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[Despatch Abstract.]

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to Mr. Bruce Foote during his stay
in Madras in connection with
the preparation of the Catalogue
of the prehistoric Collection
in the East Museum.

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In the circumstances now stated, the Govt is pleased to grant to Mr. Bruce Foote a daily allowance of Rs 5 in addition to the travelling allowance of sanctioned in G.O. no 74 d/ 14th February 1900.

From Mr. Bruce Foote.

To Mr. Bruce Foote Esq. (I have spoken to Mr. Thurston, who has recommended this, & have seen the excellent & very fine Orders regarding work which Mr. B.F. has almost accomplished.)
W. Bruce Foote being in Govt. service in, so far as the C.S.D. go, to be treated as a non-official. Hence there is no account objection to a daily allowance of Rs 5 being given him in addition to the travelling allowance sanctioned in G.O. no 74 d/ 14th February 1900. There seems to be no necessity to call it a conveyance allowance, as non-official members of Conferences summoned by the Govt get double first class railway fare & Rs 4 a day - vide G.O. no 1288 d/ 7th Decr 1896. The travelling & daily allowances which Mr. Bruce Foote will now draw will be only an addition to the grant of Rs 600 sanctioned in G.O. no 289 d/ 7th May 1898.

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Dated 16-3-00

Received
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SUBJECT.

B. Requesting to grant him a conveyance allowance during his stay at Madras in connection with the preparation of the Catalogue of the prehistoric Collection at the Madras Museum.

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Egmore, Madras
16th March 1900

To

J. H. A. Tremereere Esq.

Secretary to the Government of Madras
Local & Municipal & Educational Depts

Sir, I have the honor with reference to our conversation this morning to inform you that I have since the 3rd Inst. been engaged in arranging for the production of the Photographic Plates to illustrate the Descriptive Catalogue of the Prehistoric Antiquities in the Madras Museum and shall be fully occupied till the 25th Inst. (inclusive) in completing the M. S. of the catalogue. As you are aware Government approved of Mr. Thurston's proposal that my Travelling expenses to & from Madras and Yercaud should be reimbursed to me. I now venture also to suggest that I should receive a conveyance allowance of Rs. 5 Rs per diem for the period of my present visit to Madras as it has been made solely with the object of superintending the preparation of the photographic plates above referred to and of verifying by further comparison some of the conclusions to be given in the Catalogue. The preparation of the photographic plates requires much time and care and necessitates my presence at the Museum for several hours every day, & more than one visit to it some days. - The

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preparation of the Catalogue has been a very much larger undertaking than I had any idea of from my first acquaintance with the collection as the collection proved to be a very much larger one than at first apparent. Indeed had I known how great a task lay before me I would not have undertaken it on the terms that I did.

The collection as I knew it numbered only 400 to 500 specimens as then exhibited, but when I commenced upon it large numbers of specimens unknown to me were forthcoming and the numbers to be catalogued turned out to be just upon 1400.

Before beginning upon the actual Catalogue I had ^{to turn} out the contents of several large cases full of broken pottery, chiefly parts of the great collection made by the late Mr. J. Breckin C.S. from the caves and cromlechs of the Nilagiris.

These had been received by Mr. Thurston's predecessors at the Museum but the contents had never been brought into the exhibited collection and Mr. Thurston himself had never had leisure to deal with them. By whom they were sent to the Museum does not appear but I found them in a most disgraceful condition having apparently never been properly packed. There were many thousand fragments of pottery of all sorts lying in utter confusion and thickly covered with dust. As many of the fragments were of great interest and value I examined them individually a very dirty and time consuming piece of work which could

not however be delegated to any one not a Commissioner in Prehistoric pottery. An additional cause of very great labour lay in the fact that the specimens had none of them been washed since they were unearthed, hence in a very large number the colour of the material and the details of the often elaborate patterns were hidden by the adhering layer of muddy soil. As the majority of the specimens were much weathered and very friable I could not entrust their ablation to an ignorant assistant but had to undertake it myself. The result however justified the expenditure of time and trouble as many previously unseen points of beauty and interest were revealed and the specimens became fit for exhibition in a scientific collection.

It is only in view of the great amount of museum work that came upon me that I venture to make the proposal that I should be allowed a conveyance allowance for my present stay in Madras.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

R. Bruce Foote

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