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[Despatch Abstract.]

Amaravati Stupa - Gundur Dt.

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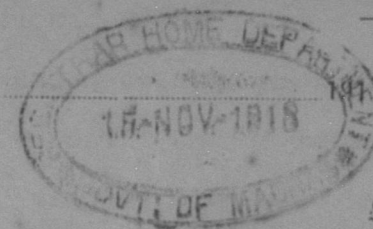
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HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Proposed repairs to the Amaravati Stupa in the Guntur District.

ENCLOSURES
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No. 540

Station Madras, Dated the 14th November 1918

From (Name) A. H. Longhurst, Esq.

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Southern Circle

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

Madras.

With reference to Home (Education) Department G.O.No. 1428, dated the 8th November 1918 concerning my proposed repairs to the Amaravati Stupa in the Guntur District and the objections raised to them by the Director General of Archaeology, I have the honour to state as follows:-

In the opening paragraph of my Inspection Notes, I thought I had made it quite clear that my proposals referred to the site or plan of the great Amaravati Stupa, and not to the ancient site of Amaravati which is now mainly occupied by the large modern village of that name. The area occupied by the site of the stupa is a circular plot of grass land measuring about 200 feet in diameter surrounded by a high mound of earth overgrown with trees and bushes. The site of Amaravati occupies an area of several square

miles

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miles and is occupied chiefly by the present village. On the north-western side of the stupa the village comes within a few feet of the stupa itself. This means that in order to allow the plan of the stupa to stand in an open compound surrounded by a fence or hedge as suggested by the Director General of Archaeology, it would be necessary to remove the bank and the village on top of it. [If the Government is prepared to sanction this, the Director General of Archaeology's proposal can be carried out but not otherwise.]

(2). The object of the brick wall proposed by me, was not only to preserve the plan of the great stupa, but to protect the remaining carved slabs and sculptures now lying on the site and to prevent the villagers who live on the north-western side from using this area as a public latrine and a feeding ground for their herds of swine. A hedge or a fence or both, as suggested by the Director General of Archaeology, would not answer this purpose, the pigs would uproot the hedge and the villagers would destroy the fence. Since the war, we have had several cases of iron and wire fencing being removed from ancient monuments by villagers and sold in the bazaar and wooden fences are usually destroyed for firewood. The circular compound wall was not proposed with the idea of helping the visitor "in visualising the ancient granite balustrade" as the Director General of Archaeology appears to imagine but to prevent the villagers and the swine from destroying the site. A brick or rubble masonry wall would be cheaper than a fence as the material is already lying in heaps upon the ground. A fence would not prevent the swine from uprooting the central area or the villagers from removing the carved slabs for domestic purposes, such as steps, paving slabs, washing and curry stones as they do at present. We enclose our churchyards and cemeteries with brick walls similar to the one I have proposed for the Amaravati Stupa, which is itself the remains of a Buddhist tomb, therefore, I see no objection to the proposal especially as in this case, such provision is absolutely necessary for the proper protection of the site and the remaining antiquities now lying thereon.

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(3) With regard to the processional path (pradakshina patha), providing the area within is enclosed by a brick wall, it does not matter much whether it is paved with concrete and cement, or broken brick in mud turfed over as suggested by the Director General of Archaeology. Concrete and cement would be more lasting and would not prove as costly as the Director General thinks as there is plenty of material on the spot for this purpose. If the brick wall is not provided, the pigs will uproot and destroy the kind of path proposed by the Director General of Archaeology. My idea was to have an open-air Museum in the centre with a paved pathway around it so that even in the rains, visitors and students could get about comfortably without having to stand on wet grass. Since nothing remains to "assist the sight-seer in visualising" the famous Buddhist monument that once stood there, the esthetic side of the question may be disregarded. We may demarcate the actual area covered by the original monument and preserve the remaining carved slabs and figures that once adorned it, either on the spot, or in the Madras Museum, but we can do nothing more. The best sculptural antiquities have already been removed to the British and Madras Museums and I do not think it is necessary to remove the remaining lot as they are much inferior to those already gone. But they are however, well worth preserving on the spot if only to indicate to the visitor the style of art employed in decorating the monument.

(4) The proposed dwarf piers in the compound wall objected to by the Director General of Archaeology, are the same height as the rest of the wall, namely $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and such piers at regular intervals are usual and a constructional necessity in building any kind of dwarf brick wall or parapet. The south entrance differs from the other three by having a small stupa and a brick temple near it which have to be preserved and included in the compound. There will be only one entrance into the enclosure facing the south and the main road. The dwarf piers will serve as additional supports to the wall on the north, west and east sides respectively, and are not intended to assist the sight seer in visualising toranas or anything of that kind, but they will indirectly indicate the positions of the other three gateways. No toranas were found at

Amaravati, but the treatment of the paving shows that there were entrances into the processional path at the four cardinal points.

