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Ancient Monuments

Communicating to the Superintendent, Archaeological
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.



ARCHAEOLOGY AND EPIGRAPHY.

Delhi, the 21st February 1919.



RESOLUTION.

At present the lists of ancient monuments in India are classified in accordance with the instructions laid down in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Home Department resolution no. 3-168-183, dated the 20th November 1883. It has been represented to the Government of India that since the passing of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904 (VII of 1904), the classification laid down in the above mentioned resolution has been found inadequate inasmuch as it makes no provision for those monuments which, although privately-owned, are nevertheless maintained by Government in accordance with agreements made under section 5 of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, VII of 1904. The Governor General in Council has, therefore, given the matter his careful consideration and after consulting the Director General of Archaeology in India is pleased to direct that in future the lists of ancient monuments should be classified as noted below :—

- Those monuments which from their present condition and historical or archaeological value ought to be maintained in permanent good repair.
- Those monuments which it is now only possible or desirable to save from further decay by such minor measures as the eradication of vegetation, the exclusion of water from the walls and the like.
- Those monuments which from their advanced stage of decay or comparative unimportance it is impossible or unnecessary to preserve.

The monuments in classes I and II should be further sub-divided thus :—

- (a) and II (a).—Monuments owned and maintained by Government.
- (b) and II (b).—Monuments owned and maintained by private persons.
- (c) and II (c).—Monuments owned by private persons but maintained by the owners and Government jointly or by the Government exclusively.

2. His Excellency in Council is satisfied that, while the adoption of the classification noted above will be distinctly advantageous in preparing future lists, it will not in any case render the existing lists either useless or ineffectual, as it will be a simple matter in each province to circulate to officials concerned a brief schedule showing the corrections to be made which may be pasted in their appropriate places in the lists.

3. The words "Ancient monuments" in this resolution should be interpreted as monuments within the meaning of section 2 (1) of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904, (VII of 1904).

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local Governments and Administrations and the Director General of Archaeology in India for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Foreign and Political, Public Works and Finance Departments for information and that the resolution be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*.

[Signature]

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

To
The Government of Madras.

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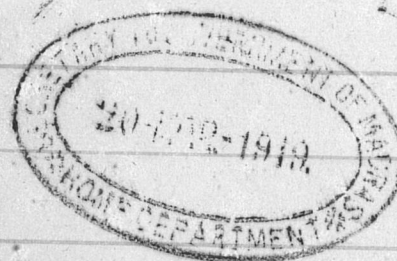
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