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[Despatch Abstract.]

Hand-book of South Indian Architecture.-

Recording notes relating to the publication by
Mr. A.H. Longhurst, Superintendent, Archaeological Survey,
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J.O.

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Dear Sir,

It will be within your recollection that at your interview with Sir John Marshall at Madras

early in 1916 you agreed to bring out a handbook on South Indian Architecture and hoped to issue the first part thereof - that relating to Pallava Architecture - by the end of summer of 1917. Will you please let me know, for the information of Govt., what progress you have been able to make with the work up to date?

Yours faithfully

M. V. 23/10/18

20.10.18.

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Note:- The above draft is submitted with reference to

G. pp 8 to 9 of
G.O. 1247 Puh.
(G) 28.6.16

To A. H. Langhorne Esq.;
Super., Arch. Survey,
(on leave) Kotagiri

24.10.18

Scary's orders on the margin of

para 2 (ii) of office note on this

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last year's Arch. Report.

Seeing that Mr. Longhurst is now
on leave, it is thought better to

address the note to his

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D. O. No.

Home (L^h) 2285 B
5.11.18

Archaeological Survey Department,
Southern Circle,

Kotagiri,

Kiegi.

3rd Nov-1918

Dear Sir,

In reply to your

D.O. letter No-2209 B-1, dated Dec

24th Oct/18, I beg to state that when

I saw Sir John Marshall in 1916, I

informed him that I was preparing a

book on "Hampi Ruins", which I hoped

to issue that year or early in 1917. He

suggested that I should also produce



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a series of illustrated articles
on the chief styles of S. Indian
Architecture — Pallava, Chola
Chalukyan, etc; which when
finished would serve as a
History of S. Indian Architecture
I agreed with Sir John that such
a work was sadly needed &
that I would collect material with
this object in view but I made
no promise as to when or how

the work was to be produced
as I was not in a position to do so
until Government had agreed
to the proposal & sanctioned the
necessary funds, as the cost
of the work would be con-
siderable & would take some
years to complete. I have heard
no more about the matter;
either from Sir John or the Gov-
ernment until I received your

letter under reference. However,
!! I have on my own responsibility,
made some progress with the
work by publishing in Part II
of my Annual Report during the
last few years, a series of im-
portant illustrated articles
relating to the subject, which
when complete, I propose
to arrange in chronological
order and issue in one or

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Southern Circle,

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or more volumes, as a com-
plete "History of Southern Indian
Architecture". In this manner,
the work can be produced
without any extra expenditure
to Government or without
interference with my ordinary
duties as Superintendent of

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the S. Circle.

Yours truly

A. H. Longhurst.

(on leave.)

The Honble: Diwan Bahadur R. Rama
chandra Rao.

Secy. to Government, Home.

(Education) Dept.

Madras.

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None (Edm)

For the case is now stated in Mr. Longhurst's D.O. on the previous pages no action appears to be necessary just now. For advice whether the correspondence may be needed.

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Please see Sir John Marshall's D.O. - paras 1 + 3 on pages 8 to 10 of fo. no 1247. of 28.6.18. This clearly shows that a definite line of action was chalked out to Mr. Longhurst in this matter by Sir John Marshall, that the former was specifically asked to collect ^{first} the material needed for the Chapman Pallava Archæ - lecture and that he "promised" to let Sir John Marshall see the material collected to enable him to determine the form of assistance which he could render in the matter. Mr. Longhurst's ~~that~~ present D.O. to the effect that he has not been hindered by any definite promise and that he expected to hear from either Sir John Marshall or the Govt. is not understood & does not seem consistent with the definite state in Sir John's D.O.

Sir John Marshall's conversation ~~and~~ with, and personal instructions to, Mr. Longhurst in the matter were considered by Govt. to be sufficient and it was expected that the initiative should be taken by Mr. Longhurst.

Sir John's chief object was to organize the procedure in each Department "on systematic lines." It is doubtful whether the procedure now followed by Mr. Longhurst in publishing ~~an~~ accounts of ~~some~~ isolated ^{and fine} cases of buildings in the Annual reports - which do not solely confine themselves to the question of architecture - would meet the object in view or would fit in with the general plan sketched out by Sir John Marshall. He may probably have to consult Sir John Marshall again in the matter before acquiescing in the proposal of Mr. Longhurst.