(5) The proposed repairs to the small stupa outside the south entrance, consist in preventing any further mutilation of the tops of the broken slabs or their removal by resetting them in concrete beds and repairing the decayed brick core so as to make it watertight and at the same time protect the tops of the upright slabs. All this was explained to the Executive Engineer on the spot.

(6) Since the Director General of Archaeology declines to visit the site with me and also objects to my conservation proposals, I must in the circumstances, leave the matter to him for disposal. If he will be so good as to state definitely what items of repairs he approves of and would like carried out at Amaravati, I shall be pleased to instruct the Public Works Department accordingly and see that his proposals are executed, providing they are not impossible, as the work of removing the high encircling mound and the village on the top of it would prove a long and very costly affair and it is unlikely that the Government would sanction such a proposal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. H. Longhurst
Superintendent.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.
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Received 17 JAN 1919 Registered 17 1 1919

Subject.

Proposed repairs to the Amaravati Stupa.

Submitting that the Executive Engineer, Guntur Division has been requested not to proceed with -----

ENCLOSURES
No. Nil.
State copies Nil.

No. 38

Station Madras, Dated the 15th January 1919

From (Name) A. H. Longhurst, Esq.,

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey
Southern Circle.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

MADRAS.

In continuation of the correspondence ending with this office letter No. 540 dated the 14th November 1918 concerning the proposed repairs to the Amaravati Stupa in the Guntur district, I have the honour to state that I have requested the Executive Engineer not to proceed with the work, and that I will again visit the site with him before the close of the official year and submit fresh proposals for the conservation of the site in question framed on the lines suggested by the Director General of Archaeology as far as possible. Provision for the work can be made in next year's budget grant

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This has been dealt with in the bill relating to the conservation budget.

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for conservation works as it is not an urgent matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

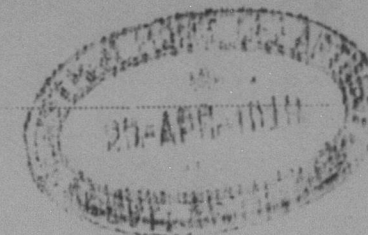
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Subject.

Submitting revised proposals concerning the preservation of the Amaravati Stupa, Guntur District.

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No. 302

Station Madras, Dated the 28th April 1919

From (Name) A. H. Longhurst, Esq.,

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey

Southern Circle.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

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Sir,

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In continuation of this office letter No. 38, dated the 15th January 1919 concerning the proposed repairs to the Amaravati Stupa in the Guntur District, I have the honour to submit herewith revised proposals for this work framed on the lines suggested by the Director General of Archaeology, a copy of which I am submitting to the Director General of Archaeology for information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. H. Longhurst
Superintendent.

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Revised Proposals concerning the preservation
of the Amarāvati Stupa, Guntur District.

The following proposals are framed on the lines suggested by the Director General of Archaeology, who objects to certain items of repairs mentioned in my printed "Inspection Notes, dated the 15th April 1918."

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1. Refix in position, the fallen blocks of granite lying in the trench all round the outer edge of the procession path and fill in the trench with broken brick and earth. There is plenty of material for the latter item lying on the site.
2. Mark out the inner edge of the procession path with curb stones composed of rough bits of stone lying on the spot. The stones should be firmly planted in the ground to a depth of one foot.
3. Clear the circular site enclosed by the procession path of dumps of brick and stone and remove all rank vegetation so as to leave a clear open grass plot in the centre of the site. All carved stones and sculptures should be stacked in the centre of the site and when this work has been completed, I will visit Amarāvati and show the Public Works Department Officer in charge of the repairs how these are to be disposed of. Some are valuable and others are worthless.
4. Remove all rank vegetation growing on the site and surrounding embankment.
5. Provide a cart track from the main road to the south entrance to the procession path. It will be necessary to remove the bank of earth at this end in order to open out this portion of the site. This is necessary

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5. Provide a cart track from the main road to the south entrance to the procession path. It will be necessary to remove the bank of earth at this end in order to open out this portion of the site. This is necessary

as it is proposed to carry out further excavations later on and when this latter work is in progress carts will be required to approach the circular area within. At present this is impossible.

6. The question of enclosing the site with a wall or fence may be left over for the present and until the proposed excavations have been completed.

7. Proposals for the repairs to the small stupa and basement of a ruined brick temple have already been submitted to the Public Works Department and this work may be carried out as already proposed. The main object is to make them both watertight and proof against the growth of vegetation in the masonry. The latter repairs are of a petty nature and do not require a detailed description here.

28th April 1919.

A. H. Langford

Superintendent

Archaeological Survey.

