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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Preparation of a catalogue of coins--Additional Assistant
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Subject.

*Submitting proposals for the appointment of
an Assistant Superintendent and also an
Assistant and Photographer in connection
with the preparation of Coin Catalogue.*

ENCLOSURES.

No.

No. *39-1*

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Station *MADRAS*, Dated the *4* February 1924.

From (Name) *F.H. Gravely Esqr., D.Sc.,*

(Designation) *Superintendent, Government
Museum,*

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

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In reply to Government Memorandum No. 132 B-1
dated 9th January 1924, I have the honour to report as
follows:-

W. G. S.
All coins are entered as they are received in
a special coin accessions register which was commenced
by Mr. Dodwell in 1919. Previous to this they were
entered along with other articles in the general ac-
cessions register commenced by Dr. Henderson in 1911.
Up to that time a register was maintained for donations
only, so that there is no record of articles acquired
by other means. The donation register dates back to
1881 and all donations from 1868 onwards are recorded

recorded in the Annual Reports. The entries in these registers, however, are necessarily chronological, which renders them most difficult to use. They form a valuable storehouse of information for reference in the preparation of classified and descriptive catalogues; but beyond this they are practically useless.

Without such classified and descriptive catalogues, either in the form of books or of explanatory labels to specimens, a Museum is little better than a lumber room. In practice both forms are found to be necessary, the latter in the interests of visitors to the museum and the former for more detailed and permanent records. Much has recently been done in almost all sections of this museum to render the exhibits in the public galleries of greater interest and educational value. And the work is still in progress. Unfortunately it is not at present possible in the Ethnological and Geological galleries, owing to limitation of staff.

Much valuable information on various subjects, chiefly anthropological, was collected and published in the old "Madras Government Museum Bulletin"; and the following catalogues have been issued:-

COINS.

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| 1874. Catalogue of coins of Govt. Central Museum, Madras. | G.Bidie. |
| 1888. Catalogue of Mysore coins. | E.Thurston. |
| 1888. Catalogue of Roman Indo-Portuguese & Ceylon Coins. | -Do- |
| 1890. Catalogue of Coins of the British East India Co. | -Do- |
| 1893. Catalogue of Coins of the Sultans of Delhi | -Do- |
| 1921. Catalogue of Coins of Haidar Ali & Tipu Sultan | J.R.Henderson |

Prehistoric Antiquities.

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| 1901. Catalogue of Prehistoric Antiquities. | R.Bruce.Foote. |
| 1914. Catalogue Raisonné of the Foote Collection of Indian Prehistoric & Protohistoric Antiquities. | -Do- |
| 1915. Catalogue of the Prehistoric Antiquities of Adichanallur and Perumbair. | A. Rea. |
| 1916. Notes on the Ages and Distribution of the Foote Collection of Indian Antiquities. | R. Bruce Foote. |

Copper-Plate Grants.

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| 1918. Catalogue of Copper-Plate Grants in the Madras Museum. | R.Srinivasa Raghava Ayyangar. |
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Economic Section.

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| 1916. Catalogue of Wood Specimens. | T.V.Narasinga Rao |
| 1921. Catalogue of Exhibits other than Wood Specimens. | S.N.Chandrasekhara Iyer. |

Natural History etc.

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| 1888. Catalogue of the Batrachians of South India. | E.Thurston. |
| 1890. Guide to the Natural History and Mineral Galleries. | " |
| 1890. Catalogue of Minerals, Ores, and Rocks; with a note on Meteorites, of which the fall in South India has been recorded. | " |

We also possess Manuscript lists of about 1800 coins prepared by E.Thurston, and ~~the~~ Manuscript catalogues of pottery etc from the Buddhist sites at Sankaram, Ramatirtham and Peddamudiyam by A.Rea.

The Archaeological Assistant has completed about three quarters of the text of a descriptive catalogue of our unique collection of South Indian Bronze Images. As there is no provision for a draughtsman or photographer on our staff he is now himself beginning to prepare the numerous photographs that will be necessary to illustrate it. He has also done preliminary work on other our metal articles, on Buddhist sculptures and on coins.

The Botanical Assistant has nearly completed a guide to the identification of the flowering plants found in and around Madras.

The Zoological Assistant and myself are collecting and investigating the local invertebrate fauna; but the field is so vast that it is unlikely we shall be in a position profitably to issue the results of our work in Guide or Catalogue form for a very long time to come. Our immediate object is to prepare the way for this and to improve the invertebrate gallery, which at present is, in many respects

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much the worst in the whole of the museum.

It is undoubtedly true that the use hitherto made of our collections for the advancement of special knowledge and general education through guides and catalogues is in no way commensurate with their value. There is only one way to remedy this, and that is by an increase of the scientific staff. This is a matter which has been engaging my attention for a considerable time, and it is only in consideration of the present financial stringency in the Presidency that I have not brought the matter up before. I am therefore very glad of this opportunity of doing it.

The scientific staff at present consists of myself and three assistants. My principal duties are, of course, to direct and supervise the work of all sections of the Museum and Library; but I am able, in addition, to devote a fair amount of time to Zoological investigation, for which I am better fitted by training than for any other. The urgency of this work in the interest of the Museum has already been indicated and need not be dwelt on further. I hope that the Zoological Assistant will soon be able to devote more time to this work also, in view of the special need for it; but for the last two or three years practically the whole of his time has been directly occupied with the work of arranging and labelling the collections in the new galleries and store room.

The Botanical Assistant is expected to look after Geology and Ethnology, as well as Botany, which in a Museum on the scale of this one is quite impossible. The Geological gallery was last arranged in 1894 by Mr. Thurston since when it remains practically unaltered. As we receive very few geological enquiries, and there is little chance of popularising practical geological knowledge in a district of comparatively small geological interest such as this, I do

not consider a separate Geological Assistant necessary at present.

With regard to Ethnology, however the position is altogether different. The gallery was arranged by Dr. Henderson in 1918, most of the materials having been collected by his predecessor Mr. Thurston. It remains practically as he left it and no systematic investigations can be attempted. Yet there is ample scope for study all round, which has by no means been exhausted by Mr. Thurston's voluminous works. Primitive customs are rapidly being altered or driven into secrecy or killed by advancing civilization; and unless collected and recorded now they will be altogether lost. The need for a separate Ethnological Assistant to continue the fine tradition established here by Mr. Thurston's able and well known work is therefore most urgent.