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As far as can be gathered from Sir John Marshall's ~~so~~, the idea was to publish fragments of the proposed book on South Indian Architecture in the annual reports

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of the Archaeological Department.
The first chapter was to deal
with Pallava architecture which
he proposed to finish by the summer
of 1917. We can ask him if
he has finished this chapter &
let him have us a forecast of the
work to be done in this matter.

WV 14/11/10

A draft D.C. is submitted for approval

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15.11.18
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17.11.18

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WV 19/11/10

As far as can be gathered from
the various documents, the
idea was to publish a book
of the proposed book, but the
idea was not carried out.

Homel Ed. 1/2

D.O.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd. I am to inform you that from Sir John Marshall's report about his interview with you in March 1916, it is ~~quite~~ ^{clear} understood that your idea was to publish fragments of the proposed book on South Indian Architecture in the annual reports of the Archaeological Department and that you proposed to finish by the summer of 1917 the first chapter dealing with ~~South~~ ^{South Indian} architecture. Will you please let me know whether you have finished this chapter. I am ~~also~~ ^{able} to add that the Govt. would like to have a forecast of the work to be done in this matter.

Yours faithfully

17.11.18

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Received
no. 11.16
19.11.18

A. H. Longhurst Esq.
S. H. S.

Homel Ed. 1/2

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A. H. Longhurst Esq.
S. H. S.

Dr. J. G. Bennett

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the proposed excavation of the site of the ancient city of Kanchi. I am sorry to hear that the work has not yet commenced, but I trust that it will be completed in due season. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours truly,
 J. G. Bennett

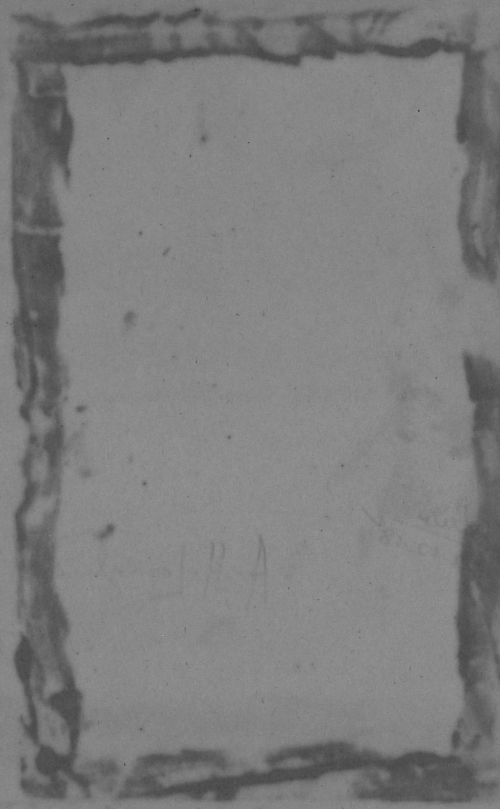
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D. O. No. 29.
 Home (S.S.) 2538 B
 Kanchi.
 Archaeological Survey Department,
 Southern Circle,
 29th Nov 1918
 Dear Sir,
 With reference to your D.O. letter No-2209 B.2. dated 19th Nov. 1918. I beg to state that the clearance of the Pallava architecture is not finished as I have not had time to undertake the same.

Submitted that this may be over pending Mr. Langhurst's return to Madras and the interview proposed by him.

A/S 5/12/18
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D. O. No. 593.



Madras



20th December 1918

Dear Sir

In continuation of my Demi-official letter No. 29 of the 29th November 1918 I beg to state I have just returned to headquarters and find that His Excellency desires to see me, presumably about the work on South Indian Architecture, so in the circumstances, I had better call and see you after the Christmas holidays when I shall be in a position to know His Excellency's views on the subject.

Yours truly,

LWS
21.12.18

A. H. Longhurst.

To

The Secretary

Home (Education) Department

Fort St. George.

