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Replying to a reference from the Government of India on the subject of the position of the ----- under the Reforms Scheme.

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Simla, the 26th April 1919.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. Sharp, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Public Department.

Sir,

I am directed to address you regarding the position of the
Archaeological Department under the Reforms Scheme.

2. In all provinces, other than the Presidency of Madras, the
staff of this Department is Imperial and is paid from Imperial
funds. The position in the Presidency of Madras is

exceptional. In 1890 it was arranged that the Archaeological Survey should consist of two parties on a temporary footing and that they should work under the general orders and direction of the local Governments of the provinces in which they were employed. In the Government of India letter No. 280-281-C., dated the 19th March ¹⁸⁹⁰ it was stated that,

notwithstanding the transfer of control of the Archaeological Survey establishments to the local Governments the expenditure should continue to be Imperial as heretofore. In deference, however, to the wishes of the Government of Madras, it was eventually decided that the archaeological expenditure in the Presidency should be provincialised (vide Finance and

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D Commerce Department Resolution No. 85I, dated the 3rd March 1891). An addition of Rs. 21,000 a year on this account was made to the Provincial assignment of Madras,

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E the local Government agreeing to meet all additional charges from provincial funds and to exercise control subject to the general principles laid down by the Government of India. In 1898, when proposals were made regarding the re-organisation of the Archaeological

part of the
despatch of 11-9-1899
2-4-98
G.O. 1019 (Muz) 11-9-1899
3. It has been suggested that Archaeology should form an all-India subject under the Reforms Scheme. In view of the arrangements made in all other provinces than Madras, this solution appears to be inevitable so far as the control of the staff and of the annual Imperial grant is concerned, and it is clear that some central supervision is required over the general operations of the Department as a whole.

A I am to add that the Director-General of Archaeology has recently submitted proposals for converting the service into a graded service with a view to greater elasticity in transfer, etc. These proposals are under consideration.

4. Before coming to a final decision on the question of the all-India character of the subject, the Government of India desire to consult His Excellency the Governor in Council. Should he accede to the suggestion, full consideration would always be given to the wishes of the Government of Madras in the matter of the personnel to be employed in that Presidency and Provincial Revenues would

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would be relieved of the charge in the new financial arrangements to be concluded as a result of the Reforms Scheme.

This suggestion need not affect the present arrangements in connection with the expenditure of the Department on conservation and other activities which is not now debited under the head "Archaeological Department"; such operations could continue, as heretofore, to be met partly from the annual Imperial grant and partly from provincial revenues.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. D. D. S.

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

S.L.P.

Home (Education) Dept.

C.No.912-B. From the Govt. of India, Dept. of Edu.
No.121, dated the 26th April 1919.

Subject:- Regarding the position of the
Archaeological Department under the Reforms Scheme.

In forwarding a copy of a draft Resolution regarding the arrangements to be made for the conduct of the Archaeological Department, the Government of India, in their letter No.216 C, dated the 27th February 1890, invited the opinion of this Government in regard to the proposal to transfer to the local Governments concerned the control over the Archaeological Survey parties that then remained at work in the respective provinces. This Government accepted the proposal in consideration of the payment of the Imperial grant of Rs.21,279 in that year and a suitable grant for future years. In their letter No.280-C, dated the 19th March 1890, the Government of India further stated that, though the control of the Archaeological Survey Establishments was to be transferred to the local Governments from the 1st April 1890, the expenditure connected with the work should continue to be Imperial, the Comptroller of India Treasuries informing the local Government of the amounts provided in the budget and bringing the expenditure to account. It was also stated that the Provincial Government would not be put to any increased expenditure by the arrangement. This Government, however, wired to the Government of India as follows on the 25th March 1890:-

"Provincial funds at present pay nothing for the Archaeological Survey. If Hultzsch's and Rea's parties are provincialised from 1st April with a grant of Rs.21,279 while employed in Madras, or if

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"this Government is allowed to deal with details, it
"will meet all additional charges for the parties
"from Provincial funds".

This Government's offer to provide for
excesses over Rs. 21,279 from Provincial funds was
conditional on their complete control, subject to
the general principles laid down by India - please
see note with G.O. No. 29, Financial, dated the 10th
January 1891.

The Government of India finally decided that
the Archaeological Survey expenditure in this Presi-
dency should be provincialised, an addition of
Rs. 21,000 a year on this account being made to the
Provincial Assignment of Madras - Vide Resolution
of the Govt. of India, No. 651, dated the 3rd March
1891 recorded in G.O. No. 210, Financial, dated the
26th March 1891. Attention is invited to paragraph
7 of the Despatch from the Government of India to
the Secretary of State printed at pages 2-4 of G.O.
No. 1019, Public, dated the 11th September 1899, from
which it would appear that the Government of India
were of opinion that Archaeological expenditure
would be more conveniently charged to Imperial than
to Provincial Revenues, and that that Government
proposed to accept it as an Imperial charge save in
the case of Madras, where it was a Provincial charge
and might continue to be such.

2. In view of the remarks in paras 3 and 4 of
India's present letter, it is submitted that this
Department may agree to Archaeological expenditure
in this Presidency being charged to Imperial revenue.
The total expenditure on archaeology amounted to
Rs. 63,52 in 1917-18. It is not clear whether
the assignment of Rs. 21,000 originally made on this
account will be resumed by India now. Apparently
it will be. The offer to meet the excess expendi-
ture

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* including Epigraphy

Arch. Survey	18,899
Epigraphy	22,222
Conservation work	22,626
	63,752

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NOTES.

