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Prehistoric Antiquities.

Requesting the Accountant-General to arrange for the payment to Mr. H. W. Seton-Karr of the sum of £30 for valuing Mr. Bruce Foote's collection of Indian —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 38, Educational, dated 19th January 1904.

Read—the following papers:—

Telegram from A. G. CARDEW, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to R. BRUCE FOOTE, Esq., Yercaud, dated 7th January 1904.

Government proposes to depute Seton-Karr to visit and value your collection [of] prehistoric antiquities. Seton-Karr [is] now in Calcutta and may reach this Presidency [by the] end [of] January. Please wire whether you have any objection [to] this arrangement and whether date convenient.

Telegram from R. BRUCE FOOTE, Esq., to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Yercaud, 8th January 1904.

Have no objection to Seton-Karr valuing collection. Will make time suit.

Order—No. 38, Educational, dated 19th January 1904.

By an agreement, dated 14th November 1898, between Mr. Bruce Foote and the Secretary of State for India it was arranged that, in consideration of the receipt of Rs. 600, Mr. Bruce Foote should compile and publish a catalogue of his collection of Indian prehistoric antiquities, and should then offer the collection for sale to the Secretary of State at a fair and reasonable price. In pursuance of this agreement, and in order to arrive at the fair and reasonable price of the collection, His Excellency the Governor in Council has, with the assent of Mr. Bruce Foote, deputed Mr. H. W. Seton-Karr, who was kind enough to place his services at His Excellency's disposal, to examine and value the collection. It is understood that Mr. Bruce Foote has compiled a check list catalogue of his collection, in which each specimen is numbered separately and its character briefly stated (each specimen being labelled to correspond with such number) with the date on which and locality in which each specimen was collected, and such other details as are necessary for its identification. It is understood that with the aid of this check list Mr. Seton-Karr will be able to value the collection against each specimen.

2. The following telegram will be despatched to Mr. Bruce Foote:—

My telegram seventh. Seton-Karr has reached Madras. Will visit Yercaud shortly to value collection.

3. Mr. Seton-Karr will be paid Rs. 450 for the valuation of the collection.

(True Extract.)

A. G. CARDEW,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To R. Bruce Foote, Esq., paragraphs 1 and 2 only.

ORDER—No. 105, Educational, dated 12th February 1904.

Mr. H. W. Seton-Karr having completed the valuation of Mr. Bruce Foote's collection of Indian prehistoric antiquities, the Accountant-General will be requested to arrange for the payment to him of £30 sterling, as agreed, by a bill of exchange on Messrs. Drummond & Co., Charing Cross, London. The payment should form a debit against the Museum budget.

(True Extract.)

A. G. CARDEW,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.

„ H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq. (with C.L.).

„ the Superintendent, Government Museum.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 105, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
12TH FEBRUARY 1904.

[SUBJECT.—*Mr. Bruce Foote's Prehistoric Antiquities.*]

Demi-official from R. Bruce Foote, Esq., to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Yercaud, 24th August 1903.

Some weeks since I received a letter from the India Office informing me that the question of the subvention solicited by me, in aid of the expenses to be incurred in the illustration of my work on prehistoric archæology in India, would be settled by the Government of Madras. I have therefore been hoping ever since to receive some communication from you on the subject; none has come however, and I am puzzled how to act and the more so that as the preparation of the catalogue raisonné of my collection advances, the more I find that it could be made far more complete had I various works on Egyptian, Assyrian, Hittite, Persian and Mycænæan Archæology to refer to. These works in English, German, French and Italian are not to be found in any of the South Indian libraries, and even were they in the Connemara Library I could not borrow them! They would therefore be of extremely little use to me, for I could not convey to the library the hundreds of specimens (chiefly of pottery) I want to compare with the plates in those works. I want the books in question here at my full disposal in order to study them closely.

2. If the Government will grant me a subvention, as they have done to other authors, I shall deem it a duty to spend every penny of it on the work, and should thus be in a position to illustrate my book far more profusely and in far superior style to what I can rise to if unaided. Till I know whether or not I am to be aided I cannot decide as to the expense I may venture to incur on the illustrations. The book I should like to bring out would be a volume alike in size and finish to Professor Henry A. Miers' "Mineralogy" published by Macmillan's last year. I do not look to make any profit on the work as the illustrations and maps (2 or 3) must be expensive, if they are to be really good, and I would not agree to having indifferent ones that I could not feel content with. I have above spoken of requiring the books of reference to help me in the completion of my catalogue in the first instance but they will be equally or even more useful in treating of the historical part of my subject.

3. May I, in conclusion, beg for an early, and I trust favourable, answer as time presses and I am anxious to finish the work before advancing age would prevent my working to good purpose.

All that Mr. Bruce Foote wants at present seems to be definite information whether or not Government will assist him in the preparation of his work on the prehistoric antiquities of India. He may perhaps be informed that Government will abide by the promise given in paragraph 3 of Mr. Hammick's letter, dated 27th January last, but that steps can be taken for the payment of the subvention or any portion of it only after the catalogue raisonné is finished and his collection is offered for sale.

P. T. THARYAN—28-8-03.

I think the present request must be dealt with on its merits. Mr. Foote states certain reasons why an "advance" (so to call it) would or might be useful in the interests of the State, which is of course concerned with the quality of the catalogue.

2. It is most improbable that any library in Madras can help much, but the Connemara Library has presumably a set of the publications of the Royal Asiatic Society, and I seem to remember a series of articles about Hittite archæology by Sayce and Pinches in the back numbers of the journal.

The Government could take out these and other works and lend them to Mr. Foote.

