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G.O. No.

417 Eden

Dated

19. 3. 45

[Despatch Abstract.]

Museum. Govt. Excavation in
Pondicherry Collaboration of the
Museum staff. Orders passed.

Back papers.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Further papers.

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Let Sup's report speak for itself
 D.O. No. 1107/c
 From: Dr. R.E. Mortimer Wheeler
 Director General of Archaeology in India. ②
 P.O. Tamil Nadu, Dist. Rawalpindi, Punjab
 Dated 27 Feb 1945.
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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12y dear Austin, L. E. P.H.
 [First let me offer you my belated congratulations upon the honour which was conferred on you at the New Year. I refrained from writing at the time in order not to add gratuitously to your post-bag. But opportunity has now arisen in another context.]

I have written officially to the Superintendent of your Government Museum at Madras to invite the collaboration of that Museum and, through it, of your Government with the Archaeological Survey of India in a rather important piece of work which we propose to carry out in April at Pondicherry. The excavation in question will, I hope, provide a new starting point for the systematic classification of some of the South Indian material in which your Museum is so rich; and it is my intention to deposit there the major part of our share of the booty. The site is one which was involved in trade with Italy in the 1st century B.C., and it has produced objects of Italian origin which will for the first time provide a firm datum line for pre-medieval South Indian chronology.

[As all this is to happen in French India, no tricky question as to the official relationship of a "Federal Department" such as mine with Provincial interests need arise.]

I hope very much that association with your Museum may serve as a precedent for similar collaboration in other parts of India. I feel that in the past we have worked excessively in isolation, and that the time has come for a change. I couple with my suggestion no

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request for any financial grant-in-aid from your Government for the work, although let me hasten to add that any offer in that effect would be most favourably considered.

Incidentally I expect to have two members of the staff of the Madras Museum with me for training.

[I shall be passing through Madras about the middle of March and will look you up, if I may.]

Yours sincerely,

R. S. Srinivasan

Sir Thomas Austin, K.C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Advisor to H.E. the Governor of Madras,
Madras.

CF Cno. 8157A

From the Director General of Archaeology
in India D.O. No. 220.1107/c dated
20.2.45

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Museum. Govt. Excavation
in Pondicherry. ~~Department~~
of the Museum. staff for training

Memo No 8157A-1 Edo dated 2.3.45

subject
of the D.O. No. 1107/c

CF dated 20.2.45 from the Director General
of Archaeology in India on the subject

D.O.No.337-2/45

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Government Museum,
Madras, 10th March 45.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Museum - Government- Excavation
in Pondicherry - Collaboration
of Museum with the Archaeological
Survey of India.

In the letter to Government on the above subject, there are two proposals, one for the deputation of the two Curators and my collaboration with the Director General of Archaeology, the other regarding the grant of Rs.2000/- to the Director General of Archaeology's excavation fund. As the latter may probably take some time to be considered by the Government, I shall be much obliged if orders will be passed early on the first proposal. The Director General of Archaeology is expected at Madras on the 16th instant and would most likely require my help in arranging the preliminaries for the work at Pondicherry a few days earlier than the 25th March when the excavation would commence. For this reason, early orders of the Government on the first of the proposals will be very helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A. Aiyappa
(4/3/45)

To

C.O. Coorey, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

When received above is forwarded to the
S.G.M. for remarks at an early date.

~~Two members of the Museum staff~~

~~who can be sent for training~~

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To the S.G.M.
(with a copy of
a note)

Department
From (Name) Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A.,
Ph.D.
Designation Superintendent,
Station Government Museum,
Madras.

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To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.

Enclosures:

No. 337-1/45 dated 10th March 1945.

Sir,

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Sub: Museum - Government - Excavations in
Pondicherry - Collaboration of Museum
with the Archaeological Survey of India.

Reference Memorandum No. 8157 A.1.Edn. dated 2nd
March 1945.

In his letter No. 1598/C dated 10th February 1945, the Director General of Archaeology has invited this Museum to collaborate officially in the important excavations which he proposes to conduct at Arikamedu in French India from 25th March 1945. The proposed excavation is the first really scientific excavation work to be undertaken in Southern India and it is undoubtedly going to be the basis for future work in field archaeology in our Province. I consider that we are specially honoured by the Director General's invitation to collaborate with him in excavations at Pondicherry. I have the honour therefore to request that Government will be pleased to permit this Museum to participate in the excavations. I may be permitted to be at Pondicherry for a period of two months to take up the duties to be assigned to me by the Director General in the work at Pondicherry.

As Arikamedu (5 miles from Pondicherry) is only a few hours' journey from Madras, I shall be able to return to Madras during week ends to attend to work at headquarters. For this reason no official charge arrangements are necessary during the period of these two months. My Personal Assistant will look after the current work in my absence.

No school on the lines of the Field School of Indian Archaeology at Taxila, will, I understand, be run at Arikamedu, but ample opportunities will be afforded to students and attaches to familiarise themselves with the technique of modern excavation. The Director General of Archaeology has agreed to my informal request to take the Curators of Anthropology and Archaeology Sections for training at Arikamedu. I have the honour therefore to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the deputation of these two Curators for training for a period of one month each, in the first instance, extending the period to two months if found necessary. The Attenders of the Anthropology and Archaeological Sections may also be permitted to be with the Curators for a period of one month each so that they can learn something of improved methods of drawing, numbering and cleaning of antiquities etc.