The need for further Assistants in the Archaeological section is equally great. In addition to work in the public galleries, the Archaeological Assistant has to deal with all cases referred here under the Treasure Trove Act by Collectors, some of which, such as the big find of Chinese coins at Chingleput in 1921, involve long and careful investigation before a decision can be arrived at. He thus has a specially large amount of routine work to attend to and can give comparatively little time to the preparation of catalogues, which are urgently needed for bronze images, other metal articles, Buddhist, Jain and Hindu sculptures, wood carvings, pictures, arms, inscriptions, copper plate grants received since his first catalogue was published, and a large number of coins, medals and seals. Our collection of coins alone now amounts to over 52,000 of which only about 900 are described in published catalogues. Of the remainder probably four fifths will prove to be duplicates; but much work will be needed before even this can be determined, and it is practically certain that four or five thousand at least require to be arranged in the collection and catalogued. I have further to call attention to the

absence in this Museum of any post between that of the Superintendent on Rs. 500 -~~50~~ 1,000 (with free quarters) and those of the Assistants on Rs. 125-250, as a result of which there is no one here able to succeed the Superintendent when he retires or to act for him when he goes on leave. This produces a discontinuity which must be injurious. A new Superintendent comes here of necessity knowing nothing of the collection, and can only acquire such knowledge gradually in the course of his work. In this way important matters are apt to be overlooked and important specimens may even be lost. Quite recently, for instance, it was brought to my knowledge in connection with the special exhibition prepared for the meeting of the Indian Historical Records Commission, that in accordance with G.O. No. 1232 Public dated the 5th December 1866, one large brass seal of the East India Company was handed over to the Museum in 1866. Neither the Archaeological Assistant (appointed 1914) nor myself (appointed 1920) were aware of this, and although the other articles mentioned in the Government Order have all been traced, we fear that the seal has been finally lost. Greater continuity could not, of course, make this sort of thing impossible, but it is the only way to minimise it. Another result of the unbridged gulf between the status of the Assistants and that of the Superintendent is that, as the Assistants have no prospect of succeeding to higher posts in the Museum, the best of them rarely stop for long. To remedy this I consider that an Assistant Superintendent should be appointed on Rs. 250-25-500 Efficiency bar 500-50-700 the initial salary of the Superintendent being if necessary raised to Rs. 700 (the figure on which I actually commenced) at the same time. After passing the efficiency bar he would act for the Superintendent during his absence and, provided he satisfies the existing conditions of the appointment, he would be eligible to succeed him on his retirement. When (as at present) the Superintendent is a biologist, the Assistant Superintendent should be an Archaeologist or Ethnologist and vice versa. (E)

The Superintendent would continue to have charge of the whole Museum as at present, but the Assistant Superintendent would help him in the supervision of that department-Archaeological and Ethnological or Biological-~~for~~^o which he (i.e. the Assistant Superintendent) had himself been trained. It will be noted that I propose to group Ethnology with Archaeology, detaching it entirely from the unnatural alliance with Botany, which it has contracted through special circumstances in the history of this Museum. 6

I therefore have the honour to request that Government may be pleased to sanction the two additional posts, one on the present scale of 125-5-175-7½-250 and the other on 250-25-500 Efficiency bar 500-50-700. One of the men to be appointed must be an Archaeologist, the other an Ethnologist. The higher post would be advertised first and the best man selected for it. If he should be an Archaeologist the remaining post would then be filled by an Ethnologist, and vice versa. This, of course, will not meet the difficulty of absence of chance of promotion in the Biological section. But I should not feel justified in asking for an Assistant Superintendent in this section at present, as there would be great difficulty in providing space and other facilities for work. In addition to the above two appointments I must further urge the need for a draughtsman-photographer for the Archaeological section. A suitable man could I believe be obtained in the grade of Rs. 55-1-65 per mensem and he would do better and more quickly a large amount of work, hitherto practically neglected, which is, of necessity, now being attempted by the Archaeological Assistant on Rs. 125-250, although his training has been in an entirely different direction. In the absence of a draughtsman it is absolutely necessary for him to do this; but it involves a great waste of his time. The additional expenditure involved

involved would therefore be a real economy.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Gravelly

Superintendent.

Mr.

Memo. 960-C-16-4-24

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In his letter No. 39-1-24 dated 4-2-24, the S.G.M. reports that the collection of coins in the museum amounts to over 52,000 of which only about 900 are described in published catalogues and that of the remainder probably four-fifths will on examination prove to be duplicates. It is believed that it is unnecessary to retain more than two or three specimens of a coin at the most, in which case there is a possibility of the cataloguing of the coins paying its own way. In other words an expert may be employed to examine and sort out the coins, with one or two duplicates of each, worthy of preservation. The rest of the duplicates might be sold and the sale proceeds might cover the cost of employing the expert.

2. The S.G.M. is requested to consider the above suggestion and if it is likely to be a business proposition to submit definite proposals for the employment of an expert, specifying the period for which he is to be employed and discussing the financial aspect of the proposals.

3. While the Govt. have every sympathy with the proposals of the Superintendent for the employment of additional staff in the museum they regret their inability to consider them at this period of financial stringency.

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To the S.G.M.

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Station *MADRAS*, Dated the *15th* May 1924.

From (Name) *F.H.Gravelly Esqr., D.Sc.,*

(Designation) *Superintendent, Government Museum,*

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

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With reference to Government Memorandum No. 960 C-1 of the 16th April 1924, I have the honour to state that out of the 52,000 coins referred to, the majority are of copper. Most of these are issues of the East India Company and are very common. They could only be sold for the metal value. There is a smaller number of lead coins, which are defaced and could also be sold only as metal. There are a few coins in silver which are ~~ordinarily~~ *mostly* Mughal rupees which can fetch their metal value *only*.

Thus no appreciable amount can be realised
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by the sale of these coins, and all of which must be looked through before it can be determined whether any are of special numismatic value or not.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. H. Gravely

Superintendent.

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ENCLOSURES.

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Station *Madras*

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From (Name) *F.H.Gravely Esqr., D.Sc.,*

(Designation) *Superintendent, Government Museum,*

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 802-1/25 dated 20th June 1925 I have the honour to forward Part II of the Budget for item (4) referred to therein in connection with the proposal for cataloguing the coins in the Museum.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

F. H. Gravely

Superintendent.

(P. T. O.)

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5. I should like the Museum put on to the list of offices whose contingencies ought to be inspected. I am surprised to learn yesterday that they have no catalogue of any sort of the valuable exhibits of coins and seals which they have in custody. This is not a matter affecting contingencies, but it indicates the sort of danger we are running.

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Memorandum No.132 B-1, dated 9-1-1924.

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At the instance of the Hon'ble Sir Charles Todhunter, the Superintendent, Government Museum, was asked in Memorandum No. 132/B-1, dated the 9th Jan'y. 1924 whether a catalogue of valuable exhibits of coins and seals in the Government Museum was being

(The special agent
report is in limited
file).

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		Actuals 1924-25	Budget estimate 1925-26	Budget estimate 1926-27	
1	Details by Sub-heads. Secondary unit and item				
2	<u>Government Museum</u>				
3	Temporary officer for preparation of catalogue of Coins	-	1375	3000	(a) Provision made in the budget for 11 months @ Rs. 125/- p.m. (b) " " required at Rs. 250/- p.m.
4	Archaeological Assistant	2100	2190	1500	(c) Pay of the present Archaeological Assistant @ Rs. 175/- p.m. (d) " " do " " @ Rs. 125/- p.m. (e) Provision for the Temporary Assistant @ Rs. 125/- p.m.
5	Scale on letter No. 520-4 25 dated 6.7.1925				

J. H. French,
Secretary
Government Museum.

G. G. Stanley.
~~Scientific~~
Geographical
Museum.

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kept and if not what steps the Superintendent -
proposed to take.