A. T. PRINGLE—28-8-03.

Mr. Bruce Foote's latest demi-official about the catalogue is dated 8th June and is printed on page 2 of the notes connected with G.O., No. 296, Educational, dated 18th June 1903. He then said it would occupy him about two months clear. What we want him to do is to finish it, and it is surely absurd at this stage to make out that fresh books are needed for the catalogue. When he has done the catalogue, Government will no doubt be prepared to make him a reasonable advance to buy books for the work on prehistoric archæology, but it would be well to get hold of the completed catalogue first. It may be put civilly to him.

A. G. CARDEW—29-8-03.

The man gets tiresome. He has a plain work before him—the finishing of his catalogue for our purposes: he has not to make any work out of it. He must be kept to that, and I think it will be necessary to put the matter clearly to him and end trouble and nonsense.

J. T. THOMSON—30-8-03.

Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to R. Bruce Foote, Esq., dated 31st August 1903, No. 87.

In reply to your demi-official of the 24th instant, I am to say that the Government will be pleased to consider further the question of the proposed work on prehistoric archæology and the purchase of books needed in its preparation as soon as the catalogue raisonné of your collection is ready and out of the way. In your letter to Mr. Hammick of 17th January last you mentioned that the catalogue was three-fourths completed, and in your letter to me of the 8th June you said that its completion would occupy you about two months clear.

This should not have been written as from Secretary but from Government—"Government presume," etc.

G. S. F[ORBES]—19-10-03.

It is, therefore, I presume all but ready, and I shall be very glad to hear from you again as soon as it is complete.

Would it not be a good thing to have some copies typewritten so as to guard against loss or destruction of the original manuscript? If so, this might be put in hand at once.

Demi-official from R. Bruce Foote, Esq., to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Yercaud, 7th September 1903.

I was certainly under the impression from Mr. Hammick's letter of the 27th January that the Government had already decided to assist me in the publication of my work on prehistoric archæology in India, subject to the Secretary of State's approval, so it is a very great disappointment to me to hear, by your letter of the 31st ultimo, that it is only proposed "to consider further" that question when my catalogue raisonné has been completed. My reason for asking for assistance to purchase immediately a number of costly archæological works, not to be found in any of the

South Indian libraries, was that the power of referring to them very shortly would enable me to enhance very greatly the value and interest of the catalogue in question and not only to utilize them subsequently in the completion of the work to be published.

2. Despite that I have been so greatly hindered in the completion of the catalogue, by the writing of the eleven articles on the Geology of various districts for the Imperial Gazetteer, of which I told you (a task I would very gladly have declined but could not after the courtesy of the Government of India in continuing to present me with all the numerous publications issued by the Geological Survey department since my retirement some ten years ago) fair progress has been made, and this month should, if nothing unforeseen occurs, see its completion but of course without the important additions I have been hoping to make on receipt of the books I proposed to acquire.

3. It would be easier to have the catalogue printed and a small number of copies struck off than to have several copies type-written, as this plan would necessitate

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A. G. CARDEW.

corrections as elaborate as the whole proof corrections, for each of the type-written copies. In case it is to be printed, I should put it into a plain octavo volume like the catalogue of the Cyprus Museum compiled by Mr. John A. Myres and Dr. Richter for the Colonial Office, a work that only came to my knowledge long after I had started my own catalogue.

4. I enquired of Mr. Hill at the Government Press what would be the cost of striking off 50 copies of my catalogue in its present form, that of the Madras Prehistoric catalogue, and his reply was "about Rs. 600". In the octavo volume form the cost should be much less and a dozen copies would, I think, suffice amply. I cannot at present afford to spend any money on having the catalogue printed, for I have my bare pension to live upon and I have already spent a good deal of money on the preparation of the catalogue since my return from England last year, and am at this moment employing a friend to look up references and make extracts from books that are in the Connemara Library. My wife has to stay in England on account of her health and my youngest son is studying there to become an Engineer which disposes of my private incomes. Furthermore I am indirectly hard hit by the low price of coffee. It has been owing to these several causes that I was obliged to accept of several pieces of work for the Public Works Department and the Madras University, but for which I should have been badly stranded in finance. I think you will admit that "*necessitas non habet legem*" and that I was obliged to devote some of my time to objects other than the catalogue raisonné.

Mr. Bruce Foote says that his catalogue raisonné will be completed by the end of this month if nothing unforeseen occurs.

* Paragraph 2 of the letter on page 2 of the notes connected with G.O., No. 296, dated 18th June 1903.

On the * 8th June last he said he was engaged on some articles for the Imperial Gazetteer which would occupy him "a few days more", that he would after finishing that work devote himself entirely to the catalogue and that the catalogue work would occupy him "about two months clear". Allowing three weeks for completing the articles for the Gazetteer the catalogue should have been finished by the 31st ultimo. He now asks for only one month more. This too must of course be granted.

2. When he began the catalogue work his idea was that it should be printed, but subsequently he gave up this idea—*vide* paragraph 1 of his letter on page 3 of the notes connected with G.O., No. 95, Educational, dated 3rd March 1903. With reference to a suggestion in the demi-official on page 2 *supra* that some copies of the catalogue may be type-written, he says he would rather print off a dozen copies. The cost of printing 50 copies has been ascertained to come to about Rs. 600. As he says he cannot afford to incur this expenditure the catalogue may perhaps be printed for him at the Government Press. It will apparently be a good thing to have more than a dozen (printed) copies of it.

P. T. THARYAN—9-9-03.

It doesn't matter much when you do print, how many copies are struck off; the additional charge is trifling. I submit that type-written copies are likely to be a bore, and that Government may print the catalogue for Mr. Foote at the press. Much of the letter is as irrelevant as the latinity is remarkable.

