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<i>Letter</i>
G.O. No. 224
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Archaeology.-

Proposal of the Government of India -
continuance of administrative control of Southern circle
by Local Government - Accepted - Reply to India.

[Issue with ref. to the Secy
Adm - C + D. on p. 2 of memo.
to: 1237 & 23. 60. 20 (K)]

Home (Ed.)

[C. 1864 B.]

Letter
Ref

864 B-1
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To
The Secretary to the
Govt. of India, Dept.
of Education

For notes please see
Law Sec 15 note of 5-X-20
(Jan 2) on page 2 of Notes to
fo. 1237 and of 23-X-1920.

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pt. 1-2 n. 8. 12378 23. 10. 20

I am directed to invite a reference, to your letter No. 284 (A. & E.), dated the 17th Sept. 1920, regarding the position of Archaeology under the Reforms Scheme and to request that this Govt. may be informed of the arrangements that are being made by the Govt. of India to take over the control of the Madras Archaeological Dept., including ^{and its office,} Epigraphy, and of the date from which ~~such~~ ^{effect.} transfer is to take place.

I have etc

Ch
5-10-20

Home (Cm) Dept

Regr.

Orders are requested
whether a reminder may
go to the Govt. of India
to the reference overleaf.
Could be from the date on which the
Refusals are made?

11.12.20
13.12.20
Please remind
16/12/20

Like
Ref.
To
N. 1864 B-2
18.12.20

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Suo
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18.12.20
DESPATCHED
18 DEC. 1920

The Secretary to the Govt. of
India, Dept. of Education.

Sir,

I am directed to invite
a reference to my letter N. 1864 B-1,
Home (Cm) 2, 6.10.1920, regarding the transfer
what arrangements are being
made by the Govt. of India to
take over the control of the
Madras Archl. Dept., including
Epigraphy, and its officers and
from what date such transfer
is to take effect, and to
request the favour of an early reply.
I have etc.

Cov
16.12.20
16.12.20

17/12/20



No. 83
Government of India,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
(A. & E.)
5th January 1921.

Accounty to C.I. (?)
11/14

Sent to C. (no final
order have been yet
passed as to which
member of the
Adm. Board will be
subject. As it is a case
of doubt, it has been
submitted to C.I.)

Cov
11/14

From

Kunwar Maharaj Singh, C.I.E.,
Offg: Secretary to the Govt. of India,

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

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.
1864 B-I, dated the 6th October 1920, in which the
Government of Madras desire to be informed of the
arrangements that are being made by the Government
of India to take over control of the Archaeological
Department, Southern Circle.

2. In reply, I am to say that so far as
finance is concerned, the transfer will take place
from 1st April 1921. But as regards administrative
control, the Government of India propose; if the
Governor in Council has no objection, not to
disturb at present the existing arrangements where-
by the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, and
the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for
Epigraphy, Southern Circle, are controlled by the
Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. S. Singh

Offg: Secretary to the Government of India.

circled w/1
Box 39.
R.R.R.

Advance copy submitted to the Hon'ble Sir Lionel Davidson, K.C.S.

A R.R.R. 14-1-21.

From the Government of India, Department of Education, (A&E),
No. 6, dated the 5th January 1921.-

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 1864 B-I,
dated the 6th October 1920, in which the Government of Madras
desire to be informed of the arrangements that are being
made by the Government of India to take over control of the
Archaeological Department, Southern Circle.

2. In reply, I am to say that so far as finance is
concerned, the transfer will take place from 1st April 1921. ✓
But as regards administrative control, the Government of India
propose, if the Governor in Council has no objection, not to
disturb at present the existing arrangements whereby the
Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, and the Assistant
Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy, Southern Circle,
are controlled by the Government of Madras.

I take like
to put the L



Notes of a discussion with Sir John Marshall
(Mr. Graham also being present) dictated
in the presence of Sir John Marshall and
accepted by him.

Mr. Longhurst is entitled by his agreement
to be in the hills for three ~~month~~^{months only}. If he also
spends six months in camp, he can only be in
Madras for three months, and that at a time when
the Government are not here. If the Government
are to exercise control, they can do so best if
his headquarters are transferred to Ootacamund.
The objection to this is the expense. Sir John
Marshall would ^{be} prepared to support a scheme under
which his office was transferred to Ootacamund
and he was given free quarters there.

2. It is desirable that the headquarters of
the Epigraphist should be at the same place as
those of the Superintendent, Archaeological
Survey.

3. Sir John Marshall lays stress on the
necessity for more touch between officers of the
Archaeological department and the local Govern-
ment.

4. Mr. Natesa Sastri is not ~~likely~~ likely to
be available for the examination of Mr. Gopinatha
Rao's manuscripts, but Mr. Krishna Sastri might
be instructed to examine and report on the manus-
cripts and he might also be asked their value with
a view to their purchase on behalf of the Imperial
Government, if that is recommended. The question
of publication may then be decided.

5. Sir John Marshall lays stress on the
desirability of pressing the employment of Conser-
vation Assistants.

b 1
Law (Edn) Dept

Transfer of control of the
Madras Archl. Dept.

p. 1 of Letter to the g. of I., Dept. of Edn.,
N. 1864 B-1 d. 6.10.20

p. 3 of [C. 149 B] From do do, N. 6 (A. + E.) d.

~~Advance copy circulated by~~

~~R. Ramachandra Rao~~

5.1.21

Secretary's remark against para
2 on p. 3 of.