2. The specific enquiry has not been directly
answered by the Superintendent. It is however
gathered from the report that there is no systematic
catalogue of all the valuable coins and seals in the
Museum. It is stated ~~below~~ that the following
materials out of which a catalogue could be prepared
are available.

(1) A donation register started in 1881 in which are
listed all coins and other articles received as dona-
tions to the Museum from 1868 to 1911 are entered.

[This apparently means that valuable coins and seals
received other than by way of donations during the
period have not been listed].

(ii) A general accessions register for the period
between 1911-1919 in which are entered all coins along
with other articles received for the Museum during the
period and

(iii) A special coin accessions register started in 1919
in which are entered the coins received from that year.

It is stated that the coins in the Museum number
over 52,000 of which about 900 alone have been des-
cribed in published catalogues. Of the remainder it
is surmised that about four-fifths might on examination
prove to be duplicates. The Superintendent is of -
opinion that the examination of these coins with a view
to determining how many of them are worth preserving
permanently and how many are duplicates would involve
much time and labour and that the existing staff of the
Museum is inadequate for the purpose.

3. The Superintendent has taken this opportunity to
suggest vast additions to his 'scientific' staff. In
considering his proposals in this respect, it may be borne
in mind that for a very long time the only technical -
assistant in the Museum was the Herbarium Keeper (desig-
nation changed into Botanical Assistant in G.O. No. 824 Edn.

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G.O. 387 Edn

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[He is to be an
ethnologist if the Government
of the appt: proposed in
statement below is to be
happens to be an archaeologist]

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dated 2nd July 1919) and that the Superintendent has
in recent years been given the assistance of a Zoolo-
gical Assistant (in 1912) and of an Archeological -
Assistant (in 1914). He has later on been given the
assistance of a Sub-Librarian to relieve him of routine
work connected with the Connemara Library. With the
transfer of the Marine Aquarium to the Fisheries
Department in 1919 the Superintendent has also been
relieved of the work connected with the Aquarium.
His proposals are examined below:--

(i) An Assistant Superintendent for the Museum on
Rs. 250-25-500 - Efficiency bar - 50 - 700.

The Assistant is to be an Archeologist when
the Superintendent is a Biologist. The necessity for
the appointment is stated to be

- (a) to bridge the gulf that ^{now} exists between the status of
the Superintendent on Rs. 500--50--1,000 (with
free quarters) and that of the three Scientific
Assistants on Rs. 125--250.
- (b) to provide an avenue for promotion to the assist-
ants the best of whom in the absence of such
avenue do not stop long in the Museum.
- (c) to have ready on the spot an officer well acquaint-
ed with the Museum arrangements who would succeed
to the Superintendent's office when the office
falls vacant either temporarily or permanently.
It is stated that the present arrangement under
which Superintendents are directly appointed -
lacks continuity.
- (d) to provide for an examination and cataloguing of
the large collection of coins now in deposit at
the Museum for which the present Archaeological
Assistant cannot find time.

It is doubtful whether the reasons set out
will be deemed to justify such a high appointment as
a permanent arrangement. At the same time it may -
perhaps be conceded that the cataloguing of the coins
needs an officer, say for one or two years. We may
perhaps ask the Government Epigraphist or the Director
General of Archaeology if ~~he~~ ^{he} can suggest a suitable
officer for the purpose and if so on what terms.

(ii) An Ethnological Assistant on Rs. 125--250 -

Under the existing arrangement the Botanical
Assistant is expected to look after Ethnology and
Geology. ^{The Supdt. is of opinion that the Dept. of Zoology}
in the Museum does not at present require a

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separate assistant but that the position of Ethnology is different. It is stated that the Ethnological gallery was arranged by Dr. Henderson on 1918 that it practically ~~remains~~ ^{remains} where Dr. Henderson left it and that no systematic investigation has been attempted. It is stated that there is so much scope for study and investigation in this branch that a separate assistant is necessary.

It is observed that the only special work which the Botanical Assistant has ~~now~~ ^{now} on hand is the preparation of a guide to the identification of the flowering plants found in and around Madras and that it has nearly been completed. After this special work is finished it ought to be possible for the Botanical Assistant to devote adequate attention to the Ethnological branch. Submitted there is no case for a separate assistant for Ethnology.

(iii) A draughtsman photographer on Rs. 55--1--65.

It is stated that a good deal of photography that has to be done for the Archaeological section is being done by the Archaeological Assistant himself who, if relieved of that work, could utilise his time more profitably and on more important work. A draughtsman photographer could also assist the Botanical Assistant by doing a good portion of the drawing work in connection ^{with} plants and herbs. This appointment may therefore be supported in this Department.

4. The Finance Department ^{has} also to agree to the suggestions in paras 3(i) and 3(iii).

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Dr. Gravelly spoke some about this. I consider that his proposals are sound in the main but it is unpractical to consider any of them at the present time of financial stringency.
2. So many branches of study are represented in the Museum. I will not be prompt to employ a qualified man in every branch. The Supt for the time being will develop his hobby. So I wonder if it be possible to get over the difficulty by attaching other scholars with the Museum to be in charge of particular branches. These scholars need not necessarily be for servants.

3. What I mean is this. The geological exhibits may be put under the charge of the Prof of Geology. The Museum staff will do the continuous work but take instructions from the Prof in the Presidency. Similarly with the Prof of Zoology; or we may use the Director of Forestry etc.

The general Superintendence of the Museum will rest with the Supt.

4. If Govt. servants are not available, private scholars may perhaps be willing to help; e.g. in the matter of coins, a gentleman like Sir T. ...

may consent to help; we are trying a similar system of attaching Honorary Physicians to Hospitals.

5 Re the coins: for 1868 to 1881 only the annual reports furnish any record: from 1881 to 1911 we have special donation lists of coins; these do not show coins acquired by other means. In 1911 to 1919 coins are shown with all other accessions in final reports. In 1919 we have special coin reports. I think that the annual reports for 1868 to 1891 should be ransacked & extracts taken for 1911 to 1919 & special coin reports prepared. The donation reports will come in useful for check.

Done orders as per para 5 & committee
on the paras preceding 11/8

A draft order is dated... file may be forwarded to the D.P.D. & for remarks on the suggestions in paras 2 to 4 of Secy's note.

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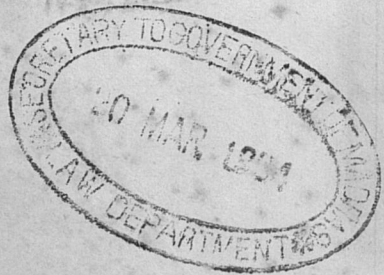
There are really two aspects of this matter, the aspect of safety of the valuable Government property and that of scientific enquiry.