A. T. PRINGLE—9-9-03.

Notice need not be taken of Mr. Bruce Foote's irrelevancies, but the question as to whether the catalogue should not be printed is important. Printing would, of course, be far superior to type-writing, and would become an absolute necessity if Government becomes the possessor of the collection. On the other hand if Mr. Bruce Foote stands out for an exorbitant price and if Government therefore declines to buy, we shan't want a catalogue at all. It seems, therefore, inadvisable to spend money on printing till it is settled that Government is to become the purchaser. Therefore in my demi-official of the 31st August, I said nothing about printing but suggested type-writing, in the hope of getting hold of the catalogue—or a part at least and so hurrying up the completion of the work. For the reasons above given, I think Mr. Bruce Foote should now be told that Government will print the catalogue if it buys the collection, and meanwhile will have some type-written copies made (at its expense) if he will send in the manuscript.

A. G. CARDEW—10-9-03.

Yes. He got Rs. 600 to compile and print his catalogue and now apparently would like us to do it! The catalogue is intended to show what there is for us to buy. We should not budge an inch till we have it. He is bound to sell at "a fair and reasonable price": my idea is that he does not wish now to sell to us at all.

J. T[HOMSON]—11-9-03.

Please put up the agreement of 14th November 1898 with Mr. Foote.

A.G.C.—11-9-03.

Put up.

N.L.R.—14-9-03.

P. T. THARYAN—14-9-03.

The demi-official to Mr. Bruce Foote placed below may issue.

A.G.C.—14-9-03.

Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to R. Bruce Foote, Esq., dated 14th September 1903, No. 92.

Your demi-official letter, dated 7th September 1903. If you will kindly send me, by registered post, the first instalment of your catalogue raisonné, Government will, at its expense, set about having some type-written copies made, so as to save risk of the manuscripts being lost or destroyed.

2. The question of printing will be considered later, when matters are further advanced.

Demi-official from R. Bruce Foote, Esq., to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Yercaud, 21st September 1903.

In May last I gave you very valid reasons for the delay in the completion of the catalogue raisonné of my collection of prehistories and quite expected in return you would have told me whether Government intended to grant me the subvention of £300 in furtherance of the publication of my book, which they had so generously recommended to the Secretary of State, and which, after that, I felt sure of receiving.

As you have again omitted to answer my enquiry on that point, I am greatly perplexed at being thus kept in suspense by your unfriendly action and beg to remind you of my real position in the matter.

2. The Government's action in recommending me to the Secretary of State for the above-named subvention towards my general work on Indian Prehistories was in itself a proof that they considered me worthy of support. I cannot therefore understand the need of any more consideration of a matter already decided. The completion of the catalogue, which is progressing, has nothing to do directly with the aid I asked of Government for my book which is, in my judgment, a very much more important and urgent piece of work than the catalogue. I am keen on bringing out the book as soon as possible, as its publication will greatly enhance the scientific value of the collection and therefore also its pecuniary value.

3. Your strange insistence on the possession of my catalogue, which is part and parcel of the collection, and to which you have really no legitimate claim till the collection has been actually purchased, perplexes me still further and I am not prepared to entrust to you my manuscripts while I am kept in the dark as to the intentions of Government *in re* the book. It is a matter of great importance to me to know at once what Government intends as I can then decide on what expenditure I may venture upon in pushing on the preparation of the illustrations to my book and I am furthermore most anxious to lose no more time in ordering some of the most indispensable of the books I need. The urgency in my case is that old age is on me, I enter my seventieth year to-morrow, and am but in indifferent health into the bargain, and have been greatly hindered and harrassed by your hostile policy.

4. If you still refuse to enlighten me as to the intentions of Government in the matter of the subvention, things will have arrived at an *impasse*, not of my seeking, and which I shall regret.

Mr. Bruce Foote is, I think, rather unnecessarily wrath, and evidently considers Unfortunately the Secretary in his demi-official, dated 31st, wrote part of the letter as from himself. A Secretary can write only as such, *i.e.*, I am to, etc. etc.

G. S. F[ORBES]—19-10-03.

the Secretary to be the origin of all his anxieties. Ordinarily it might be proper to take more serious notice of his errors, but something may be allowed for a man who entered on his seventieth year the day after he wrote his letter, and who, as shown in his demi-official of the 7th, has various domestic troubles. I propose, therefore, to make an attempt to turn away his wrath by as mild a reply as possible. Draft below.

A. G. CARDEW—24-9-03.

Irritabile genus senum. You will never see that catalogue.

J. T[HOMSON]—25-9-03.

Draft approved.

A[MPTHILL]—27-9-03.

Issue.

A.G.C.—28-9-03.

Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to R. Bruce Foote, Esq., dated 28th September 1903, No. 96.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st September, and I am directed, in reply, to point out to you that in the letters to which you take exception, I am merely the mouth-piece of Government, and that some of your remarks are, therefore, hardly becoming.

2. In your agreement with the Secretary of State for India, dated 14th November 1898, you undertook, in consideration of a payment of Rs. 600, to compile and publish the catalogue raisonné of your collection within two years from that date, and then to

offer your collection to Government for sale at a fair and reasonable price. The Government has not enforced that part of the agreement which stipulates that you should publish the catalogue, and will, if it decides to buy the collection, print the catalogue itself and supply you with a small number of copies, but it cannot do these or settle the question of exercising its option to purchase the collection, until the catalogue is ready.

3. This will explain to you why the Government is anxious to see the catalogue completed. You will also be able to understand, in view of the delay that has already occurred, why the Government is not prepared to deal with proposals for the fresh work until the catalogue is ready and out of the way. It was, therefore, in your interests, and with a view to enable the issue of orders regarding your proposed new work to be expedited, that I have been instructed to urge you to complete the catalogue and to send it in as soon as it is ready. You thus have the matter in your own hands, and will doubtless recognize the expediency of reconsidering the position taken up in your letter under reply.

Demi-official from R. Bruce Foote, Esq., C.I.E., to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Yercaud 15th October 1903.

