

Educational (189¹⁹⁰⁰) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 16-17

DATED 17-1-1900

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Govt. of India that
it has been ascertained from the
Govt. Museum that it possesses
no duplicate specimens of
archaeological finds which
can be spared the acceptance
to the authorities of the
British Museum.

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Endorsement N° 530
Order 16-11-99.

Referred to the Superintendent Govt Museum for Report as to whether there are in the Museum duplicate specimens of archaeological finds which could be spared & would be acceptable to the British Museum authorities.

(By order)

J. J. J.

Asst Secy

15/11/99
15/11/99

From

The Public Department.

No. 1262

Dated 10th November 1899.

Received 14-11-99
Registered

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SUBJECT.

Communicating to the Government Epigraphist, and the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, for information and guidance, letter from the Government of India requesting that the claims of British Museum may not be lost sight of when the distribution of Archaeological finds is in question.

Superintendent Govt Mus

தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக்காப்பகம்
பாதுகாப்பு பிரிவு

செப்பனிட்டவரின் பெயர் : S. சேனாபதி.
செப்பனிருவதற்கு
எடுத்துக்கொண்ட நாள் : 7/20/12
செப்பனிட்டு முடித்த நாள் : 7/20/12
-- சரிபார்க்கப்பட்டது --
முதிபாள(1) முதிபாள(2) ஆராய்ச்சி உதவியாளர்

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:-

Copy attached. From the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture, Circular No. 37-43-4, dated 12th October 1399.

ORDER:-No. 1252, dated 10th November 1399.

Communicated to the Government Epigraphist and to the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, for information and guidance.

2. The question referred to in the latter portion of the letter from the Government of India will be considered in the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

Glaser
for Chief Secretary.

11.11.19

To

The Government Epigraphist.

" Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Madras.

" Educational Department.

Circular No. 37-48-4.

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FROM

E. MACONCHIE, Esq., I.C.S.,

Under Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Govt of Madras

Dept. of Rev. & Agri.
Archæology and Epigraphy.

Simla, the 12th October 1899.

SIR,

I AM directed to forward a copy of the correspondence noted in the

Extract (paragraph 1) from a despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 22-Public (Records), dated 20th July 1899, and the enclosure therein referred to (paragraphs 1 and 2).

margin regarding the claims of the British Museum to a share in any Indian antiquities that can properly be allowed to go out of India. The question has been referred

to the Trustees of the Indian Museum who have intimated that the suggestions contained in the Director of the British Museum's letter of the 28th June 1899 have their strongest support. The Government of India now desire to commend them to the consideration of local Governments, and I am to request that the claims of the British Museum may not be lost sight of in future when the distribution of archæological finds is in question. It is thought that possibly Local Museums may be in possession of duplicate specimens which could be spared and would be acceptable to the British Museum authorities. I am to request that enquiry may be made on this point.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. MACONCHIE,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Extract (paragraph 1) from a despatch from the Secretary of State No. 22-Public (Records), dated 20th July 1899.

I forward, for the favourable consideration of your Excellency's Government, a letter* from the Director of the British Museum, representing the claims of the British Museum to a share in any specimens of Indian antiquities that can be properly allowed to go out of India. I shall be glad to learn what decision you may adopt, and whether you issue any orders in the matter.

Extract from a letter from the Director, British Museum, to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 28th June 1899.

The other day Mr. Read, the Keeper of our Department of Mediæval Antiquities and Ethnography, called upon you, and had some conversation with you on the subject of the acquisition of Indian antiquities by the British Museum.