2. The Superintendent (very rightly from his point of view) wants to start on his Museum generally drawing up catalogues raisonnés, which latter the Secretary very rightly says we cannot afford.

3. What I was anxious to secure in the first place was that we should not lose Government property of very great value. There was an occasion during Mr. Thurston's incumbency when the Museum was broken into and a large collection of very valuable gold coins stolen simply for their gold value. We have now 52,000 coins without a catalogue, and if some of the most valuable of these were to be removed by some unscrupulous coin-collector and worthless coins substituted we should be none the wiser.

4. It is proposed in the draft to tell the Superintendent to prepare the best catalogue he can from the materials in existence. I am afraid that his reply will be that these materials do not enable him to identify the coins and that in any case an expert is needed to identify the value of them.

5. Supposing this to be the case, an alternative suggests itself. He says we have 52,000 coins of which probably four-fifths are duplicates. I suppose we do not need to retain more than two or three specimens of a coin at the most. It seems worth while in the circumstances to enquire whether the cataloguing of the coins could not be made to pay for itself, in other words whether we could not employ an expert to catalogue the coins and make proposals for selling the duplicates that were not needed.



15-3-24

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A draft Memo as suggested by C, is subd.
for consideration. Finance may see it.

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27.3.24

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28.3.24

I approve of the memo for a
considered reply. But I look forward
of Dr. Pringle's work to discuss the matter
with. The bulk of the coins is of copper
of no value. And the answer will
very probably be in the negative.

Fin. to my
21/3/24

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Finance Dept

(The special officer's report
on the test check of
contingent expenditure
and the maintenance of
stock registers in the Museum
is in linked file)

2. Submitted that the
draft memo may be accepted.



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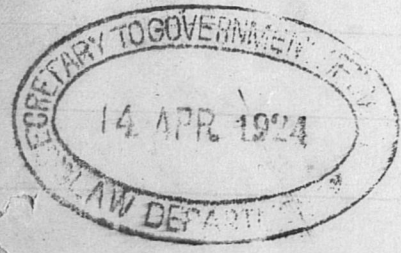
I do not think the Copper
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Cataloging & absolutely necessary
lest have we got an
expert in numismatics
to be able to carry on the
work. Let us have a
man in mind - this has
the done in case the
Supl is unable to find
effect to the suggestion in
the memo.

Law 24

M₂ was apparently in objection
to the issue of the draft Memo. We
may await the S. G. M's reply & then ask
~~submit~~ the Asst. Archaeological Supl.
for Epigraphy if he could suggest
of a numismatics expert.

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[memo to the Supdt, Govt museum No. 960C-1
D 16.4.24] H 10-11 cf.

[C. No. 1218C from Do - No. 509-1/24 D 15.5.24] H 12-13 cf.

Submitted. Much as anticipated by

C.R. The Permanent Secy, Mr S. L. M

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22.5.24 reports that the coins are not

likely to fetch appreciable value

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except if sold for metal value to

that in case it has to be ascertained

whether they are of special numis-

matic value or not they should be

examined. The further question is

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note

as to the employment of a numismatist.

Enquiries have apparently to

be made of the A. A. S. for Epigraphy.

2 For orders as to consultation to

M₂ & c.

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Let us first ask about A. A. S for
Epigraphy about a numismatic
expert.

V.T.K.

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A draft letter is sent. It is

understood that the letter should be addressed

to the Govt. Epigraphist for India and

not to the A. A. S. who is only a subordinate

to the former. The draft, if appd., may

go to Finance up for acceptance.

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Who is the

A. A. S.

where is he

now?

V.T.K.

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Finance
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Letter No

To

The Govt. Epigraphist for India,

Ootacamund.

Sir,

I am directed to address you
on the subject of the compilation of
a catalogue of old coins deposited
in the Govt. Museum, Madras.

2. The Govt understand that there
are more than 52000 Madras coins
number of coins in the Museum more

over 52,000 of which only about 900
have been described in published
catalogues. Of the remainder, it is
surmised that a good number might
be duplicates. But the actual facts
can only be ascertained only on
a closer examination. It has been
suggested that it would be useful
if the coins are examined, and the coins
worthy of preservation sorted out
and catalogued. The rest of the
coins may be sold.

3. It is reported that there is
no one on the Museum staff who has
either the leisure or the aptitude
to undertake the examination and
cataloguing of the coins. I am

~~I have etc,~~

~~I have etc,~~

one hour (Jan 25-00)

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Office of the

Office of the

Government Epigraphist for India.
Fernhill, Nilgiris,
Dated the 12th July 1924.

Dear Mr. Ramanujachariar,

In reply to your letter D.O.No.1218-C-1, dated the 11th June 1924, I am sorry to inform you that there is none in my department whose services could be spared for the work of examining and cataloguing the coins in the Madras Museum; nor do I know of any outsider, except Mr. G. Ramadas Pantulu, Head-master, Board High School, Jeypore, who has any experience in numismatology. But even he deals only with Muhammadan coins as I ^{learn} ~~know~~ from his thesis on the subject recently sent to me for perusal.

May I be permitted to suggest the name of Mr. R. Sreenivasa Raghava Aiyangar, M.A., Archaeological Assistant of the Museum for doing this special duty? He has been intimately acquainted with the coins of the Museum for a long time and has done satisfactory work therein. I am confident that Mr. Aiyangar is capable of doing it, as can be gathered from what I ^{have} said of him in my report on the Kodur Treasure Trove.^x

- I personally know that he read some valuable notes on "South Indian Coins" in the second Oriental Congress held at Calcutta. He is a good Sanskrit and Tamil Scholar and having compiled for the Museum the typical little catalogue of the Museum copper-plate records, he is sure to have mastered the old and antique alphabets occurring on coins and copper-plates of Southern India.

In August 1923, when I made a reference to the Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras, asking him whether the coin-collection in the Museum has been exhaustively dealt with and a catalogue similar to those of the other provincial -- museums has been issued, I was told by him that his Archaeological Assistant had been dealing with them and that six catalogues had already been issued and that a few more coins ^{alone} remained.

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to be catalogued. If this is so, I would think of no other scholar for this work than Mr. R. Sreenivasa Raghava Aiyangar, M.A.

Yours sincerely,

H. Krishna Sastri.

Government Epigraphist.

H.

To

Rao Bahadur

C. Ramanujachariar Avl., B.A.,
Under Secretary to the Government
of Madras, Law (Education)
Department, Ootacamund.

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Law (Edn.)

A draft D.O. to Dr. Gravelly

is Dated:

30.7.24

30.7.24

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D.O. 173/C-7 31.7.24.

Dear Dr. Gravely,

Correspondence ending with your letter No.509-1/24 - dated 15th May 1924.--Cataloguing of coins in the Museum.