Your letter of the 28th ultimo would have been answered immediately had I not been ill for the past fortnights.

2. It is quite evident that the real state of the case, regarding the completion of my catalogue, has not been made clear to Government; so I am drawing up a statement of the real facts which will, I expect, convince them that there is a great deal to be said in favour of an immediate consideration of a grant to me on account of the subvention.

3. If you have been the mere mouthpiece of Government in the past correspondence why do you not quote some order of theirs directing you to write to me as you have done, and setting forth a policy such as I cannot but regard as perfectly unfriendly and as in absolute contrast to the kind and courteous policy which prevailed when Mr. Hammick was Secretary.

4. I cannot admit that I have said anything that was "hardly becoming."

5. My proposal for the purchase of certain books not available in India was that they are of the utmost importance to me to add the finishing touches to my Catalogue and bring it up to date!

This old gentleman seems to have forgotten his manners. All further communication with him should, I think, be by Government Order and he may be informed accordingly.

A. G. CARDEW—19-10-03.

Very well—but a demi-official is just as official as a Government Order—it is only a different form. But no demi-official should ever issue in which a Secretary appears to write as for himself and not as for the Government, but this is elementary.

2. What Mr. Bruce Foote has to understand is that we want the catalogue just with the information which he already possesses, and without reference to later discoveries in the antiquarian or archaeological field.

G. S. F[ORBES]—19-10-03.

The demi-official to Mr. Bruce Foote placed below may issue.

A.G.C.—20-10-03.

Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to R. Bruce Foote, Esq., dated 20th October 1903, No. 100.

The Government has considered your demi-official of the 15th instant, and I am to inform you that, in view of your remarks, further communication with you must be in official form and will be dealt with in official proceedings of Government.

Mr. Thurston has some knowledge, I believe, of what Mr. Bruce Foote really wants and what he is driving at. It would be well to have any remarks he has to offer—so send him the file confidentially u.o.

G. S. F[ORBES]—1-11-03.

To Edgar Thurston, Esq., for favour of remarks.

A. G. CARDEW—2-11-03.

I really don't know exactly what Mr. Foote wants. I received from him recently a private letter from which I gathered that he was a very angry man and not for the moment keen on parting with his collection. A Mr. Carey, who lives on the Shevaroy, who was in Madras a short time ago, was engaged during a few mornings at the library in hunting up references in indexes for which Mr. Foote paid him, I think, Rs. 25. And Mr. Foote, in the letter referred to, said that the specimens in his collection were being very neatly numbered, with numbers coinciding with those of his catalogue.

2. From his letter of August 24, it appears that Mr. Foote is mixing up the scope of his catalogue and his book. For the former he does not want books on Egyptians, Hittites, etc. For the latter he does, for the purpose of comparing the pre-historic remains of Southern India with those of other countries. Mr. Foote will not see that, from the point of view of Government, the acquisition of his collection is more important than the publication of his book.

3. It is a great pity that Mr. Marshall did not see Mr. Foote's collection when he was touring in the south. He could not value the collection by merely going through the catalogue. It would be necessary for him to examine it in detail, as the value depends on the quality and condition of the individual specimen, e.g., a fine, selected celt is worth, I believe, about 15s. an ordinary celt about 11s.

E. THURSTON—5-11-03.

Submitted.

2. There can be little doubt that what Mr. Bruce Foote wants is money.

3. Hon'ble Mr. Thomson had an idea (possibly derived from information of Mr. Thurston) that Mr. Bruce Foote no longer wants to sell Government his collection, believing he can get a better price elsewhere.

4. The collection can't be even valued without a catalogue, i.e., we must know exactly what specimens it contains, and each specimen must be labelled and numbered. That is an elementary necessity. Hence the production of the catalogue is the first essential to any progress. So far Mr. Bruce Foote has refused to produce a page of it and from his letter of the 15th October, the next move is with him.

A.G.C.—5-11-03.

Demi-official from Edgar Thurston, Esq., Superintendent, Government Museum, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 1st December 1903, No. 1046.

Mr. H. W. Seton-Karr, a very well-known collector of authority and writer on prehistoric implements, who visited South India some time ago and made collections of stone celts in Cuddapah and Chingleput, is back in India and writes (care of Thomas Cook & Son, Bombay) that he may come here in six or eight weeks. He is well up in the market price of pre-historics and has a keen eye for spotting a good specimen.

2. I do not know if it would be possible in the present state of affairs. But it strikes me forcibly that, if Mr. Seton-Karr is willing to do so, Government should get him to inspect and value the Foote's collection. If his valuation happened to be one which Foote would not accept and Foote made a counter offer which Government would not accept, we should know that the question of the purchase of the collection is settled, barring a future offer from Foote. I have, if I remember rightly, suggested Mr. Marshall, Director-General of Archaeology, as arbitrator. But Seton-Karr would be even better as he is a personal collector in the same field of research as Foote and more likely to be accepted as an expert critic of the collection. With this I am

* Returned.

sending (for favour of return *) a recent issue of the Journal of the Anthropological

Society, Bombay, containing an article by Seton-Karr.

Honourable Member has just returned the file without initials, either on the notes or on the cover in which the file went to him. Meanwhile the above demi-official from Mr. Thurston has been received and it is now added to the file. In it Mr. Thurston suggests that Mr. Seton-Karr, a well-known writer on prehistoric implements, may be requested to inspect and value Mr. Foote's collection so that Government may be in a position to judge what should be paid for it when Mr. Foote offers it for sale in accordance with his agreement of 1898. At Mr. Thurston's suggestion Mr. Marshall, the Director of the Archaeological Survey, was requested in January last to value the collection, but Mr. Hammick's letter containing the request reached him too late and he promised, if necessary, to ascertain by correspondence the approximate value of the collection. No further action was taken in the matter—*vide* letters to and from Mr. Marshall on pages 7 and 8 of the notes in G.O., No. 95, Educational, dated 3rd March 1903.

