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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Disposal of duplicates of treasure trove images and sculptures -  
procedure - suppl. to the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay

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No. 6158-D.,

General Department,

Bombay Castle, 20<sup>th</sup> June 1925.



A. H. Dracup, Esquire,

Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay

General Department;

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self-Government Department.

Law (Education) no

Subject: Supply of Treasure Trove finds to the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Government of Bombay

Let. no. 1779-1

(Transferred Departments) to forward herewith copies

(1). Letter to the Government of India, Department of the marginally of Education, Health and Lands, no. 6158-D., dated the 24th April 1925. noted correspondence

(2). Letter from the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands, no. 1160, with the Government dated the 26th May 1925.

of India, on the

subject noted above, and to request that, if the Government of Madras have no objection, instructions may be issued to the authorities of the Madras Museum as proposed in the concluding portion of this Government letter no. 6158-D., dated the 24th April 1925, referred to in the margin and the action taken intimated to this Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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C. S. S.

Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

General Department.

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(To be sent to the Secretary to the Government of Madras)

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Copy of letter to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands, no. 6158-D., dated the 24th April 1925. 3

I am directed by the Government of Bombay (Transferred Departments) to refer to the correspondence ending with your letter no. 222, dated the 10th July 1920, regarding the position of the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India on the distribution list of Treasure Trove Coins, and to say that the authorities of the Museum have now expressed a desire for a similar priority in the case of Treasure Trove finds other than coins such as images and sculptures, so far as the Madras Presidency is concerned. Several duplicate images and sculptures are reported by them to be lying in the Madras Museum, though no reference has been received by them from that Museum as to their requirements of the duplicates. I am to observe that in the case of treasure trove finds consisting of coins only a reference is made to all the Museums as to what particular coins are required by them. In the opinion of this Government it would be desirable to follow a similar procedure in the case of Treasure Trove finds other than coins also. The Prince of Wales Museum was started very ~~recently~~ recently in comparison with the other provincial Museums and is anxious to secure for its Archaeological Section, a representative collection of images and sculptures, which are found in large numbers in the Madras Presidency. I am, therefore, to request that you will be so good as to move the Government of India to issue instructions to the authorities of the Madras Museum to the effect (i) that, in the case of Treasure Trove finds other than coins such as images and sculptures, a reference should be made by them to the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India when such antiquities are not required by the Madras Museum and (ii) that duplicates of such exhibits, as are made available to the Indian Museum, Calcutta, should also be made available to the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India.

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Copy of letter from the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands, no. 1160, dated the 26th May 1925. ---

With reference to your letter no. 6158-D., dated the 24th April 1925, I am to suggest that since Treasure Trove and Museums are provincial subjects the Government of Madras be addressed directly on the matter.

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Subject :- Supply of Treasure  
Trove finds to the Prince C. No. 1899 C. - Letter from the  
of Wales Museum, Bombay.

Law (Education) Dept.

General Department, No. 615  
dated 20th June 1925.

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8 JUL 1925

To  
The Superintendent, Govt.  
Museum (with c. f. in original)  
to be sent with reply.

Endt. No. 1899 C-1 dated 7-7-25

Referred to the Superintendent,  
Government Museum, for remarks.

Reminder: 3 weeks after  
issue.

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Note:- At the Bombay  
Govt's request the Prince of  
Wales Museum, Bombay, was  
presented with certain specimens  
in 1921  
whose images the duplicates of  
which were available in the  
Museum. The action now  
desired to be taken is indicated  
at A' on p. 2, e. f. The  
correspondence may first be  
referred to the S. G. M.,  
for remarks. Draft reference  
above is for app.

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SUBJECT:- Supply of Treasure Trove finds to the  
Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay.

ENCLOSURES.

No. ....

No. *878-8/25*

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Station Madras , Dated the *17<sup>th</sup>* August 1925 .

From (Name) F. H. Gravely, Esq., D. Sc.,  
(Designation) Superintendent, Government Museum,  
Madras.

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

Sir,

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Reference Government Endorsement No. 1899 C-1,  
dated the 7th July 1925.