I am to enclose a copy of D.O.No.98-C/653/678, dated 12th July 1924 from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur H.Krishna Sastriyar, ^{and} Govt. Epigraphist for India, and to enquire whether ^{the} suggestion contained therein to entrust the work of sorting out and cataloguing the coins and seals in the Govt.Museum to your Archaeological Assistant ~~and to enquire whether the suggestion is~~ acceptable to you. If so, I am to ask you to ^{put up} ~~submit~~ definite proposals for his employment furnishing information as to the ~~financial aspect of the proposal and the approximate time~~ that is likely to be required to complete the work of ~~cataloguing the coins and seals.~~ etc

Yours sincerely,

To

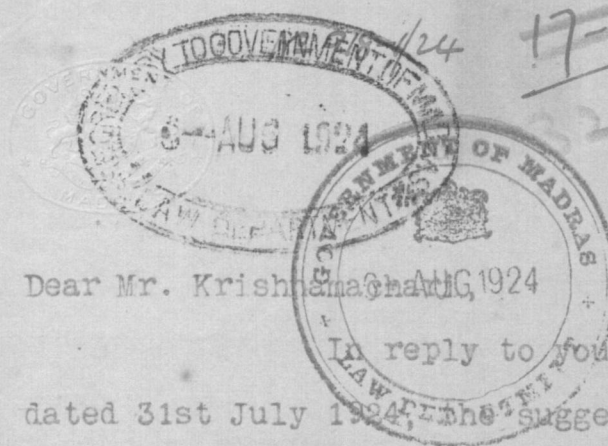
F.H.Gravely Esq., D.Sc.
(with a copy of d.o.
at pp.13 & 14 n.f.)

Supd. Mr., Dist. Museum

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31/8 JUL 1924

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Government Museum,
Madras, 6th August 1924.

Dear Mr. Krishnamachari,

In reply to your letter D.O. No. 1731 C-1 dated 31st July 1924, the suggestion contained therein is quite acceptable, provided that another man be appointed to carry on the work of the Archaeological Assistant. The cataloguing of the coins requires expert knowledge which cannot quickly be picked up, and it would I think be much easier to find a man able to carry on the current duties of the post than to find one capable of cataloguing the coins. The Archaeological Assistant has, moreover, already made considerable preliminary studies of them, which would be largely wasted if any one else was appointed. The time likely to be required may be estimated at about three years but it is of course impossible to tell at present with any certainty how long the work will take, and I would therefore suggest that the appointment be made for one year in the first instance.

As we shall require a man capable of picking up quickly the technicalities of Indian Archaeology and Art to take his place, and as his post will be

a purely temporary one with no prospects, I would suggest that he be given a special allowance of Rs. 50/- above the lowest grade of the post. As allowance to Mr. Srinivasa Raghava Aiyangar I would suggest as the absolute minimum that could be offered Rs. 250/- per mensem, the same as is being drawn by Mr. Ram Singh Ahuja in a temporary post in every way comparable with that now proposed. If an outsider had to be appointed it is unlikely that a suitable man could be found unless much more than this was offered.

Yours sincerely,

F. H. Gravely

Superintendent.

To

Rao Bahadur
M.R.Ry. V.T. Krishnamachari Avl.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Law (Education) Department.

Law (Edn) Deptt.

The sanctioned pay of the post of Archaeological Assistant in the Museum is Rs. 125-5-175-7½-250 per mensem, and Mr. R. Sreenivasa Raghava Aiyangar, the present incumbent, is drawing Rs. 175.

(Ascertained from the
Museum Office)

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a purely temporary one with no prospects, I would suggest that he be given a special allowance of Rs. 50/- above the lowest grade of the post. As allowance to Mr. Srinivasa Raghava Aiyangar, I would suggest as the absolute minimum that could be offered Rs. 250/- per mensem, the same as is being drawn by Mr. Ram Singh Ahuja in a temporary post in every way comparable with that now proposed. If an outsider had to be appointed it is unlikely that a suitable man could be found unless much more than this was offered.

Yours sincerely,

F. H. Gravely

Superintendent.

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To

Rao Bahadur
M.R.Ry. V.T. Krishnamachari Avl.,

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

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In case he is to be put on the special work of cataloguing the Collection of Coins and seals in the Museum Dr. Gravely recommends for him a pay of Rs. 250 (the maximum of his own scale) and wants to employ a substitute in his place on Rs. 175 to attend to the legitimate duties of the Archaeological Asst. While the pay proposed for Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar seems suitable in view of the special training he is said to possess, it seems unnecessary to pay anything more than the minimum of the sanctioned scale viz. Rs. 125, to the substitute to be employed as Archaeological Asst.

2. Dr. Gravely is of opinion that the arrangement may be sanctioned for one year to begin with but expects that it will have to be continued for about three years.

3. The proposal has apparently to be treated as a part II scheme for the budget for 1925-26. The Finance Dept. may be requested to say if they agree to a note being prepared for the Finance Committee.

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I do not see why R. Srinivasa
Ragava Ayyangar should get
such a large increase in salary for
doing this work. I think an allowance
of Rs 25 a m a special pay of Rs 25
a month in addition to his grade pay
will meet the case. In his place,
a temporary clerk on Rs 100 ^{would} ~~may~~ be
should be appointed. A man possessing
the qualifications required can be
had on this salary.

(Rs 125 - 250)

The extra cost will be Rs 125
a month.

The work is important & has to
be done as soon as possible.

The arrangement may be sanctioned
for one year. no funds can be provide
this year out of the Museum budget. It
may be treated as Part II scheme for
1925-6.

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Finance (ET)

Part II scheme - Special officer for
cataloguing the Collection of Coins & seals in
the Govt. Museum :

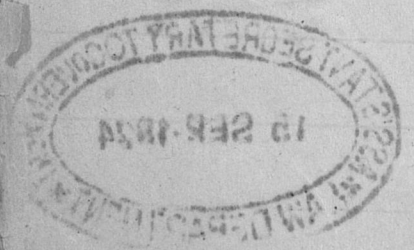
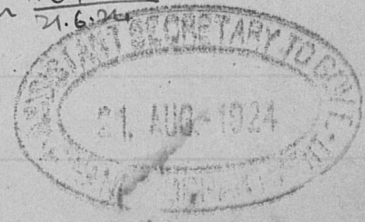
Please see Sir Charles Toddhunter's note



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27.8.24

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Landed 21.8.24
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on page 7 ante and the letter on pages 12-13 CF.
As the majority of the coins are of copper
no appreciable amount will be realised by their
sale and the cost of the staff employed in
examining, sorting and cataloguing the coins
that are to be preserved will not be covered
by the sale proceeds.

2. Finance need not object to the
Law Secy's proposals in his note on page 20
ante being placed before the Finance
Committee as a Part II scheme for 1925-26.
Law may be requested to prepare the necessary
note for the Committee.

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A draft note for the
Finance Committee is subd. It may be
sent w/o to Finance for adding their portion
of the note.

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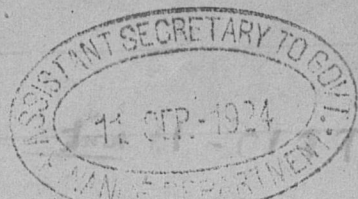
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Finance (E.T.)