2. It is submitted that Mr. Seton-Karr may now be asked to inspect and value the collection if he has no objection to do so. Mr. Thurston thinks that his valuation is more likely to be accepted by Mr. Foote. His present address is—Care of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son. He will be in Madras within six or eight weeks.

P. T. THARYAN—4-12-03.

A. GILLETI—4-12-03.

Mr. Seton-Karr is apparently already in India. Shall he be asked whether he would be prepared to value the collection? It would not be a light task, as each specimen would have to be separately examined and its value assessed. See Mr. Thurston's note on page 7. If he assents, it will next be necessary to secure Mr. Bruce Foote's consent, and possibly Mr. Thurston will be able to manage that.

A. G. CARDEW—5-12-03.

I think this would be the best plan. We need not accept Mr. Seton-Karr's valuation of course; but it will be the valuation of an expert and give us an idea where we really are.

G. S. F[ORBES]—10-12-03.

Please draft letter to Mr. Seton-Karr.

A.G.C.—11-12-03.

A draft is placed below for approval.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—12-12-03.

P.T.T.—12-12-03.

A.G.—12-12-03.

The first question Mr. Seton-Karr will ask will be how many specimens there are. Can we tell him and also give him a little clearer idea of the nature of the collection? Pre-historic remains might mean bones.

I have since found Mr. Bruce Foote's demi-official of 15th March 1898 and have added to the draft.

A.G.C.—12-12-03.

Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq., care of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Sons, Bombay, dated 12th December 1903, No. 130.

The Governor in Council would be glad to know whether you could spare time in the course of your present visit to India to examine and value a collection of pre-historic antiquities which has been made by Mr. Bruce Foote, formerly of the Geological Survey of India, and which he has agreed to sell to Government. The collection comprises palæolithic and neolithic tools and implements, pottery, ornaments, and other pre-historic remains, and includes several thousands of specimens. If you are prepared to undertake the valuation of this collection, I am to ask you to be so good as to state when you would be likely to visit this part of India, and what terms you would suggest. The collection is in Mr. Foote's possession at Yercaud in the Salem district.

Demi-official from the Hon'ble Mr. G. S. Forbes, I.C.S., Member of Council, to R. Bruce Foote, Esq., dated 30th December 1903.

I think we came to a pretty clear understanding in our recent conversation as to what it was desirable to do with reference to the carrying out of the scheme for the purchase and cataloguing of your great collection of Indian pre-historic antiquities. But it may be desirable to put in writing the results of our conversation. I would have written sooner, but I wished to refer more fully to the former correspondence which goes back several years and to the contract with the Secretary of State.

2. In the first place, however, I must express my regret that there should have been any misapprehension as to the intentions of the Government. The unfortunate misconceptions that have occurred are due, I think mainly, to the question of the "Catalogue." As I endeavoured to explain when we talked what Government are anxious to obtain now is a short check catalogue sufficient for the identification of the specimens, showing their nature and locality, etc., so that steps may be taken, as soon as possible to come to a final decision as to the purchase of the prehistories by the Government. A catalogue raisonné or book fully descriptive of them and their place in history, etc., will of course take time and cannot well be completed now till the purchase is settled.

3. Of course I have no authority to say anything which would in any way affect or modify the agreement with the Secretary of State made in 1898. Only the Secretary of State himself can do so. We quite, I take it, realized this; and what we mutually endeavoured to arrive at was simply an understanding as to the best course to take in the circumstances, and I think we agreed that a short check catalogue such as I have referred to should be at once prepared, and, you saw no difficulty in having this done, so that a valuation might be made of the contents of your museum by some person possessed of some acquaintance with such matters. The only person I could suggest was Mr. Seton-Karr who happens to be in this country. Of course his valuation would bind neither the Government nor yourself unless both parties chose to accept it; but at any rate it would be a useful guide or basis for negotiation. And I rather think Mr. Seton-Karr has been asked if he would so act, if you saw no objection to his going over the museum with the check catalogue.

4. The main question with the Government is the purchase which they are anxious to have settled, as now four years have passed since the agreement of 1898, and money is available this year which may be difficult to find next official year. Once this question is settled, I do not think there would arise any difficulty whatever in giving you further advances to complete the catalogue *raisonné* or the book you have in hand and in affording you every facility for making it a really valuable work worthy of your reputation.

Demi-official from H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq., to the Secretary to the Government, Educational Department, dated 25th December 1903.

I have just received yours of December 12th forwarded from Bombay. I shall be very pleased to come either to Madras or Yercaud to value Mr. Bruce Foote's collection if the Government will allow me £30 for travelling expenses. Perhaps you would,

as soon as possible, send me a telegram and also a letter to Agra to await my arrival there, saying if this would be agreeable to the Government. As regards the telegram I shall understand "Agreed". If so, I will arrive about January 25th in Madras and after communicating with you or your substitute, if away, I will go on at once to Yercaud.

2. If there are many unnecessary duplicates, etc., in the collection I hope the Government will allow me to send a small surplus of objects, if any, to the Indian Museum at Calcutta as I arranged the pre-historic section there two years ago with some of my own donations, and am just starting (with some implements I have sent to Bombay) a pre-historic section in the Victoria and Albert Museum at Bombay, as Mr. Burn, the Curator, has just signified to me his willingness to accept them. I have this week also forwarded a donation to the Madras Museum of polished stone implements from this district, as there were none in any of these museums so far as I know.

Put up the file about Mr. Bruce Foote's pre-historic collection.

A. G. CARDEW—2-1-04.

The file was given to the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes on the 15th December last, as Mr. Bruce Foote was going to see him on the subject. It has not been returned to the office yet.