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To

The Sec. of Archaeology
in India

Sir,

With reference to the
correspondence ending with
your letter No 2302 of 14.10.18
regarding the conservation
of the site of the Anuravati
(in the Guntur district,
Stupa) I am directed to
state that Mr. Longhurst
has submitted revised pro-
posals on the subject, a copy
of which, has, it is under-
stood, been sent to you.
I am to ^{submit} ~~submit~~ ^{submit} if
you have any suggestion
to offer on these proposals
H & the Governor-in-Council
will be glad to consider
them.

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I have etc

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Archaeological Survey.
28th April 1919.
Superintendent

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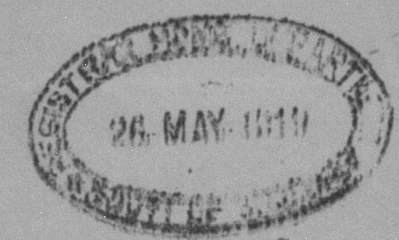
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FROM

D. B. SPOONER, Esq., B.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.B.,
Offg. ~~Director~~ Director General of Archaeology in India,

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department, Madras.



SIR,



Simla, the 21st May 1919.

Handwritten note 'p-10 supra'.

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 865 b-1 dated the 6th instant, on the subject of Mr. Longhurst's proposals regarding Conservation at Amaravati, and in reply to say as follows:-

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2. Mr. Longhurst's endeavours to comply with Sir John Marshall's suggestions are duly appreciated, and if Mr.

Handwritten note 'H-8-9 ante'.

Longhurst intends that the present Note shall definitely

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cancel his printed Inspection Note dated the 15th April 1918,

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and if this same is now to be recalled and withdrawn altogether

from the Public Works Department, then the present revised

Note may be approved by this office subject to the follow-

ing observations.

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3. The opening paragraph of the present Revised Note should be so written as to make it clear that the former Note is

cancelled, and the Revised Note as a whole should be printed

as usual and distributed in the usual way, in supersession

of the former. Merely to supplement the printed Note of the

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15th April 1918 by the present typewritten document is cer-

tainly not enough, as in this case nothing but confusion

could arise in the mind of the Public Works Department

Overseer entrusted with the work.

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4. Attention is also invited to the ambiguity of the para

marked 1, in the Revised Note when read in conjunction with

para 1 of the printed Note of 15th April last. In the

latter

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latter there are said to be a number of granite blocks lying in the ditch the reerection of which, with the exception of eight blocks on the eastern side of the path, Mr. Longhurst deprecated in April 1918. He now says that "the fallen blocks of granite lying in the trench all round the outer edge of the procession path" shall be refixed in

position. As this particular item does not appear to have been the subject of criticism in our previous correspondence the reason for the apparent change is not clear to me. I accordingly beg to suggest that this para of the Revised Note also be re-written with a view to greater lucidity.

5. One of the points in the Note of April 1918 to which Sir John Marshall took most exception was Mr. Longhurst's proposal to reconstruct the pradakshina-patha in its entirety.

It is gratifying to observe that this proposal has been omitted from the Revised Note, but at the same time disappointing that the constructive suggestions which Sir John made have not been followed. I beg therefore to invite a reference to Sir John Marshall's remarks on this subject in his letter to you numbered 1161 and dated the 31st May 1918, (portion beginning "The central part of the pathway within the edging" etc), and would suggest that Mr. Longhurst be requested to introduce in his Revised Note a paragraph between his present paras 2 and 3 which shall embody these proposals of Sir John in a manner sufficiently explicit to serve as guidance for the Overseer entrusted with the work.

6. In the closing paragraph of Sir John Marshall's letter No. 1161 he comments on the fact that the Note of 15th April 1918 contains no instructions in regard to the measures of conservation necessary to preserve the small stupa excavated by Mr. Rea. In para 7 of the present revised Note Mr. Longhurst explains that proposals for these and certain other repairs have already been submitted to the Public

Works

me to be objected to these erec-
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granite blocks
on the eastern
side of the
path - of
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his note
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at 2
x ibid

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x H. 5-7 ibid

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Works Department. But this office does not appear to have been favoured with any copy of the proposals in question, and their suitability or otherwise is thus left matter for speculation.

7. In this connection I beg to invite attention to the standing orders of the Government of India regarding the procedure to be followed by all archaeological officers in the Matter of Conservation Notes. These orders are contained in the Department of Education letter No. 323 dated the 24th August 1911 and lay it down that an Archaeological Superintendent having embodied his proposals for conservation in such a Note shall forward the same in printed proof for the scrutiny and approval of the Director General of Archaeology before the Note is submitted to the Local Government. This ruling is obviously designed to enable the Director General to exert an efficient control over Conservation work in all our Circles, without which control that coordination and systematisation of our work which were aimed at in the Departmental reorganization of 1902 are certainly not attainable. Mr. Longhurst, however, appears systematically to disregard this standing order of procedure, and either neglects altogether to inform this office of his proposals (as in the case of the small stupa at Amaravati referred to above) or favours us merely with copies of his printed Note "for information", when submitting the same to your Government, as was done in the case of his Note on Amaravati now under discussion. This course, is not only fundamentally opposed to the whole procedure as laid down by the Government of India, it also involves your Government in vexed and unnecessary correspondence in matters of detail with which ordinarily you would not be burdened. Mr. Longhurst's excuse, if I may use the word, is supposed to be that the Notes not forwarded to this office in proof embody either proposals of too urgent a nature to brook the delay involved or proposals too trifling to require the Director General's scrutiny. It is to be pointed out, however, that neither one of these two pleas is applicable in the present case.