[Previous Finance note on pages 20 to 21 ante]

The ~~note~~ following may be added as Finance note in the note for the Finance Committee below:

"The proposal may be placed before the Finance Committee"



Fin 1323 E.T.
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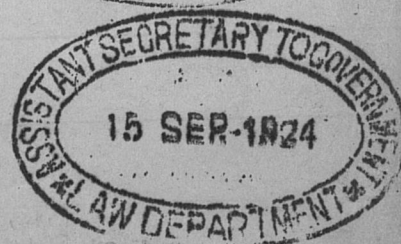
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I cannot see why, if Mr Srinivasa Raghava Ayyangar is merely to be taken off his ordinary work & put on to the cataloguing of coins, he should be given any additional pay. On the other hand I would give his substitute the minimum pay of his post.

RSE
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Law (Education) Department

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The Superintendent, Government Museum, suggested a pay of Rs.250 to Mr.R.Sreenivasaraghava Ayyangar ~~on~~ on the ground that the cataloguing of coins will prove a heavier and more responsible ~~work~~ than the ordinary range of duties performed by him as Archaeological Assistant. The Supdt. has also pointed out that if an outsider is appointed to do the special work he may have to be paid much more. The Secretary considered that it would be sufficient to allow a special pay of Rs.25 in addition to the pay that -- Mr.Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar is now getting. He is now drawing Rs.175 in the scale of Rs.125-5-175-7½-250.

2 AS regards the substitute to be appointed in place of Mr.Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar, the Museum Supdt's proposal was to allow him a pay of Rs.175. The Secretary suggested Rs.100. It is not likely that a fully qualified person with any considerable experience will be available to fill the post temporarily for either Rs.175 or 100. The substitute will probably be a young graduate in Sanskrit and it should ordinarily be possible to secure the services of one such on Rs.100.

3 May be submitted to M₂ for orders with reference to C's note on the previous page.



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The draft note for the Finance Committee has been amended. It may issue.

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Note for
the Finance
Committee
re: the
WPA.

Finance Department.

Extract of proceedings of the Finance Committee

at their fourth meeting 1924-25, dated 13-10-24.

(Desirable if funds
are available)

The Committee placed the scheme in class III in Part II of the Budget for 1925-26.

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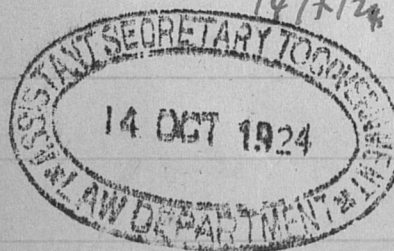
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The water will be pressed
at the Calcutta Dispensary.

18 June

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Note for the Finance Committee

Subject: Additional staff for the preparation
of a catalogue of coins and seals deposited
in the Government Museum.

Proposals of the Superintendent, Government Museum

There is no systematic catalogue of the exhibits of old coins and seals in the Government Museum, Madras. There are over 52,000 coins of which only about 900 are described in published catalogues and of the remainder, it is surmised that a good number would be duplicates. It is necessary on scientific and other grounds to have a reliable and exhaustive catalogue of these coins.

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It is not possible for any member of the Museum staff to undertake the preparation of the catalogue in addition to ^{his} ordinary work. The Superintendent, Government Museum, suggests that the Archaeological Assistant, M.R. Ry. R. Srinivasa-raghava Ayyangar, who has made considerable preliminary study of the coins, might be deputed to attend to this special work of sorting out the exhibits and preparing a catalogue of such of them as are found worthy of preservation. The Archaeological Assistant is now drawing a pay of Rs. 175 a month in the scale of Rs. 125-5-175-7½-250. The Superintendent recommends that he may, while employed on the special work, be given a pay of Rs. 250, the maximum of his ~~own~~ scale and that a substitute on Rs. 175 a month may be employed in his place to attend to the ordinary work of the Archaeological Assistant.

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Note of the Law (Education) Department

The work is essential and The ^{Superintendent's} Director's proposal may be accepted. It is considered

however that it would be sufficient to allow

~~special pay of Rs. 25 to~~ M.R.Ry.R. Srinivasa-
raghava Ayyangar ^{his} ~~in addition to his~~ grade pay

while he is on this duty and that a substitute may be appointed to attend to the work of the

Archaeological Assistant on Rs. ¹²⁵ ~~100~~ a month, ~~the minimum of the sanctioned~~
The extra cost ~~the~~ amounts to Rs. 125 a month. ~~scale of pay of the Archaeological~~
~~assistant.~~

It is expected that the work will require about three years for completion. A provision of Rs. 1,375 representing the charges for 11 months from 1st April 1925 is recommended for inclusion in the budget for 1925-26.

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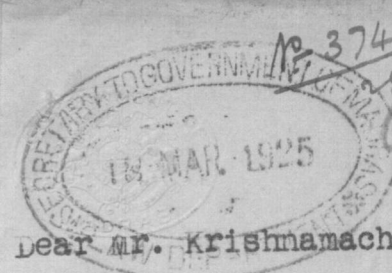
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Note by the Finance Department

The proposal may be placed before
the Finance Committee.

R.W.D. 13.9.24



Dear Mr. Krishnamachari,

With reference to my D.O. letter No.

918-1 dated 6th August 1924, regarding the cataloguing of the coins, I shall be glad to receive definite orders of Government on the proposals at a very early date. As will be seen from my letter I recommended that M.R.Ry. R. Srinivasa Raghava Iyengar, the present Archaeological Assistant be placed on special duty to catalogue the coins on a salary of Rs. 250/ per mensem. This was recommended as the cataloguing requires expert knowledge which he possesses and much more would have to be offered if it were necessary to appoint a competent outsider who could be relied not to take advantage of his temporary appointment to add to his own collection. From the latter point of view, the duties expected of the Officer in cataloguing the coins is much more responsible than the current duties of the Archaeological Assistant. While therefore proposing his appointment to the special work, as otherwise the knowledge of the coins that he has already had will be largely wasted, I proposed that in his place, a new man may be appointed to attend to

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to the current duties of the Archaeological Assistant. It is however seen from the preliminary issue of the budget that the only provision made is for an Officer for preparation of the catalogue of coins on Rs. 125/-. A great part of the Archaeological Assistant's time is occupied in dealing with treasure trove finds. Of this, even more than his other work, he must be relieved if he is to have time for the coins. As it will obviously be impossible to get a man qualified for this. On the temporary pay now proposed I shall have no option, if the present proposal goes through, but to put the new man on to the coin work, which I consider to be taking a very serious risk of pilferage.

Yours sincerely,

F. H. Gravelly

Superintendent.

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Law (Education) Department.

Dr. Gravelly's proposals were:

(1) that Mr. R. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar, the Archaeological Assistant in the Museum, should be put on the cataloguing of the coins and that he should get a pay of Rs 250 a month while engaged on the coins; and

(2) that a new man should be appointed on ^(Rs 125 + an allowance of Rs 50) Rs 175 to attend to the duties of Archaeological Assistant.