T. KANAKASUNDARAM PILLAI—2-1-04.

Mr. Seton-Karr will undertake the valuation for £30. If this is approved (and it seems moderate) we have now got to get Mr. Bruce Foote's assent. Meantime
A | Mr. Seton-Karr may, perhaps, be told that Government agrees, provided Mr. Bruce Foote raises no difficulty. I expect, however, that he will jib, as the secret of all his recent ill-humour has doubtless been his desire to get out of selling the collection to Government.

A.G.C.—2-1-04.

Telegram from H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq., Agra, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department, dated 3rd January 1904.

Address Grand Hotel, Calcutta. Reference valuing Foote collection.

A telegram from Mr. Seton-Karr has since been received and is put up.

A.G.C.—4-1-04.

As at A.

G. S. F[ORBES].

A draft is placed below for approval.

2. Another telegram may be sent to Mr. Seton-Karr when Mr. Bruce Foote replies to Honourable Member's demi-official of the 30th December last, assenting to Mr. Seton-Karr valuing his collection.

T.K.—4-1-04.

But meanwhile a letter should go confirming the telegram; he has asked for one. A draft letter is also therefore placed below.

P. T. THARYAN—4-1-04.

A. GALLETTI—4-1-04.

A.G.C.—4-1-04.

Telegram from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government Educational Department, to H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq., Grand Hotel, Calcutta, dated 4th January 1904.

Your letter [dated] 25th ultimo. Government accepts proposal contingent on Bruce Foote's assent to proposed arrangement.

Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq., Grand Hotel, Calcutta, dated 4th January 1904, No. 1.

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 25th December and in confirmation of my telegram of this date, to say that the Governor in Council accepts the arrangement you propose and will allow the sum of £30 mentioned therein. The arrangement is, however, necessarily contingent on Mr. Bruce Foote's assenting to your having access to the collection. He has been communicated with and on hearing from him I shall wire again. If any further change of address occurs please advise me.

A telegram had better go to Mr. Bruce Foote if he has any objection to Mr. Seton-Karr's visiting and valuing his prehistorics. Mr. Seton-Karr will be in Madras about 25th January 1904 and about that date would be convenient for him if equally so to Mr. Bruce Foote.

G. S. F[ORBES]—6-1-04.

Telegram may be despatched.

A.G. CARDEW—7-1-04.

[Telegram to Mr. Bruce Foote, dated 7th January 1904.]

Telegram from H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq., Calcutta, to the Secretary to Government Educational Department, dated Calcutta, 8th January 1904.

Address Connemara Hotel, Madras.

Telegram from Mr. Bruce Foote, dated 8th January 1904.

Mr. Bruce Foote says that he has no objection to Mr. Seton-Karr valuing his collection and that the time proposed would suit him.

K. KUPPUSWAMI MUDALIYAR.—9-1-04.

The telegram placed below may now be sent to Mr. Seton-Karr.

P. T. THARYAN—9-1-04.

A. GALLETTI—9-1-04.

Telegram from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq., Grand Hotel, Calcutta, dated 9th January 1904.

My telegram and letter 4th instant. Bruce Foote assents your valuing his collections. Please wire probable date arrival Madras.

Demi-official from R. Bruce Foote, Esq., to the Hon'ble Mr. G. S. Forbes, Member of Council, dated Yercaud, 10th January 1904.

Forgive my not having long since replied to your very friendly letter of the 30th ultimo; I should have done so but that I have been very poorly almost ever since I got back here. I was not well in Madras and the cold up here brought on severe neuralgia and other troubles which have made me utterly unfit for work of any sort to any good purpose.

11th—I began this yesterday at noon but could not finish as I was in grievous pain from sciatica in my right leg and could only keep the pain in abeyance by lying down continuously. To-day it is better, and I must try and finish my epistle.

2. From my talk with you I understood clearly that Government only want a brief check list of my collection, so, as soon as I got back here I set about preparing that, and as soon as I can get it copied will send it you, but unfortunately my assistant Mr. Carey has been ill himself and unable to commence the copy.

3. I got a telegram three or four days from the Secretary, Educational Department, asking if I would object to the valuation of my collection by Seton-Karr. I wired back at once that I had no objection and so I await his arrival.

4. My reason for wishing to know the ideas of Government about the subvention was that I must have a lot of costly books not existing in the Madras libraries. Many of which also are not to be got except second hand, so to save time I wished to order them betimes and it was for this that I want Government to let me have some of the subvention. After the large piece of work done for Government in the prehistoric catalogue I did think I might venture to ask for aid in this matter as the subvention does not, I opine, depend upon the purchase of the collection; £50 to begin with would enable me to order at once the books I want—but I want to have them for my own as there will be much annotation to be done and in matters of pottery many attempts of sketch restorations of what is now all fragmentary. Books in a public library are of very little use to me as a physical weakness, which Thurston could tell you of, obliges me to avoid such places.

5. In conclusion let me wish you a very happy new year.

Mr. Seton-Karr has been here this morning on the subject of his valuation of Mr. Bruce Foote's collection of prehistorics, and will communicate with Mr. Bruce Foote and shortly proceed to Yercaud.

2. A draft order embodying the terms of the arrangement between Government, Bruce Foote and Seton-Karr, is put up for approval.

A. G. CARDEW—18-1-04.

I have revised the draft. Better assume the check list is prepared; Mr. Bruce Foote told me it was either ready or nearly ready, and Mr. Thurston has told me the same.

Also please write to Mr. Seton-Karr and don't send him a Government Order.

G. S. F[ORBES].

Issue the Government Order first to Mr. Bruce Foote.

A.G.C.—19-1-04.

[G.O., No. 38, dated 19th January 1904.]

A draft letter to Mr. Seton-Karr is submitted for approval.