Examine: opposed to previous
understanding?

R. Ramachandra Rao.
(Init) 14.1.21

(S) A C's remarks on the advance copy circ.
I shd. like to fight this (Init) L. Davidson
Regd. the present letter from

The Govt. of India is the reply
to our letter on p. 1 of, which

(K) was issued with reference to
para 2 of India's letter No 284 d. 17th Sept 1920 =
vide also portions marked A, C and D on

p. 2 of the notes to G.O. 1237 Edn. d.

(K) 23.10.20. So far as finance
is concerned, the transfer of the
Madras Archl. dept. to Imperial will take
place from 1st April 1921. But as
regards administrative control, the
Govt.

Govt. of India now propose not to ~~disturb~~ at present the existing arrangements whereby the S.A.S. and the A.A.S. for Epigraphy, Madras, are controlled by this Govt. Submitted that, as pointed out by the Secretary, this proposal is opposed to the previous decision arrived at in the matter - vide paras 3 and 4 on p. 2^{CF} of Ltr. no. 296-7 Est. & 16.7.19, para 1 of Ltr. ibid and para 1 of Ltr. on p. 1 of G.O. 1312 Est. & 28.10.19. The Govt. of India were distinctly of the opinion that the suggestion to treat Archaeology as an all-India subject under the Reforms was inevitable so far as the control of the staff and of the Annual Imperial Grant was concerned, in view of the arrangements made in all other provinces than Madras; and that some central supervision was required over the general operations of the Archl. Dept. as a whole. That Govt. also stated that if the suggestion was

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para 3 on p. 2CF in
no. 597 (P)
18.7.19

para 4, p. 2CF. (P)

was accepted, full consideration would always be given to the wishes of this Govt. in the matter of the personnel to be employed in this Presidency. This Govt. agreed with the Govt. of India that the control of the Dept. should be transferred to Imperial positions marked A and B on p. 3 and H.M.'s note on p. 7 of notes to letter No. 897 of 18.7.19.

(P)

2 There does not appear to be any strong reason for making a distinction as regards this Presy. alone, now that the Dept. is to be imperialized. For order whether the attention of the Govt. of India may be drawn to the previous correspondence and ^{they may be} asked to reconsider the matter. The remarks of the ^(X) Finance Dept. may perhaps be invited.

⊗ Probably that Dept. will be in charge of the subject.

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17.1.21
Jd
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Al
18.1.21
Please put a list of suitable subjects against the Sects? Wm
9/1/21

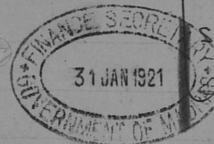
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R2 31.1.21

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V to

I think I will write letters to see how things work out. I am not sure that we would get any better control even if such persons as we have are nominally transferred to Simla. Let us consider the matter again a year hence.



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29.1.21

C,

Rtts
3.1.21

Sir John Marshall tells me that it is not intended to relieve India of any work. But the local govt. say at the end is more likely to guide things. Especially in Madras where some of the monuments are connected with religious institutions. The system is in force in all provinces. The Local Agent acts as the local agent of the Director, referring to freely & advising him. On this clear understanding, the system may perhaps be given a trial.

W 4/2/21

Home Secy's remarks in the file regarding his interview with Sir John Marshall.

Sent to Finance Secy.

R. R. B. 4.2.21

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9.2.21

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A.S.

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Copy file (3)

the notes of the 11th
members' discussion with Sir John
Marshall on the 5th instant do
not contain any remarks
bearing on ^(the matter dealt with in) this file. The case
may now be submitted to C, as
already marked by Secy. on p. 5
ante.

Secy
C₁

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7.2.21

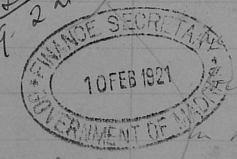
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8.2.21

Secy
7.2.21

(2)

It is out of my power to
say. My chief concern has
been Mr. Longhurst with the
administration control of
India. But we cannot fight
an old India war.

L.D.
9.2.21



Encl

With reference to C₁'s remark
on the advance copy of the
letter of the Govt of India,
Sir John Marshall said that
the course proposed was common
to all India & that he had no
means of local control; also that
in practice, as already understood,
it did not mean much, but that
he would be glad if officers of the
Govt would interest themselves
in the Supt's work

C₁ R.L.G.
9/2/21

AS.

A revised draft letter to the Govt. of India with reference to para 2 of their letter on p. 3 of is submitted. With reference to E's note (last sentence) on p. 5 ante, the matter will be noted in the call book).

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10.2.21

JK
10.2.21

Supd

~~Supd~~

VSL
10.2.21

RLG
11/2/21

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Home (ET)

Archaeology.

Proposal of G. N. J. — [S. 149]

continuance of administrative
control of Southern circle
by local Govt —

Accepted. — Reply to India

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12 FEB 1921

Call Book

for
Rai
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letter 224 dated 11/2/21
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to
✓ The Secretary to the Govt.
of India, Dept. of Est.

Sir,

With reference to
the correspondence ending
with ^{Home} ~~Govt~~ Dept. letter N. 6
(L.A. + E.) of 5.1.21, I am
directed to state that the
Governor in Council accepts
the proposal of the Govt. of
India not to disturb at
present the existing arrange-
ments whereby the Super-
Arch. Survey and the Arch.
Arch. Super. for Epigraphy
Southern circle, are controlled
by the Govt. of Madras.

I have etc.

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