2. The Government have accepted the proposals with the modifications:

(1) that Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar should

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Yours sincerely,

J. H. Gravelly

Superintendent.

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① He now gets

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Scale of Rs 125-5-125-

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while employed on the coins get only his grade pay as Archaeological Assistant; and

(2) that the substitute who is to take the Archaeological Assistant's place should be ^{given} ~~paid~~ the minimum pay of the sanctioned scale of pay for the Archaeological Assistant, Viz., Rs 125.

3. In the budget ^{estimate} provision has been entered as usual for Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar's pay and an additional provision of Rs 1375 (for 11 months ^{at} Rs 125) for his substitute. Dr. Gravelly now points out that a great part of the Archaeological Assistant's time is ^{normally} occupied in dealing with treasure-trove finds and that a man competent to take Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar's place cannot be had on Rs 125. He therefore points out that he will be put to the necessity of employing the new man on the cataloging work but that even this arrangement will be fraught with risk as he doubts whether a thoroughly reliable man can be had for the pay offered.

4. The difficulty pointed out by Dr. Gravelly is not clearly understood. The arrangement for which provision has been made is quite normal. The permanent incumbent of the office of Archaeological Assistant ^{to be} ~~is~~ detached for special work and in his place a new man is to be appointed on the minimum pay of the post. This is what is done in all Government offices in similar contingencies and there seems to be no ~~reason~~ ^{any} reason why it should not be suitable in the present instance.

5. The above note which explains the position may be forwarded U.O. to Dr. Gravelly. If he agrees orders may be issued to give effect to the proposal.

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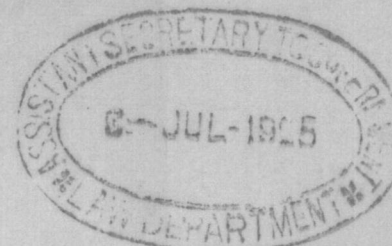
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is for a temporary
apt on Rs 125, it ~~may be~~
possible for the Director
to get a permanent
officer from the Edl
or Archaeological Dept
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Dr. Gravelly may see
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V.T.K.
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(Law) Comms 927 C-1
4-4-25



U. O. Note.

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With reference to your U.O. Note dated 4th April 1925 returned herewith, I have to state that in response to my letters to Rao Bahadur H. Krishna Sastry and Dr. S. Krishnaswamy Ayyangar two applications have been received, of which one was quite unsuitable. The other is very imperfectly qualified for the work and would require Rs. 180/- monthly. I have also received one independent application from a student who has ~~just~~ ^{last year} completed his college course. Though less experienced, his qualifications appear to be at least as good as those of the older applicants, and he will be satisfied with the Rs. 125/- already allotted. It will be necessary for him - as it would be for the other man also - to obtain considerable help from the Archaeological Assistant while he is picking up the work; and this must necessarily to some extent interfere with the preparation of the coin catalogue. Under the circumstances, however, I recommend his appointment.

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In regard to the placing of the Archaeological Assistant on special duty for cataloguing coins, I am still of opinion that in view of the responsible nature of the work involved, he should be given a pay of Rs. 250/- per mensem as already recommended in my D.O. letter No. 918-1 dated 6th August 1924, as I consider it unfair to expect him to attend to the duties on payment of merely his grade pay as Archaeological Assistant.

J. B. Gravelly
Superintendent.
M.D.R./3-7-1925.
OR

To

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



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Reference is solicited to the Notes at pages 27-29 ante. In the current year's budget a provision of Rs. 1,375 representing the pay ^(for 11 months at Rs 125 a month) of the new officer to be employed in place of Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar, the permanent archaeological assistant, who will be entrusted with the preparation of the proposed catalogue of coins has been entered. Dr. Gravely now replies that he has been able to secure the services of a graduate to take up the Archaeological Assistant's place. ~~But~~ He, however, recommends that Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar while engaged on the coins should be given a pay of Rs. 250 a month instead of his permanent pay (Rs. 182½). This would mean an additional expenditure of Rs. 67½ a month. If the cataloguing work begins on the 1st August ~~then~~ an additional expenditure of Rs. ^{47½} ~~57½~~ will be incurred. In view of the Hon'ble the Finance Member's Note on page 22 ante, it is for orders whether the Government will be prepared to allow a pay of Rs. 250 to Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar. The alternative solution would be to see if the new hand will be prepared to take up the archaeological assistant's place on Rs. 100. ~~But~~ If that will be possible it will set free a sum of Rs. 25 a month which may be given to Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar as 'special pay' so long as he is engaged on the work of cataloguing the coins. This was the amount previously suggested by the Secretary.

Now 9/7/25 There is no budget provision for the additional expenditure. Dr. Gravely may see 100. + say if the suggestion at A above is feasible.

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Dr. Gravely u.o

X It has been verified that he is an Hon'ble graduate in Sanskrit.

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Government Museum,
Madras, 17th July 1925.



A salary of Rs. 125/- has already been offered to Mr. Ramachandran and accepted by him, in the event of his being appointed. As we cannot go back on this, the suggestion to give him Rs. 100/ only is impracticable. In any case I fail to see that underpaying him would be any better than underpaying the Archaeological Assistant. I may point out that there will be a saving of Rs. 500/- during the current financial year owing to the fact that the appointment cannot now be made before August 1st and I therefore request that the additional Rs. 472½ required may be met from this amount.

J. B. Gravely
Superintendent.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Law (Education) Department, U. O.

Law (Education) Department

The savings pointed out by the Superintendent will enable the payment to Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar of a pay of Rs 250 for the current year. In view of the fact that Dr. Gravely presses for a remuneration of Rs 250 to the officer while the latter is engaged in the work connected with the coins, it is for orders whether the suggestion may, with the concurrence of Finance, be approved.

From Dr. Gravely's note on p. 32 it will be seen that the Archaeological Assⁿ will have to devote ~~some~~ considerable time to his present work in addition to the new duties proposed.

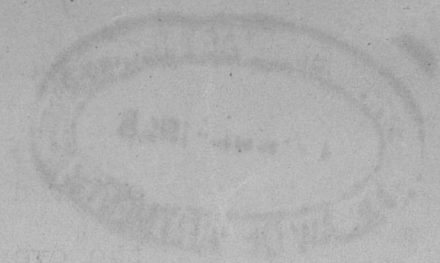
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The Superintendent, Govt. Museum, present
 and the Law Dept support him, that
 Mr. Srinivasa Naghana Ayyangar, the
 Archaeological Asst in the Govt Museum
 who is to be placed on special duty of
 cataloguing Coins may be given a
 pay of Rs 250 i.e. Rs 67½ in excess of
 his present pay of Rs 182½. The Hon'ble
 Mr. Graham has already stated, and
 Hon'ble Mr. agreed with him, that he
 need not be given any addl. pay while
 engaged on the special duty. The Finance
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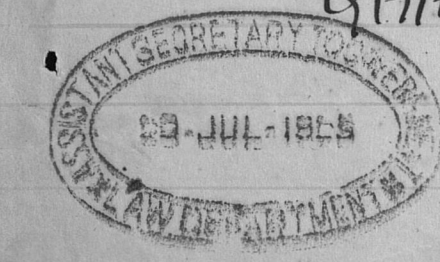
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for him. (- please see position marked K on p 30)
 The addl. remuneration seems therefore reasonable.