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para 1 (2)

of Gov No

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of the Gov of India

at pp 2-3

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223 (Public)

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The proposed work at Amaravati is certainly not too unimportant for the consideration of this office, neither is it so urgent that the usual reference to us would involve any dangerous delay. Indeed, such delay as has occurred is due mainly to Mr. Longhurst's failure to follow the procedure universally prescribed, and I shall be very grateful to you if you will kindly call Mr. Longhurst's attention to this fact and issue to him such instructions as you approve for his future guidance.

Mr Longhurst has already been instructed to follow the procedure prescribed by the Govt of India

8. In conclusion, therefore, I beg to request that the Revised Note may, with your permission, be re-written along the lines suggested at the beginning of this letter and in such way as to make it entirely self-contained and independent of the original note of the 15th April 1918, which should be expressly shown as now cancelled, and that the Note in this its final form be forwarded to me in proof for countersignature in the usual way.

9. Regretting that you should have been needlessly burdened by so long a correspondence in this case,

I have the honour to be,

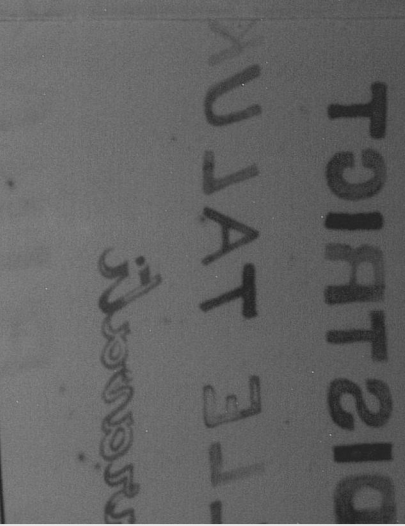
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

AB Spooner

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Offg. Director General.