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expenditure over that assignment from Provincial funds was a voluntary one - please see the Hon'ble Sir Henry Stokes' note at (W) in C.O. 398 dated the 2-6-90. It is not known whether the Provincial control over the department will be affected by the present order. In their Despatch to the Secretary of State in 1898, the Govt. of India stated that the machinery at their disposal was unsuited for executive control and that the officers should be placed under the direct control of the local Govts. The same state of affairs still obviously continues. Though general guidance may be exercised from the expert head of the department, the detailed control will evidently be left with local Govts.

3. The remarks of the Finl. department may be invited U.C.

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I am not sanguine about the maintenance of the Provincial control. The department will become an Imperial one like the Post Office & will work under the Director General.

But personally I view the transfer with equanimity. The local Govt has not much independent knowledge & has all along acted as a buffer between the H. A. S. & the Secy Genl. Considerable time has been lost in references. If any Provincial officer of standing takes any

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Thanking

Financial dept.

The expenditure on account of the Archaeological dept. in the Madras Presidency is at present debited to Provincial funds as under:-

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C.B.S.

(I) Archaeological Survey } 26B-Scientific
and Govt. Epigraphical } + Miscellaneous
depts.

Page 27 of Provl.
Civil Works Budget.

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(II) Archaeological Works... 45-Civil
(Conservation) works-P.W.D.

para 3
page 2 C.F.

In connexion with the Reforms scheme, it is proposed to treat Archaeology as an all-India subject. The Archaeological dept. is Imperial in all provinces except Madras. If the present proposal is accepted the Local Govt. would be relieved of the expenditure falling under item (I) above.

2. When the Govt. of India

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page 2 ante.

page 203 C.F.

(The Budget figure was .45)

Should this be dealt with
the Govt. may take over the
Dept. men without any
compensating adjustment.
Para 4 of 4/10 letter.

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page 3 C.F.

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agreed to treat the dept. as
a Provincial item of expenditure
they sanctioned an Imperial
assignment of .21 lakh per annum
to Prov. funds. This assignment
has merged in the terms of the
existing Provincial Settlement.
The expenditure in 1917-18 (actual)
on account of the Archaeological
dept. (excluding Conservation)
amounted to .41 lakh.

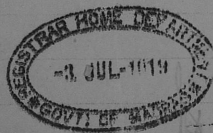
If it is now decided to
treat Archaeology as Imperial
under the Reforms Scheme, the
Provincial contribution to the
Govt. of India will have to be
^(under Para. 206 of the Reforms Report)
increased by an amount
equivalent to the expenditure
now incurred by this Govt.
The amount involved is
small. Submitted that the
proposal may be agreed to.
3. As regards item (ii) on
page 4 ante, the Govt. of
India state that the expenditure
will continue to be debited
to Provincial funds under
45-Civil works-P.W.D. It is

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also stated that the charges
will be met partly from the
annual Imperial grant and
partly from Provincial revenues.

Attention is in this connexion
with P.W.D. Memo: No: 4/118 C, 1/13-7-18
solicited to the notes) ~~for~~ I
from which it will be seen that
till 1913, the Govt. of India were
giving a grant from Imperial
revenues to supplement the
annual Provincial allotment for
Conservation. After 1913, no
such grant appears to have
been given by the Govt. of India.
The Home (Educn) dept. will no
doubt consider the question
whether any grant should
now be applied for - cf M on
page 3 of notes ~~with the~~

6 Reu P.W.D. Memo.
28.6.19

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I think this part
may agree to the
Dept being Imperial
& should ask for a contribution towards
Conservation ^{me}
Home Econ Co



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A draft letter to the Govt of India
is submitted for approval

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I recently met the S. A. S. North
West Frontier Province. He rightly pointed
out that the existing provinces do
not necessarily follow the boundaries
of ancient kingdoms and the present
control of work militates against
coordination of work. Under the
circumstances therefore I think that
we may agree to the Imperialism
of this department

My
11/7/19

HM (on rehr too)

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The transfer of this department to
Imperial control under the only
expert available is in my opinion
expedient. W. Longhurst, our own
"expert" is very difficult & the sooner he
is brought under the Director General
the better.

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10.10.19

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Shaw had
the draft
typed. LD

Archaeological Department.

Replying to a reference from the Government of India on the subject of the position of the ---- under the Reforms scheme

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 195 Public, dated 11-3-1890 191
" " " " 326 Public, " 2-6-1890 191

READ ALSO:-

C. No. 912 B, From the Govt. of India, No. 121 AAT, dated 26-4-19 191
Dept of Education.

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Letter:

ORDER.

No. , dated 191

To

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Department of Education.

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2. As regards the expenditure on conservation and other activities, which

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is not admitted to Provincial Funds, I am directed to state that grant-in-aid of this expenditure was being received from Imperial funds up to the year 1913, when in

para 2 of Mr. Porter's letter No. 315 (Archaeology), dated the 2nd July 1913 it was ~~stated~~ that Imperial grants-in-aid were meant only to be given in cases of great urgency where the expenditure ~~was~~ beyond the financial capacity of local Governments and that they should not ~~be~~ in future be anticipated except for conservation works which were of an exceptional character and more than usually cost. In pursuance of these orders and having regard to the financial situation created by the War, this Government have not ~~made~~ made any application for an Imperial grant towards expenditure on Archaeological ~~works~~ ~~to request that~~ the original practice of giving a grant-in-aid from Imperial revenues to supplement the annual Provincial allotment for conservation works may ~~be~~ be revived.

p. 3 of Geo No 508 (Print) 30.7.13 (T)

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In view, however, of the contemplated change of control and general increase in cost I am

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LETTER ORDER.

No. 897, dated 18.7.1919

Order No: 896 of 18.7.1919
The following reply will be despatched to the Govt. of India.

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