[Please see notes from Finance (CSN)
 page 33 ante]

The Superintendent, Govt. Museum, present
 and the Law Dept support him, that
 Mr. Srinivasa Naghana Ayyangar, the
 Archaeological Asst in the Govt Museum
 who is to be placed on special duty of
 cataloguing Coins may be given a
 pay of Rs 250 i.e. Rs 67½ in excess of
 his present pay of Rs 182½. The Hon'ble
 Mr. Graham has already stated, and
 Hon'ble Mr. agreed with him, that he
 need not be given any addl. pay while
 engaged on the special duty. The Finance
 Commr, therefore, agree to ~~giving him~~
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(Previous notes need not be read)

Sir Charles Todhunter thought that a catalogue of the valuable exhibits of coins and seals in the Government Museum should be prepared. It was found that the work could not be got done by the normal staff employed in the Museum. The Superintendent of the Museum reported that he could think of no one capable of doing the work other than his Archaeological Assistant. He proposed that the Archaeological Assistant who was drawing Rs. 175 in the scale of Rs 125-5-175-7½-250 might be put on special duty for the work and he might be given a pay of Rs. 250 a month, ^{that} his place being filled ^{by} a new recruit on Rs. 175 a month. Mr. Graham noted that there was no need to ~~allow~~ ^{pay} the Archaeological Assistant more than his regular pay and that it would suffice if the new recruit was given the minimum pay (Rs. 125) of the post of Archaeological Assistant. A note ^{on this has been} was prepared for the Finance Committee who recommended the acceptance of the proposal. A ~~provision~~ ^{provision} of Rs 1,375 has been made in the budget for an ~~extra~~ ^{extra} ~~month~~ ^{month} on Rs 125 a month.

2. Dr. Gravely has reported that the cataloguing work requires expert knowledge and that in view of the heavy responsibility attached to the work his permanent Archaeological Assistant should be paid no less than Rs. 250 while he is ~~attached to the~~ ^{detached for} special duty. The budget provision for the employment of the new officer is for ~~one full year~~ ^{eleven months}. As the work has not been undertaken till now it will be possible to find the extra cost on account of the payment of the Archaeological Assistant at the enhanced rate from the budget provision. The Finance Department objects to this suggestion.

3. For orders as to circulation to M₂ and C₄.

30.7.25

Please see Dr. Gravely's note

p 1 anti
and p 7 anti

p 23 anti

Rs 182 ½

p 17-18 anti

p 22 anti

p 24-26 anti

p 27-28 anti
and also p 30 anti

p 32 anti

p 33 anti

on page 30 ante. The Archaeological Assistant, Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar, will have to attend to his usual work ^{also} in addition to the special work he is to be entrusted with. The reason for this is that the man to be appointed is quite new to the work. It is submitted that the Hon'ble Mr. Graham opposed the grant of an increased pay only on the ground that no special consideration was called for as Mr. Ayyangar was to be taken off his ordinary work and put on to the cataloguing of coins. Dr. Gravely now points out that Mr. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar will have to attend to ^{a portion of} his ordinary work also. The grant of an enhanced remuneration ^{seems} is therefore reasonable.

Orders of M₂ and C₄ may be taken.

V.T.K.

31-7-25

Secy.

M₂
C₄

The reason for the extra enhanced remuneration is said to be that in addition to a part of the usual work he has to do the special work. The speaker is very important. We have classified Index no Catalogue describing the valuable Coins collected. The proposal of Dr. Gravely may be agreed in the special circumstances - 3/11/25



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C&R

I raise no objection to this modest proposal. He apparently expects to get extra in these matters for what we pay an Et paper Division clerk. I hope however that the cataloging will be done on paper lines, the gold & silver coins being done first & all existing lists published.

LET
31/7/25

Draft please.
V.T.C.
3.8.

A draft order is submitted.

It may go to Finance for perusal before issue.

4-8-25
V.T.C.
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Finance u.o.

Finance (com)

The draft order may be perused and be file returned

to Law 2. The Finance Committee agreed to the appointment of a Substitute to attend to the work of the Archaeological Assistant on a pay of Rs 125 p.m.

Law Edn uo

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Para 32 The draft seems unnecessary as the post is sanctioned only up to the end of Feb. 1926.

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The latter being put on to the special work of Cataloguing Coins on his grade pay. - vide pages 24-26 and This arrangement is now proposed to be slightly modified, the permanent Archaeological Asst who will do the special work being allowed Rs 200 p.m. instead of his grade pay. As however the Finance Committee have agreed to the main point viz the necessity for Cataloguing of Coins, it does not appear that a further reference should be made to it as regards the slight modification in detail in the proposal as originally accepted by them.]

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8-8-25

page 26 ante.
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Law (Education) Department.

Finance Deputy Secretary's note above.

It is true that the ^{draft by G} present proposal is to sanction a temporary post till the end of February 1926. The cataloguing work is expected to occupy about three years and this was specifically mentioned in the note for the Finance Committee. The committee accepted the scheme. As the work will have to continue ^{after the 28th Feb. 1926} it is necessary to make provision for it in the next year's budget. Temporary appointments are generally sanctioned for one year or less in the first instance and sanction is renewed if the necessity arises.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that there are over 52,000 coins in the Government Museum and that of these only 900 are described in published catalogues. The Government ^{it} consider ~~that~~ ^{necessary} on scientific and other grounds ~~it is~~ ^{necessary} to have a reliable and exhaustive catalogue ^(and seals in the Museum) of the coins. As it is reported that the preparation of the catalogue cannot be undertaken by the ordinary staff, the Government are pleased to sanction a temporary post of assistant on Rs 250 a month in the museum up to the 28th February 1926. M.R.Ry. R. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar, Archaeological Asst^{is} in the Govt. Museum, ~~will be~~ ^{Govt. Museum} appointed to this temporary post. The Supdt. is requested

to see that the cataloguing is done in proper lines, existing lists of coins being utilized as far as possible. The cataloguing

2. The extra expenditure will be met from the provision of Rs 29,300 under 30. b - Scientific Department - Provincial Museums - pay of establishments - voted. in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1925-26. 3. The Superintendent, Government Museum, is requested to enter the necessary provision for the purpose in Part I of the budget for 1926-27.

4.8.25
V.T.K.
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of the gold and silver coins should be attempted to first.

p. 191 of the C. E.

To The S.G.M. (with refce. to correspondence ending with his letter 509-1/24 d. 15-5-25)
,, A.G. thro' Finance
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