P. T. THARYAN—20-1-04.

A. GALLETI—21-1-04.

I don't think any letter to Seton-Karr is necessary. A Government Order appeared to be requisite in order to put our relations with Mr. Bruce Foote on a business footing, as he is not only a cantankerous old person, but is also in an uncertain state of health, and Government may have some day to deal with his executors (this is Mr. Thurston's notion, I may add—not mine!). But our communications with Mr. Seton-Karr have been quite simple, and there is no apparent risk of complications with him. He seems to understand what is wanted, and if any instructions at all are to go to him, they should, I think, be of a more confidential nature. For example, he might be told whether Government would be willing to leave out duplicates, merely taking the pick of specimens, and so leaving Mr. Bruce Foote enough to create, perhaps, a second or duplicate collection on which he could raise money elsewhere. Mr. Seton-Karr raised this point in talking to me, but he thought the Museum should first try to get the whole collection, so that it could itself sell any duplicates. Altogether Mr. Seton-Karr seemed to have his eyes open, and to need no instructions. If any demi-official should go to him, it should, perhaps, merely enclose, for his information, a copy of the Government Order sent to Mr. Bruce Foote, paragraph 3 (which did not go to Mr. Bruce Foote) being cancelled.

G. S. F[ORBES].

A. G. CARDEW—21-1-04.

I should be inclined to leave Mr. Seton-Karr to go about it his own way. A collection as a whole cannot be valued item by item; and he evidently is quite alive as to the needs of the case, i.e., whether duplicates are to be included or not, etc. He will doubtless give us alternative estimates and we can talk the matter over with him when he returns.

G. S. F[ORBES]—21-1-04.

Telegram from R. Bruce Foote, Esq., to the Hon'ble Mr. G. S. Forbes, I.C.S., dated 21st January 1903.

Seton-Karr writes proposing two days for valuation. Urge him to give more time.

Just received.

2. If he find more time to be needed, no doubt, he will take it.

G.S.F.—22-1-04.

* It was brought with this at 6 p.m.
G.S.F.—21-1-04.

The file * was submitted to Honourable Member to-day.

2. Everything depends on the size of Mr. Bruce Foote's collection, and on the number of specimens. If, as he has stated, there are several thousand specimens, it will be an impossibility for Mr. Seton-Karr to price each separately in two days. Still, the fact that he has contemplated such a thing, perhaps suggests the necessity of sending him by demi-official a copy of the Government Order addressed to Mr. Bruce Foote. Under the terms of our correspondence with Mr. Seton-Karr, he has merely to value the collection, as far as I remember, not each item; and if he were, after a cursory glance, to take his bill and write down £1,000, without further bother, he would still, I think, be able to claim his £30. Of course, to do the job properly, he must value it item by item. He struck me as a curious sort of person, very wide-awake, and not perhaps incapable of such a proceeding as a two days' picnic and a lump estimate. If we send him the Government Order, we shall at any rate let him see what is expected.

G.S.F.

A.G.C.—21-1-04.

When does Mr. Seton-Karr propose to leave for Yercaud? To keep Mr. Bruce Foote contented, we may wire to him from "Madras" —

"Yours 21st. Mr. Seton-Karr (will) doubtless (be) unable (to) determine precise time required for valuation until he has seen (the) collection. No reason to be uneasy on that ground."

2. If Mr. Seton-Karr is in Madras, you might send him demi-officially, that he may better understand the situation, a copy of the Government Order, * to Mr. Bruce Foote; adding this:—

* I doubt if he will understand what that is.

"I am to add that Mr. Bruce Foote seems to think that two days, which apparently is the time you have proposed to occupy in making the valuation, to be insufficient to arrive at a satisfactory estimate. I have been directed to inform him that there is no occasion for his being uneasy on that score, as you will be unable to say precisely how much time will be required for the work until you have seen the collection."

G. S. F[ORBES]—21-1-04.

A revised draft is submitted for approval. Mr. Seton-Karr is in Madras but is leaving to-night.

P. T. THARYAN—22-1-04.

A. G. CARDEW—22-1-04.

Demi-official from A. G. Cardew, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, to H. W. Seton Karr, Esq., dated 22nd January 1904, No. 21.

I am directed to forward, for your information, a copy of Proceedings of Government, No. 38, Educational, dated the 19th instant, which has been communicated to Mr. Bruce Foote. I am to add that Mr. Bruce Foote seems to think two days, which apparently is the time you have proposed to occupy in making the valuation, to be insufficient to arrive at a satisfactory estimate. I have been directed to inform him that there is no occasion for his being uneasy on that score, as of course you cannot say precisely how much time will be required for the work until you have seen the collection.

Demi-official from H. W. Seton-Karr, Esq., to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Cuddapah, 29th January 1904.

I have much pleasure in enclosing my report. I have done the best I can for you, and have tried to be fair and impartial. May I have the £30 paid into Messrs Drummond, Charing Cross, London, at any time no matter. I am sorry not to have seen you again, but it was out of my way to come to Madras.

Mr. Seton-Karr was deputed to value Mr. Bruce Foote's collection and he was promised £30 for the work—*vide* paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 38, dated 19th January 1904. The work has now been done and Mr. Seton-Karr claims the remuneration.

Submitted that the draft placed below may issue.

P.T.T.—29-1-04.

A.G.C.—1-2-04.

Better send over the draft to Financial Department to see if it is in form as well as to acquaint them with the conclusion of the matter.

G.S.F.—3-2-04.

[Print all the papers in this case. It is a sound rule that when some papers in a subject are printed, all should be printed. The difficulty is with the Press which is unable to print any notes at present. The clerks are too fond of marking things Mis. unless watched.

A. G. CARDEW.—3-2-04.

G.S.F.—3-2-04.

The file is forwarded to Financial for scrutiny and return.

