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Letter—from J. M. MITRA, Esq., M.A., Rai Bahadur, Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education (A and E).
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Department.
Dated—Simla, the 25th September 1919.
No.—265.

I am directed to forward, for information and favour of necessary action, a copy of a letter from the Director-General of Archaeology in India, regarding the procedure to be observed in arriving at a decision to dismantle an ancient building for the use of its material in conserving another old structure.

ENCLOSURE

Letter—from the Officiating Director-General of Archaeology in India.
To—the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education.
Dated—the 1st September 1919.
No.—2158.

It has lately been brought to my notice that the Public Works Department have in one or two cases dismantled one ancient structure in order to utilize its materials in the conservation of another ancient monument without any reference being made to the Archaeological Department.

Although I consider it would be merely quixotic in many instances not to use such material and think that each case should be decided on its own merits I am of opinion that the right authority to decide such cases is not the local Public Works Department officer but the Archaeological Superintendent of the Circle in which such a case may arise.

In bringing the subject before Government I have the honour to request that if there is no objection the local Governments may be addressed and asked to issue such instructions as may be necessary to insure that such instances may not occur again, and that should it be desired or thought necessary to dismantle an ancient building (even though classed III) for the use of its materials in conserving another old structure, the Archaeological Department may invariably be consulted in the first instance.

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(True extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey.

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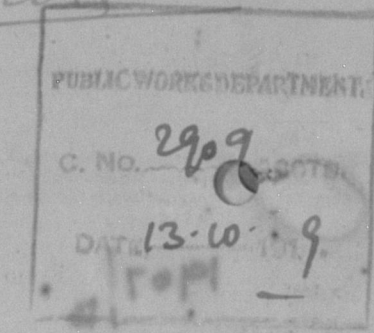
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