The beginning of our Indian series may be said to be the transfer to us from the India Office of the Amaravati sculptures and other Indian collections. Since that transfer, we have been doing what we can towards completing an Indian series and making it of interest as a representation of ancient Indian Art. The number of Græco-Buddhist sculptures in the Museum has, for example, nearly doubled, but the additions have been of an accidental nature,—by purchases at sales or by gifts from private persons. The British Museum has not been recognised as a place where the Indian Government might present duplicates or redundant specimens from collections at Lahore or Calcutta. Meanwhile, it appears that agents of foreign Museums, especially at Berlin, have been adding largely to the collections of those Museums; and at Berlin they have now series of sufficient importance to enable them to publish elaborate monographs. It seems desirable that some action should be taken by the Indian Government, not necessarily to prevent foreign museums from obtaining specimens, but at any rate to enable the British Museum to have the opportunity of acquiring a fair share of available specimens. It should of course be understood that we should not at all desire to enter into competition with Lahore or Calcutta, where the best collections should be placed; all we would ask is that the British Museum should come next in opportunities for acquiring specimens. I am sure you will do what you can to help us.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND EPIGRAPHY.

To

ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

Circular No. 37-48-4.

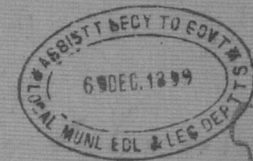
Dated Simla, the 12th October 1899.

SUBJECT.

Requests that the claims of the British Museum may not be lost sight of when the distribution of archaeological finds is in question.

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Educational (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1887 ✓



From

Edgar Hurst on Esq.
Superintendent Govt.
Museum.

Memorandum No 571
Order 9-12-99

The Supdt. Govt. Museum

No. 822

is requested to return the letter from
Govt. of India (letter forwarded
with Encl. No 530 of 16 Nov. 1899).

9-12-99

Dated 6th December 1899

Received

Registered

7-12-99.

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8/12/99 Note. The current was sent
to the Supdt. in reply.

12/12/99

SUBJECT.

Reporting that the Museum
at present
possesses no objects of
archaeological interest
which can be spared for
the British Museum.

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No. 822

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CURRENT NO. 1897

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

8/16-17

Pantheon Road, Egmore,

Madras, 6 December 1899.

From

EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT,

Government Museum,

Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Depart-
ments.

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement
No 530 to Public Department No 1262
16-11-99 dated 10th November 1899, I have the honour
to report that the Museum at present
possesses no objects of archaeological interest,
which can be spared for the British Museum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Edgar Thurston

Superintendent,

Government Museum.

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Educational (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1919



From

Edgar Thurston Esq
Superintendent
Government Museum

Order

No. 842

Dated 11th December 1899

Received } 13/12/99
Registered }

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SUBJECT.

Returning the papers
called for in Memorandum
No 571 Educational
dated 29th October.

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12/12

Pantheon
Madras, 11 Dec

10/16-17

EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT,

Government Museum,

Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department

10/16-17

SIR,

I have the honour to return the paper
called for in Memorandum No. 57,
Educational dated 9th Instant.

I have

the honour to be,

Y^r Sir,

or most obedient Servant,

Edg^r Thurston

10/16-17

Superintendent,

Government Museum.

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RD 19/12/98
Educational DEPARTMENT.
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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .
Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .
Current No. 1738 of 1899, dated 10th Nov. , from the Public Dept
" " 1887 " 1899, " 6th Dec. , " the Insp. Gen. East Museum
" " 1919 " 1899, " 11th Dec. , " do

ORDER. no. 16 d/17.1.00
The Govt. of India will be address-
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To the Insp. Gen. East Museum. G.O. 19/1/00
Despatch

Letter no. 17 d/17.1.00
To the Secy to the Govt. of India,
Dept of Rev & Agriculture.

Sir,
In reply to the letter portion
of Mr. Macnoche's ^{circular} letter
No 37-48-4 of the 12th Oct. 1898
requesting that enquiry
might be made whether there
were in Local Museums dup-
licate specimens of archæolo-
gical finds which could be
spared & would be acceptable

Despatch
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A.L.H.

the British Museum authorities, I am directed to state that it has been ascertained that the Museum at Madras possesses no such specimens at present. There are no other public museums in this Presidency.

2. The claims of the British Museum will be kept in mind.

16-12-89 H. I.

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