Submitted that this may lie over for a fortnight.

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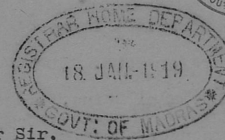
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23.12.18

Mr. Longhurst called at the office today & spoke to the Under Secretary about this matter. He has promised to write to Mr. Marshall direct & let us know the result of his correspondence.

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16.1.19

Home (Est) C. No. 119 (a) B

D. O. No. 46



17th January 1919

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my demi-official letter No. 598 dated the 20th December 1918 concerning the proposed work on "South Indian Architecture", I beg to state that I saw His Excellency on the 11th instant and found that he wanted to discuss the repairs to the Amaravati Stupa and not the proposed book on "South Indian Architecture". I have recently received a private letter from Sir John Marshall in which he gives me to understand that I may shortly be transferred to some other Circle. In the circumstances, it would be wasting my time to proceed further with the work in question. Sir John gives no reasons for the proposed transfer except that he appears to imagine that all conservation work in this Circle is finished. As a matter of fact, about one half of the total number of ancient monuments in this Presidency have not yet even been inspected and there is already

The papers bearing on the subject have been put up for a few days.
18/1/19

Mr. Staphors called at the office today to report to the Superintendent on the progress of the work on the Amaravati Stupa. He has promised to visit the Stupa and to report on the progress of the work.

already sufficient conservation work in this circle to keep me busy for the next ten years or more. It is only at large and important places like Hampi Ruins, Gingee and the Seven Pagodas, where the conservation work may be regarded as finished, but even at such places as these, it is necessary for me to inspect the work every year in order to ascertain what annual repairs are required and whether the Overseer in charge is maintaining the monuments and roads in good repair. In this manner, a great deal of my time is occupied with petty conservation works which are not of sufficient importance to be worth recording in my Annual Report and I presume this is the reason why Sir John wrongly imagines that all important conservation work in this Presidency is at an end. If Sir John were to visit this Presidency he would then understand what a vast amount of inspection work there is waiting to be done. The area is far too large for one man, and as I have no Assistant to help me, I have to carry on in the best way I can.

2. I have written to Sir John, informing him that I do not desire to be transferred elsewhere but would rather complete the rest of my service in this department under the Government of Madras, if the latter desire to retain my services. I have also informed him that I decline to undertake the work on "South Indian Architecture" unless I am permitted to remain in charge of this Circle until the work is finished.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Loughurst.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Home (Education) Department,

Fort St. George,

Madras.

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Please see Mr. Longhurst's D.O. at pp. 15-18
 ante. There is no information in the
 office regarding his proposed transfer,
 which is alleged to be on the ground
 that all conservation work in this Circle
 is finished. Mr. Longhurst states that
 there is a vast amount of conservation
 work to be done in this Presidency, and that
 he is willing to undertake the publication
 of the book on South Indian Archi-
 tecture while attending to the conserva-
 tion work, if he is permitted to
 remain in this Circle. He has
 also informed Sir John Marshall
 that he cannot undertake the
 publication of the book, unless
 he is permitted to remain in charge
 of this Circle. Submitted that,
 before taking any further action,
 the result of Mr. Longhurst's cor-
 respondence with Sir John Marshall
 may be awaited.

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x He has promised to
 inform each of the
 result of his correspon-
 dence with the D.O.

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 of p. 15 nt]

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28.1.19

This D.O. should be
 submitted to H.E. for perusal

H.E.

3/2/19

withheld
 or further
 considered

D. O. No. 81

House (E.S.) C.N. 221 B

3.2.19



2. Enclosures

Madras,

1st February 1919.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of the correspondence concerning the proposed work on "South Indian Architecture", ending with my demi-official letter No.46, dated the 17th January 1919, I beg to submit herewith the copies of my demi-official letter No.45, dated the 17th January 1919 to Sir John Marshall and his reply (D. O. No.14/C., dated the 26th January 1919) thereto, and to request that the Government of Madras will kindly address the Government of India in the matter as I decline to undertake the work in question unless I am permitted to remain in charge of this Circle until I have completed it to my satisfaction. At the present rate of progress and under existing conditions, the work would take me ten or twelve years to complete.