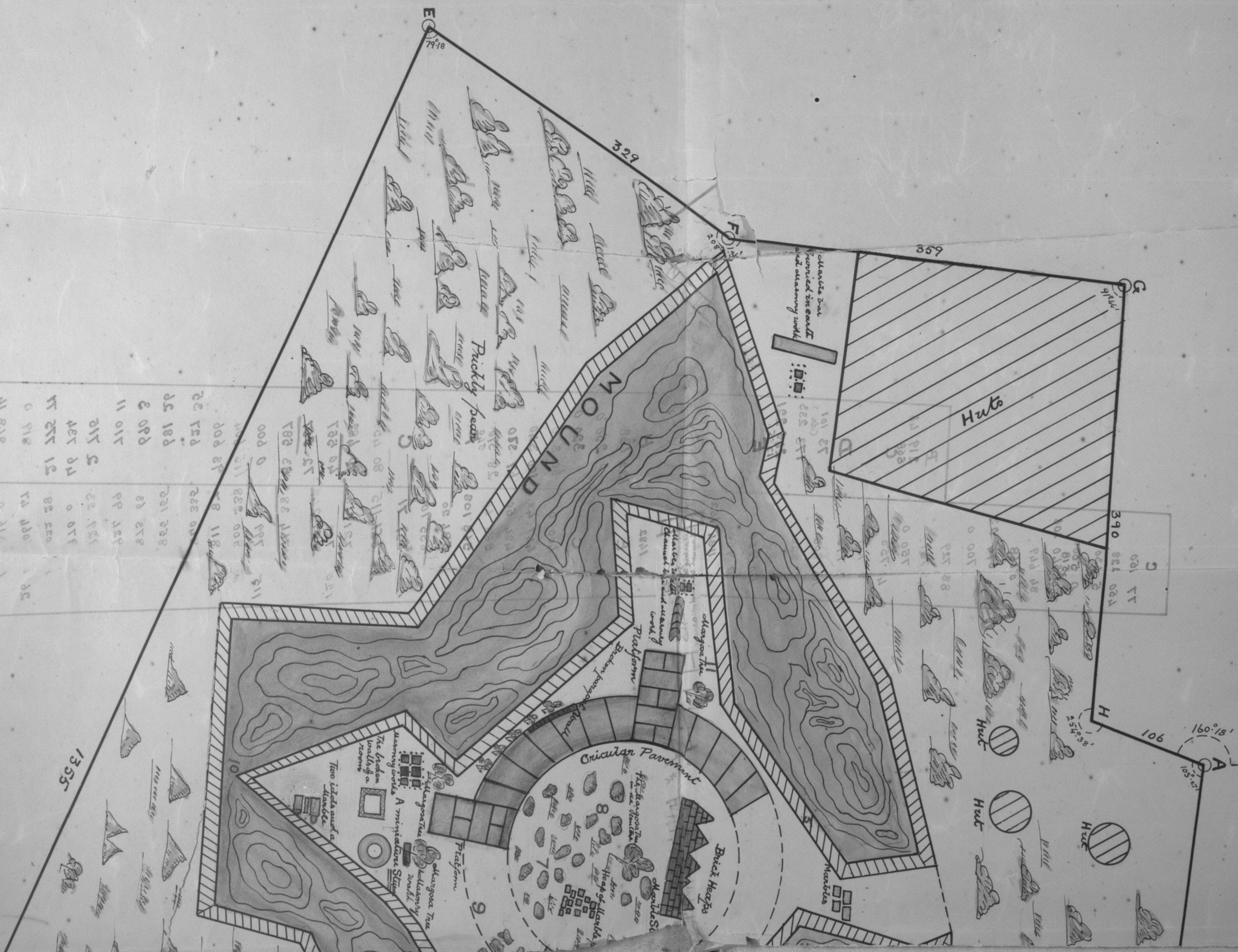


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 Collector



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TRIPTIG PUTHUGUNTUR DISTRICT

AMARAVATI TALUK

AMARAVATI RUIN

1/256 of 256 acres
Portion of S No 256/
Area 12.20 Acres



Scale 1



10 view of a small miniature
stupa recently erected and
of two idols standing in the
South Western Corner of the pit.
The marble platform and the
broken walls of a room supposed
to be the remains of one
of the gateways to the stupa
are also visible.



11 view of a marble channel
bar lying in the North West corner
of the pit.



A view of heaps of bricks and marble
pieces excavated from the pit. The six
big marble stones lying about on ground
in the left are those of the parapet wall
which ran round the circular
parclement.



8 view of the portion of pavement appearing
in the south western part of the pit. The
remains of a wall standing on the outer fringe
of the circular pavement are seen at the
foot of the trees in the middle.



7 view of the mangrove tree planted in the
centre of the pit in place of the stupa



b A view of the existing portion of the
circular pavement in the Eastern portion
of the pit. A big mobile seal, with sealing
work on it lies to the right of the pavement.



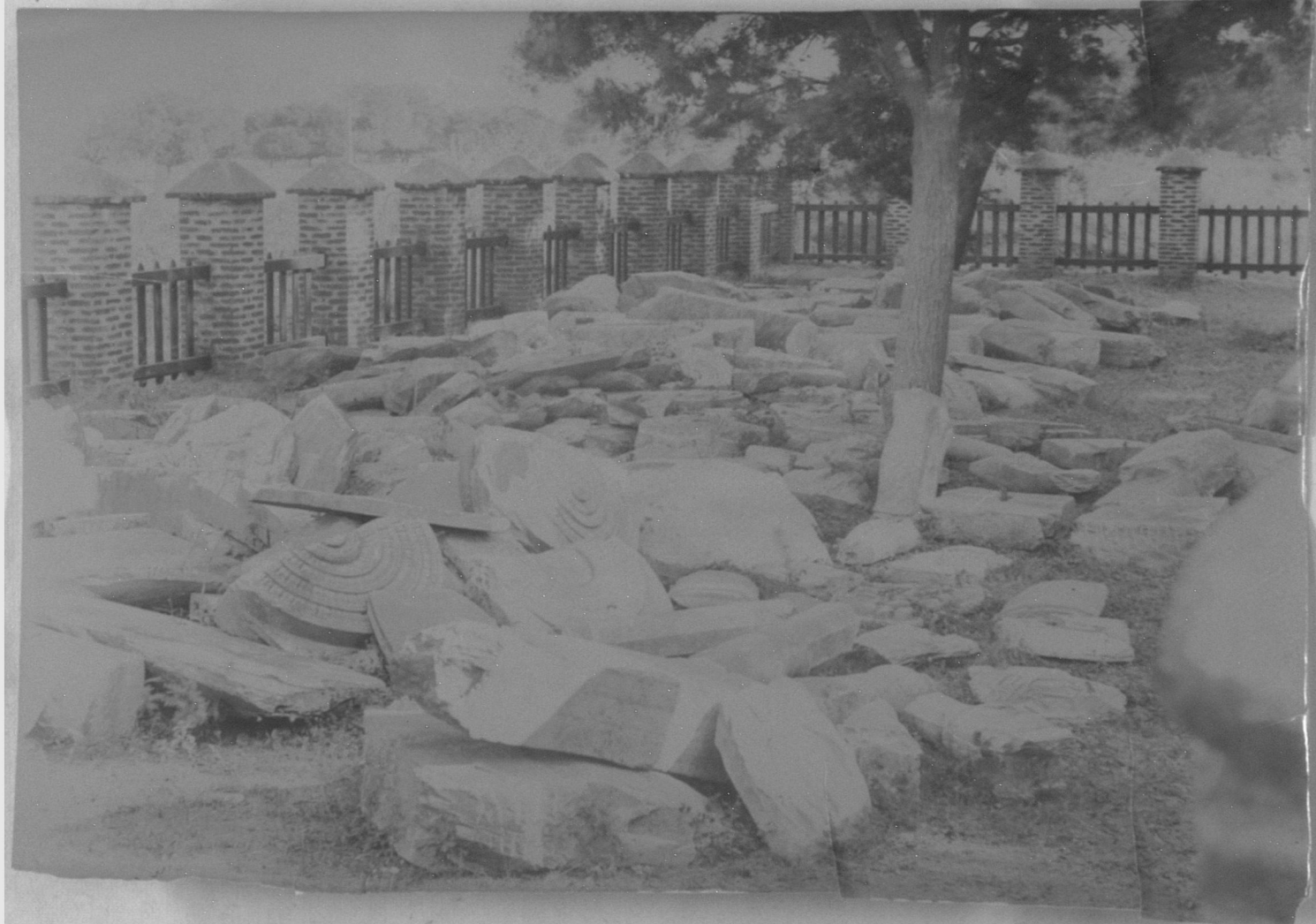
5A view of the circular pavement
along which the pilgrims made their
pradakshinams round the stupa