A. G. CARDEW—3-2-04.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that there is no objection to the issue of the draft.

2 The amount (Rs. 450) can, it is submitted, be easily met from the Museum budget. (The revised estimate for 1903-1904 is placed at Rs. 37,500 against a grant of Rs. 38,600—leaving out of account the additional allotment of Rs. 2,000 sanctioned by G.O., No. 906, Financial, dated 23rd December 1903, which was made for a specific object, viz., purchases in the Industrial and Arts Exhibition for the Government Museum).

G.O., No. 876, Financial, dated 19th December 1903.

The debit will presumably be to the Museum budget.

C. M. SCHMIDT—10-2-04.

3. There is, however, for consideration the question of funds in regard to —
(i) the purchase by Government of the collection of Indian prehistoric antiquities made by Mr. Bruce Foote; and

(ii) the subvention (£300?) to Mr. Bruce Foote for the publication of his book on prehistoric archaeology in India.

No provision has been made on account of the above two items in the budget estimate for 1904-1905.

4. For orders whether the Educational Department may be asked to furnish Financial with information as to whether any funds will be required in 1904-1905 and if so, what the amount is.

V.G.A.—10-2-04.

The draft order may be accepted and educational asked for further very early information as regards point B *supra*.

C. M. SCHMIDT—10-2-04.

Yes.

M. HAMMICK—11-2-04.

Issue order and deal subsequently with the matter at A. Matters are hardly advanced enough, in my opinion, to make any provision in the budget.

A. G. CARDEW—12-2-04.

[G.O., No. 105, Educational, dated 12th February 1904.]

The order has issued.

2. The highest amount that will have to be paid for Mr. Bruce Foote's collection is £1,000—*vide* Honourable Member's note * in the linked file. He will also have to be paid £300 for his proposed work on Prehistoric Archaeology—*vide* G.O., No. 296, Educational, dated 18th June 1903.

3. The first of these payments will become due after Mr. Foote finishes his catalogue, hands it over to Government, offers the collection for sale and comes to an agreement as to the price to be received for the collection. Mr. Foote seems to have finished his catalogue, but has not yet sent it to Government. He has been promising it for nearly a year now and perhaps the best part of another six months may elapse

before it reaches Government. The trouble then is over the price of the collection. He expects something like £4,000. Under the agreement with him if there is a difference of opinion between him and Government, the value has to be settled by two arbitrators of whom one shall be appointed by him and the other by Government. All this will take a deal of time, and there is very little chance of any actual payment being made before the 31st March 1905. If, however, payment has to be made before then we can be almost sure of finding savings to the extent of at least Rs. 20,000 in the Educational budget. It does not appear, therefore, to be necessary to provide anything specially for this purpose in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1904-1905.

4. The payment of £300 for the book is to be made in instalments—*vide* paragraph 3 of the despatch in G.O., No. 95, dated 3rd March 1903, and after the catalogue reaches Government. The whole of the amount may be required before 31st March 1905, but here too there will be hardly any difficulty in finding the money in the Educational budget. The schemes of reorganization of the Provincial Educational Service and of Sub-Assistant Inspectors of schools for which there is a total provision of Rs. (6,600 + 59,000) or 65,600 in the next year's budget are still under discussion between the Government of India and the Secretary of State. It is not likely that they will be sanctioned soon.

P. T. THARYAN—13-2-04.

A. GALLETT—16-2-04.

It is impossible to say when funds will be needed, or to what extent. Perhaps a lump sum of Rs. 15,000 might be entered in budget.

A. G. CARDEW—16-2-04.

To the Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The whole question seems to be far from being definitely settled and as the Government of India have decided to make a special grant of 10 lakhs in the budget for 1904-1905, it is submitted that the requisite funds may be met from the grant in the course of the year, and that it does not appear to be necessary to request the Accountant-General to arrange with the Government of India for the inclusion of an additional provision in the Civil Budget Estimate for 1904-1905.

T. HARI ROW—26-2-04.

The notes may return to Educational.

C. M. SCHMIDT—1-3-04.

Yes. I agree.

M. HAMMICK—2-3-04.

Noted in the Claim Register.

V.G.A.—2-3-04.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Is any further action needed in Educational? Apparently not on this branch of the subject.

A.G.C.—2-3-04.

No further action is needed in Educational. The notes may now be added to G.O., No. 165, Educational, dated 12th February 1904.

P.T.T.—2-3-04.

A.G.—3-3-04.

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C. No. _____, From the _____, No. _____, dated _____ 190_____

ORDER

No. 105, dated 12. 2. 1906

W. / ^{H. W.} Leton-Karr having completed the valuation of W. Bruce Foote's Collection of Indian prehistoric antiquities, the Accountant General will be requested to arrange for the payment to him of $\pounds 30$ ^{1/4} as agreed, ~~promised~~ for the work, by a bill of exchange on Messrs Drummond and Co. Charing Cross, London. The ~~same~~ payment should form a debit against the Museum budget.

~~2. Mr. Deton Karr will be requested to furnish a stamped receipt for the amount.~~

Mr. Peton-Karris address ~~the~~
~~the 10th instant~~ is Care of Messrs
Thomas Cook & Son. Bombay.
Cairo - Egypt -

To the A.C. with copy of G.O. No 38
 dt 19th January 1906.
 H.W. Deton - Karir Esq. with C.

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My dear Mr. Seton-Karr

With reference to your D.O. of the 29th ultimo the Account General has orders to pay you £30 by a bill of exchange on Messrs Drummond & Co.

A copy ^{of these orders} is enclosed for your information. Will you kindly send me ^{a formal} receipt for the amount; it is required for account purposes.

Yrs
30/1/4

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on receipt of the draft

Order complete.
Letter only.
Order complete with Letter.

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Order of Government

Letter of Government

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