D. O.No.45.

Office of the Archaeological Survey

Southern Circle, 18

Madras, 17th January 1919.

Dear Sir John,

The Government of Madras has asked for a forecast of the work on "South Indian Architecture" which you in March 1916 proposed to them that I should be requested to undertake. I have collected a considerable amount of material and most of the illustrated articles appearing in my Annual Reports of recent years have been prepared so as to serve as material for the work in question, but before I can take any further steps in the matter or supply Government with a forecast of the work, I must request you to be so good as to kindly ascertain and let me or the Government of Madras know, if there is any probability of my services being transferred elsewhere in the future, because unless I am permitted to remain in charge of this Circle I decline to undertake the work on "South Indian Architecture" and I am informing the Local Government accordingly. I do not desire a transfer elsewhere nor would such a change be in the interests of the work of the department.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) A.H. Longhurst

To

Sir John Marshall, Kt., C.I.E.,

Director General of Archaeology in India.

(True Copy)

A. H. Longhurst.
Superintendent.

Office of the Director General of Archaeology

Sanchi - Bhilsa P.C. (Central India)

The 26th January 1919.

My dear Longhurst,

Will you please refer to your semi-official letter No. 45, dated the 17th January 1919? I think the best plan would be for the Government of Madras to address the Government of India in the matter though I doubt if the latter would be able to give you any guarantee as to your staying in Madras. So far as I know, there is no proposal to move you from there, but naturally the Government is, as a rule, reluctant to bind itself by any definite promise.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) John Marshall

A. H. Longhurst, Esq.,
Madras.

(True Copy)

A. H. Longhurst.
Superintendent.

Home Education Dept.

Since the notes on p. 19 ante were written, Mr. Longhurst has forwarded copies of his correspondence with Sir John Marshall. The latter states that so far as he knows there is no proposal to move the former from Madras, but that the Govt. of Madras may address the Govt. of India in the matter of retaining Mr. Longhurst at Madras. Mr. Longhurst declines to undertake the work on "South Indian Architecture" unless he is permitted to remain in charge of this circle until he had completed it to his satisfaction. It is submitted that the position taken up by him does not seem reasonable. As observed by Sir John, it will not be possible for the Govt. to give a definite undertaking not to ~~move~~ transfer a particular officer from a particular office. The ~~question~~ question of transfer will be decided (with reference to) the exigencies of public service. It may also be noted that the Govt. are as anxious as Mr. Longhurst is in seeing that the work is published. It is therefore for consideration whether he may be asked to push on with the work as expeditiously as possible & hold at the same time that endeavours will be made to retain him in this circle as long

(at least five or six years to come.)

(with reference to)

possible.

As for addressing the Govt. of India at present, it is submitted that it appears now rather early to address that Govt. Sir John says that there is no proposal at present to transfer Mr. Longhurst. Before any transfer is made, the local Govt. will presumably be consulted. It may be time enough then to address India having regard to the then state of circumstances. Further

Sir John Marshall has distinctly indicated in his reply to Mr. Longhurst that such a request would hardly find favour with the Govt. of India.

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Mr. Longhurst has not made any appreciable progress on "South Indian Architecture"; and he declines to undertake the work in question unless he is permitted to stay in Madras for 10 or 12 years.

It is unusual and not possible to give this assurance.

Mr. Longhurst insists on H.E.'s views being taken before any further action is taken.

It is not clear how he got the

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notion that he is to be transferred
I would respectfully suggest that
Mr. Longhurst be directed to
show a fair amount of work every year
in "South Indian Architecture"

May
4/2/19

H.E.

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A.

No further action is necessary. His Excellency has been in communication with Sir John Marshall and understands that there is at present no proposal to remove Mr. Longhurst from this Presidency. His Excellency has personally given the necessary instructions to Mr. Longhurst regarding the proposed work on South Indian Architecture.

By Order.



K. P. N.
25-3-19

Handwritten: Hanc. Receipt

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