I have the honour to state that with regard to  
Treasure Trove images which are not required by us a  
reference is occasionally made to the Indian Museum,  
Calcutta. The Superintendent, School of Arts, Madras  
has also written to me that he would be glad to have any  
surplus Treasure Trove finds of artistic value for the  
School of Arts, Museum. I therefore suggest that the  
best procedure will be for me to communicate simulta-  
neously with the Indian Museum, Calcutta, The <sup>n</sup>Price of  
Wales Museum, Bombay and the School of Arts, Madras  
when

when any such images which are not required by us are available.

I think that the first consideration should be given to the requirements of the Indian Museum, Calcutta, as it is the only Imperial Indian Museum dealing with the country as a whole. If the Indian Museum does not require the finds offered they may be made available to the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay if it requires them. The School of Arts may be allowed to acquire the finds if the other two institutions do not require them. On hearing from the three institutions, the images available for each will be notified to them and to the Collector concerned, with whom they <sup>may</sup> then deal direct

2 We have no duplicate images here at present, all these having been distributed already, some of them to the Prince of Wales Museum Western India. Please see my letter No. 1332-1 dated the 28th November 1921 disposed of in G.O. No. 1775 dated the 10th December 1921. If any duplicate specimens become available, and are not required by the Indian Museum, they may be sent to the Prince of Wales Museum.

3 Sculptures are not ordinarily discovered as Treasure Trove, and it is rarely that we have duplicates of them. The only duplicates we have are those from the Amaravati Stupa, and 35 of these have already been presented to the Museum along with other specimens.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*J. B. Gravelly*  
Superintendent.

No. 6158-D.,

General Department,

Bombay Castle, 17th August 1925.



W.A. Turner, Esquire, F. C. S.,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

General Department;



The Secretary

to the Government of Madras,

Local Self-Government Department.

Sir,

I am directed by the Government of Bombay

(Transferred Departments) to request that the Government

Supply of Treasure Trove finds to the Prince of ~~Madras~~ <sup>Madras</sup> ~~xxxxx~~ may be moved of Wales Museum of Western India, Bombay.

to favour this Government with an early reply to the letter from this Department no. 6158-D., dated the 20th June 1925, on the subject mentioned in the margin.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*R. G. G. G. G.*

for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,  
General Department.

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No. 1573, dated 31-8- 1925

The Govt. approve of the procedure suggested by the Supt. Govt. Museum, for the disposal of duplicates of treasure trove finds other than coins, ~~such as~~ *statues and images. No Govt. is the*

2. The following letter will be sent to the Government of Bombay.

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To the Supt. Govt. Museum ( with a  
copy of the letter ~~to~~ the Govt. of  
Bombay).

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1514

31-8-25

To the Secretary to the Government of  
Bombay, General Department.

Sir,

Supply of treasure trove finds to the  
Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay.

In reply to Mr. Dracup's letter No. 6158-D, dated 20th June 1925, I am

directed to say that sculptures are not generally discovered as treasure trove in the Madras Presidency and that it is very seldom that <sup>we get</sup> duplicates of them ~~the~~. The only sculptures of which duplicates are available are those from the Amaravati Stupa and as the Govt. understand that 35 of these have been already presented to the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, it is presumed that the Bombay Govt. do not require any further action to be taken in the matter.

2. As regards duplicate images, I am to say that ~~the Madras Govt.~~ consider that the Indian Museum, Calcutta, being the only Imperial Museum in India, should be given the first choice. ~~in the matter; but as they desire that all possible assistance should be rendered to the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay.~~ The Superintendent, Government Museum, has been instructed to communicate simultaneously with ~~the~~ the Indian Museum Calcutta and the Prince of Wales Museum Bombay ~~institutions~~ whenever duplicates of treasure trove images are available and to offer <sup>to</sup> the Prince of Wales Museum such of the finds as are not required by the ~~Imperial Museum~~ former.

3. In conclusion, I am to invite a reference to Mr. Dutt's letter, No. 1775 Education, dated the 10th December 1921, from which it will be seen that some of the duplicate

For goodness' sake avoid the use of "in the matter". It has no meaning whatever in the places in which you use it and it is not English in such contexts  
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images available have already been sent to the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, and to say that no other duplicate images are available at present.

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