4 view of the small house lying in the
Northern portion of the pit.



3. view taken from the South, of the mounds about the ruins and of the staging bungalow to the East of them.



1 Enclosure with marbles



2 view of the houses and huts lying in
close proximity to the North West of the ruins

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No. 540, 21 14th Nov. 1918

Subject: - Conservation of the Amarapura
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A.E. the Governor.

His Excellency wishes copies
of the principal papers to be
sent confidentially & dem. officially
to the Collector with the request
that he will give his opinion, if
necessary after local inspection if
necessary.

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is submitted

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D.G. no. 24013-1 DT 1268

Confidential

Dear Mr. Davis

I am to enclose copies of the marginally noted correspondence relating to the conservation of the site of the Amaravati Stupa in the Guntur Dt. and to request that you will be so good as to give your opinion in the matter after local inspection if necessary.

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14.12.18

To
E. A. Davis Esq. I.C.S.
Collector of Guntur.

To be sent in a
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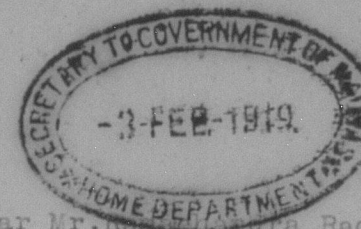
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Yours Sincerely



Guntur Collector's Office,
Dated 1st February 1919.

Dear Mr. N. S. Rao,

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With reference to Mr. Swamikannu Pillai's D.O. No. 2401 B-1 dated 14th December 1918 regarding the conservation of the Amaravati site, I am enclosing Photographs of the site and its surroundings and also a plan, which will give you some idea of things as they now are.

Enclosures

11 Photographs
1 Plan -
Sent Separately.

Mr. Longhurst's main proposals are

- para 5 of Encl. (1) To relay the processional path, replacing some of the granite blocks which formerly supported the railing.
- ② 8.11.18 (2) To fill up the ditch outside the processional - at p. 5 of Encl. (1) granite blocks above.
- para 3 of Encl. (3) To remove all the trees.
- ② 8.11.18 (4) To build a wall round the outer edge of the - para 3 of Encl. relaid processional path.

para 2 of Encl. To the Director-General of Archeology. There seem the strongest objections to making up any deficiency in the slabs in situ by, terracing with 'good strong - cement' as proposed by Mr. Longhurst. Slabs of the kind used for the pavement are of the kind called Napa slabs commonly and easily found in the Palnad Taluk. If, therefore, it is considered desirable to relay the pavement, it would be infinitely preferable to complete it with slabs similar to those originally used, as funds permitted. - But in no case should the few traces of antiquity now - remaining be obscured by the use of modern cement. - Whether the pavement should be relaid at all seems to -- admit of some argument for and against, the site having - been so mauled that it is really impossible now to convey

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by any attempted renovations, an idea of its original -
aspect. Personally, however, I should not object to see
it relaid with slabs, and all the granite blocks, even -
those at the bottom of the ditch replaced round it. The
ditch might then be filled with earth from the encircling
mounds, the result of former excavations; but I should
not advocate either burying any of the granite pillars
or any (even brick bats) portion of the structure as -
this might not improbably result in reexcavations.

pages of his notes
para 3 of his notes
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3 Mr. Longhurst's proposal to enclose only the --
central area bounded by the processional path with a -
modern wall is open to all the objections advanced by
the Director-General; and I dislike it the more --
because, as I am informed by the villagers, there
was formerly a low brick wall only 2 feet high with a
coping round the outer edge of the path. To erect an -
ordinary wall in that position sufficient to protect the
site will give a wholly false ^{impression} ~~idea~~; and with broken -
pieces of the monument inside will convey the idea of -
nothing but a derelict cemetery.

