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*From*

[*Name*] Edgar Thurston Esquire,

[*Designation*] Superintendent, Govt. Museum,

[*Station*] Madras.

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*Dated* 3rd February 1905.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction for the transfer to the Labore Central Museum, of the Graeco Bactrian sculptures which are not exhibited there as the collections in this museum are confined to Southern India.

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copy of a letter received from the Curator, Central Museum, Lahore, I have the honour to request that sanction may be accorded for the transfer of the Graeco-Bactrian Sculptures which are not exhibited here to the Lahore Museum as the collections in this Museum are confined to Southern India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Edgar Thurston
Superintendent,
Govt. Museum.



Victoria Jubilee Institute, Punjab.

No. 371.

From

Percy Brown Esquire, A.R.C.A.,
Curator, Central Museum,
Lahore.

To

The Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Madras.

Lahore, 4th January 1905.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that some time ago I pointed out to the Director-General of Archaeology the desirability of obtaining for the Lahore Museum any Graeco-Bactrian Sculptures that might through various circumstances be lying undisplayed in various parts of India. My reasons for doing this were as follows:—

(a) The Lahore Museum has been specially adapted for the display of the Sculptures and already contains the largest collection of these particular Stones in existence.

(b) It is also thought desirable to make this Collection as Comprehensive as possible so that students of the particular period will be able to study these relics in one place

(c) The special expert in this period and of these remains is the Archaeological Surveyor of the Punjab Circle and no doubt the inclusion of these stones in some building within his circle will naturally assist this Officer in his work of throwing more light on these interesting Sculptures.

2. The Director General of Archaeology replied as follows:—

"In Madras, the Museum Authorities are in favour of purely provincial collections being made and the Graeco Indian Sculptures having accordingly been relegated to dark cellars, where they are appreciated by no one. It might be useful therefore to address Mr. Thurston with a view to recovering them for the Lahore Museum."

Under these circumstances I beg to ask whether you can see your way to meeting my views and arranging for these sculptures to be handed over to Lahore. I need hardly state that this Office will be pleased to



defray any expenses that may be incurred in this connection.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) By Brown,
Curator.

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(True Copy)

Edgar Thurston
Superintendent,
Govt. Museum.

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C. No. 202 From ~~the~~ The S. G. M. No 109, dated 3. 2. 1905.

SUBJECT.

Graeco-Bactrian sculptures in the Lahore Museum.

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Mr Percy Brown, Curator of the Lahore Museum has applied to Mr Thurston, for the transfer of the Graeco-Bactrian or the Gandhara sculptures in the Madras Museum to the Lahore Museum. Mr Thurston now applies for the sanction of the Govt for such transfer. His reason for this proposal is that the Collections in the Museums are confined to Southern India + as such these sculptures have not been exhibited till now. + these sculptures have been relegated to dark cellars!

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2. It is not clearly known when & where from these Sculptures were received into ~~the~~ Madras Museum. But it would appear that they originally formed part of the Collections that were excavated from several sites in the Yusufzai District of the Punjab. Mr A. A. Cole, the Curator of Ancient Monuments, in para 62 of his memorandum

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on Ancient Monuments in Eusofzai, proposed that duplicate Specimens should be sorted into Collections for presentation to the Museums at Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Jaipur & Rangoon. – vide p. cxxxviii, "Appendix. I. to the Second Report of the Curator of Ancient Monuments in India for 1882-1883.". The Curator's proposals seem to have been approved; & the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir. C. Aitchison, presented these Collections to the several Provincial Museums. Of these Collections, Madras received 43. lots. – vide p. cviii, Appendix. I., Third year's Report & pp. cxlvi & cxlvii, Appendix. D.

1·2+31 = 43. lots para 1.

3. If these sculptures are merely duplicate Specimens, their transfer to the Lahore Museum, would not serve any useful purpose. Orders are solicited as to whether Mr Thurston should be asked for further information on the point or whether the sanction applied for may be given without further investigation.

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I can see no objection to the proposal, if the sculptures are foreign to the scope of the Museum, and are hidden away in holes and corners. The cost of their

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removal should be borne by the Labor Museum.

HDS
16-2-05

I shall see these exhibits that are not exhibited & then deal with the reference

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by
H.D.

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From the Secretary's remarks in the arrear list when it last went to him (yesterday) it appears that H.E. has already issued orders in person to the D.P.W. The latter may perhaps be asked W.P. whether the papers may now be recorded. — Has not the C.S. been consulted?

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With S.G.M please note the orders passed by H.M. in person?

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D.P.W. W.P.

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The Hon: member has inspected the sculptures and suggested to me that a few of them should be reserved for exhibition here, and the remainde

sent to Lahore. I have, accordingly, selected and set aside ten typical blagues, to be set up in the archæological gallery for the purpose of comparison with the sculptures of later date from Amaravati in the Kistna district. The remaining 125 blagues may, I take it, be transferred to the Lahore Museum, which would bear the expenses of packing and transit.

23.3.05. VS

Please draft for approval.

24.3.05.

A draft is submitted below for approval.

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The ~~proposal of the~~ Supt. Govt. Museum, ~~may should~~ (retain ten typical plaques of the Gandhara Sculptures for the purpose of exhibition in the Madras Museum) with the ~~the~~ sculptures of later date from Amaravati. The transfer to the Lahore Museum of the remaining 125 plaques, is approved. It is understood that the Lahore Museum will meet the expenses connected with their removal.

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