recorded with the remark that the Superintendent should be guided by the instructions already issued to him in regard to the lines on which his annual report should be prepared. The displeasure of Government at the attitude taken by him may also, it is submitted, be noted.

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1-1-17.

Leaving aside the interrogatories in the current letter and confining ourselves solely to the Government review, it will be observed that Mr. Longhurst has not much to complain of. The opening sentence in the review "The report is "on the whole an improvement of its predecessor "x x x" is of the nature of an appreciation and gives expression to the collective effect of the report. Again, the observation that "the "conservation notes would however have been more "useful if the Superintendent had given a concise

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"works of repair x x x" meant that Mr. Longhurst should have taken a few specimens of prominent repair carried out in connection with, say, the Gingee fort, the Kalleswara temple at Harpanahalle, the tomb of Abdul Wahab Khan at Kurnool, and evolved a readable account of them, showing clearly the nature and object of each work. The remark in paragraph 3 regarding the inadequacy of the expenditure on conservation and the lapses in the amounts allotted for the purpose is nothing new. Year after year the Government have been complaining about this and the paragraph is as much an order to the Public Works Department to see to the complete carrying out of the works for which funds are allotted as it is to the Archaeological Superintendent. So far as the latter is concerned, he has to enlist the co-operation of the Public Works officers and give them necessary expert advice. Since funds are generally allotted only for works proposed by the Superintendent, that officer must interest himself in the matter and arrange for the maximum expenditure being incurred. In noting that only six drawings were prepared the Government meant

it tended to show that the tours of inspection performed by the Superintendent were not productive of much good since he failed to find a larger number of suitable objects for reproduction. In speaking of archaeological problems the Government had apparently in view the articles "Tree and serpent worship in Southern India" and "The origin of the typical Hindu temple of Southern India" appearing on pages 34-39 and 28-35 of the reports for 1914-15 and 1915-16 respectively.

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I think that the
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first see these papers
as the largest object to
the views which the
Admin. has passed. Jks

Box 56
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Those who wish
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 Longfellow's evidently feels.
 Quite a brief for
 recording the Peter
 Parker, I think, I suppose.
 It is necessary to find
 fault with Mr Longfellow
 for the time of his letter etc,
 and I think that is
 necessary, that maybe
 don't do.

W. L. G.

of course the
 file will go to H. E.
 for final action

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The matter is one which must be decided by
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 H. E. the Governor, as this Dept is now ap-
 parently included in Education.
 My personal opinion would be in favour of
 administering a reprimand to Mr Long-
 hurst officially. In my experience it is not

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as it permits a greater license of ~~relo~~ ^{relo}
is a man of Mr Longhurst's breeding &
instincts will doubtless be ready to take
advantage of.

I fear that he is an impracticable person.
I agree with the Hon. Mr. Rajagopal that
that the order should be quite brief.

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I have discussed this with Sir A. Corder -

The papers may be recorded with the following
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The attention of Mr Longhurst is called to
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Government note with disapproval and
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