4 Taking a general view of the question, it must be
realized that the ~~structure~~ ^{structure} has itself been destroyed, -
and the main object of any attempts at conservation is to
preserve from obliteration the site of one of the most -
remarkable monuments of South India, while conserving all
fragments of whatever kind still remaining. This aim -
will not be fulfilled by the mere enclosure of the --
central area; still less by the destruction of the trees
which form the only relief to the present desolation of
the site.

My own suggestion would be to build a wall round
the whole area A B C D E F G H in the enclosed plan, -
spreading the cost over several years. Mr. Longhurst's -
statement that the site of Amaravati occupies an area of

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several square miles and is occupied chiefly by the -
present village is of course an exaggeration. So far -
as Amaravati refers ^{mainly} to the Buddhist remains, these stand
on a rise well to the westward of the main village --
(the modern Amaravati). To the North of this rise are
two small hamlets. So far as these two hamlets stand on
any part of the site which it might be desirable to -
protect at once, from enquiries made on the spot I do
not think it would be either difficult or ~~expensive~~ ^{expensive} to
give the sites up provided other sites were given else-
where. And this should be done. Concurrently with the
~~Construction of the Enclosure~~ ^{Construction of the Enclosure}, the scrub (calotropis and -
prickly pear) which disfigures the whole site should be
removed. The excavations made in the past should be
filled in. And more trees should be planted. By this -
means a pleasing and well ~~cared~~ ^{care}-for appearance can be -
given to the place.

6 As regards the fragments of sculpture and building
material now remaining, it matters little where they are
located provided some protection is given from the --
weather to the more important. I think however that the
huge block of sculptured lime-stone referred to in para 2
of Mr. Longhurst's notes might be placed upright. I note
with some concern that Mr. Longhurst speaks of using -
broken blocks of limestone at the site for burning for -
lime and brickbats for filling in pits. ~~The~~ ^{The} adoption
of this suggestion might create a very undesirable -
impression on the minds of ignorant or careless workmen;
and the proposal should be vetoed absolutely. All -
remains of whatever kind should be rigidly preserved.

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The wall to be built round the site might
very conveniently be made of the same
fashion as that built by the A.P.W.
to enclose the Maitha fragments

i.e. brick pillars with wooden railings
between. I am told that this Enclosure
has stood for 12 years with slight
repairs and it looks well enough.

Yours sincerely

W. Davis

11.2.19

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Please see the D.O. from the Collector of
Guntur on pp. 3 to 6 ante. It will be
observed that he agrees with the D.O. of
Archaeology in condemning the measures
proposed by Mr. Longhurst for the conservation
of the site of the Amaravati Stupa.

He also offers certain suggestions of his
own for the preservation of the Stupa.

Mr. Longhurst has ^{since} reported that he will
visit the site again before the close of the
official year and submit fresh proposals
on the lines ~~of~~ suggested by the D.O. of
Archaeology as far as possible. Sub-
mitted that these proposals may be

awaited, before ~~taking~~ any further action
is taken

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Mr. Longhurst may also invite
the Collector to be present at
the inspection & to arrange with
him accordingly. The Coll.
may be informed of this D.O.
separately.

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The Collector's presence is unnecessary.
Let Mr. Longhurst see Mr. Davis's letter.

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A draft D.O. to Mr. Longhurst is submitted for approval

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50/- N^o 223 B-1
14.2.19

Dear Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending your official letter no. 38 of the 15th Jan. 1919 on the subject of the conservation of the site of the Amaravati Stupa, I am to enclose for your perusal ^{and return} a demi-official letter from Mr. E. A. Davis, Lecturer of Hunter, ^{on the subject} ~~and to inform~~ that ~~no work is to be done~~ ^{no work is to be done} ~~is required~~ ^{is required}.

Yours sincerely

12.2.19

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To

A. H. Langhurst Esq.

Supdt., Archaeological Survey.

S. C.
(with 50 maps to be returned)

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It is your honor to be

D. O. NO. 121

D. Encl-1.

Archaeological Survey Department,
Southern Circle,

15th February 1919.

Dear Sir,

The original enclosures to your D.O. NO. 228 B-1 dated the 14th February 1919 concerning the proposed repairs to the Amaravati Stupa are returned herewith with the request that the matter may be allowed to stand over until I have again inspected the site and submitted fresh proposals for its conservation.

Yours Sincerely,

A. H. Longhurst.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. R. Ramachandra Rao Avargal,

Secretary to Government,

Home Education Department, Madras.



Submitted that the papers may be over,
pending receipt of the fresh proposals promised
by Mr. Longhurst.

20.2.19

D.O. The following draft D.O. is for app:
"Dear Sir, With refer. to the correspondence

enclosed with your Demi-official No. 121, d/15th Feb 1919. The matter has been inspected

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" The Site of the Amarapura Stupa and
of so when your revised proposals for
its Conservation may be expected. The
matter has been pending for a long
time, ~~and I am to the request that this reference~~
~~may remain your early attention.~~

yours sincerely:

Dr.
Dainton

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To A. H. Longhurst Esq.

Supdt., Arch.

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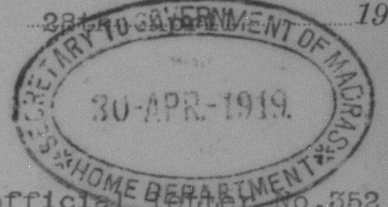
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Dear Mr. Ramachandra Rao,

10-11-1919

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In reply to your Demi-official letter No. 352 B-1, dated the 24th April 1919, I beg to state that I am forwarding officially, under separate cover, revised proposals for the repairs to the Amaravati Stupa, framed on the lines suggested by the Director General of Archaeology. A copy of the same has been submitted to the Director General of Archaeology for information.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Langhorne

To

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao, Avergal,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department, Ootacamund.

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Mr Longhurst has submitted the revised proposals relating to the conservation of the site of the Anuravati Stupa called for in Geo. No 1428, Home (Ed.) of 8.11.18. They are generally in accordance with the suggestions of the D.C. of Archaeology in his letter no 1161 of the 31st May 1918. The Superintendent's proposal in para 1 of his note to re-erect the fallen blocks of granite lying round the outer edge of the procession path, seems ^{an identical proposal} however open to objection as ~~it~~ was considered by the D.C. to be needlessly expensive and likely to spoil the architectural beauty of the monument. The D.C. also objected to the erection of brick walls to enclose the area of the southern gateway of the monument, proposed by Mr Longhurst. Mr Longhurst proposes that the question of erecting a wall or fence may lie over for the present, as further excavations have to be carried on. This may be approved. The provision of a cart-track from the main road to the southern entrance ~~of the stupa~~ ^{to the procession path} and the repairs suggested in paras 2, 3 & 4 of Mr Longhurst's note may also be sanctioned. The proposals referred to in para 7 call for no remarks, since they are only repairs of a petty nature.

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Before the proposals are sanctioned, it is submitted that the D.G.'s opinion may be invited on the ^{measures of conservation} ~~repairs~~ proposed in ~~the~~ Mr. Longhurst's note with reference to the remarks at A on p. 13 ante.

2. A draft ~~letter~~ ^{letter} is submitted for approval.

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Letter No 865 B-1 D 6-5-19
[le. 1055 B] - From the D.G. of Archaeology No. 1305 D 21.5.19

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Submitted that a copy of the D.G.'s letter may be forwarded to the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey for necessary action with reference to paras 2 to 6 thereof. The D.G. brings to notice that Mr. Longhurst has not furnished him with a copy of the proposals for the repairs to the small stupa and the basement of a ruined brick temple referred to in para 7 of his revised note and adds that he appears to systematically disregard the standing orders of the Govt of India in regard

para 6 of the D.G.'s
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para 7 of the D.G.'s
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Archaeological officers in submitting propos-
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numents. He requests that the Comt.
will issue the necessary instructions
to the Superintendent for his future guid-
ance. Mr. Langhurs's failure to follow
the procedure laid down by the Comt.
of India in their letter no 323 & 24-8-
had once before formed the subject of
comment by the D.O. of Archaeology & Mr. Langhurs
requested to submit in future copies
of conservation notes to the D.O. of
Archaeology in advance so as to
enable him to scrutinise the prop-
contained therein — vide para 2 of
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~~It may be noted that the order
of the Comt. does not make
distinction between proposals
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not therefore clear why Mr. Langhurs
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als on the conservation of the
referred to on p. 14 ante. Sub

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that his attention may be drawn to para 2
of Geo. No. 206, Home (Gov) d 15.2.19 and he
may be requested to forward ^{to the Gov} the printed
proof a copy of his revised note on the
conservation of the Anuravati stupa,
before submitting it to Govt.

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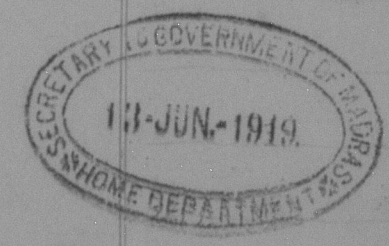
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