The total cost under Travelling Allowances for the above proposals will be about Rs. 600/- which can be

met from the grant under that head for 1945-46. In the case of the two Attenders, they may be permitted to draw full rates of daily allowance at 9 annas each for their halts in excess of ten days under Rule 38(1) of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules, as half rates of allowance will be inadequate to meet their expenses.

Though the Director General has not asked for any financial contribution from us towards the cost of this excavation, he has made it clear that any such offer from us would be most welcome. He has, more over, promised that a good representative series from the finds would be presented to the Madras Museum. As a proof of Government's interest in this work and in view of the fillip it will give to archaeological studies in our Province, I would suggest that the Government may be pleased to make a contribution of Rs. 2000/- to the Director General's excavation fund. This example of the Government of Madras is sure to prove beneficial to archaeological field work, as other Provincial Governments, Universities and Non-Official Bodies will follow it when fresh excavation schemes are launched by the Director General of Archaeology. As the cost of the Arikamedu excavation is likely to be over 25,000/-, the contribution proposed here can be nothing but a token of our good will.

As the work is to commence during the last week of March I request that the Government will be pleased to issue early orders.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Cignathan
Superintendent.

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Please today.

From the Director General of Archaeology

Order No 220. 1107C dated 20.2.45

the S. G. M. 337-1/45 and M 337-2/45 dated 16.3.45

Museum. Govt. Excavation

in Pondicherry. Collaboration of
the Museum staff. orders passed

G.O. No 417 Edu dated 19.3.45.

Sanction is accorded to the
deputation of the Curator of the
Anthropology and Archaeology sections of
the Govt. Museum and the two attenders
working in the sections for training at
Arikamedu for a period of one month
each in the first instance, ~~extending to two months~~
~~if necessary~~ the curators will be eligible

C.No.8157-A. From the Director-General of Archaeology, D.O.No.220-1107/C, dated 20-2-1945.
From the S.G.M., No.337-1/45 and No.337-2/45, dated 10-3-1945.

Museum - Govt. - Excavation in Pondicherry - Collaboration of the Museum.

The proposals in the Director-General's letter (at pp.1-2 C.F.) are in regard to
(1) the collaboration of the Museum staff in the proposed excavation in Pondicherry in April 1945, and
(2) a financial contribution from this Govt. to the Director's excavation fund.

(1) above: The S.G.M. proposes -

(a) that he may be permitted to halt at Pondicherry for a period of two months to take up the duties that may be assigned to him by the D.G., and

(b) that the Curators of Archaeology and Anthropology, with their attenders (two), may be deputed for training for a period of one month each in the first instance, extending the period to two months, if necessary.

(a) above: The S.G.M. has recently been sent on deputation for training in excavation in the Archaeological School at Taxila and he returned to duty only on the 5th March.

The D.G. of Archaeology expects to have two members of the Museum staff trained in the excavation work at Pondicherry. He does not mention specifically about the necessity of the S.G.M. being present at Pondicherry. It is for consideration whether the S.G.M.'s proposal to allow him to remain at Pondicherry for a period of two months should be agreed to or whether he may be permitted to go to Pondicherry when required by his Director General without prejudice to his official duties.

(b) above: Attention is invited to the papers in G.O.No.1042-Edn., dated 2-8-1943, wherein Sri Sivaramamurti, Curator, Archaeological section, was deputed for training for 2½ months in excavation at Ramnagar. The necessity for further training of this Curator at Pondicherry is not apparent.

Attention is invited to the Council's papers 4.5 on page 3-4 of 4-2-45 and the letter on page 11 of 4-2-45. The proposal in regard to the deputation of the Curator, Anthropology, for training at Pondicherry may be accepted. With this proposal, one of the attenders may be

For travelling and daily allowances under the M.T.A Rules. The attenders will be paid travelling and daily allowances admissible under the rules and also daily allowance at full rates, as a special case, for halts in excess of the first ten days.

2. The Govt. do not see sufficient reason to accept the proposal of the S.G.M. that he should be permitted (to remain) at Pondicherry for a period of two months. He will however be permitted to go to Arhamion, if and when required by the Director General of Archaeology.

3. The Govt. regret that they cannot sanction any grant towards the expenses of the excavation by the Director Archaeological Dept of the Central Govt.

17.3.45
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19/3/45
To (1) the S.G.M.
.. (2) the A.G. Secy
.. (3) the D.G. of Archaeology
Dy. Secy
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I think he may only be permitted to go to the place of work when required by the D.G.

15/3/45
Both Curators & their attenders may be allowed to go for training as suggested by the S.G.M. / R

The Curator and the attender will be eligible for T.A. from Madras to Pondicherry and back, and also for halting allowance, under the M.T.A. Rules. The S.G.M., however, urges that the attender should be allowed ~~halting allowance or~~ daily allowance at full rates for halts, in excess of the first ten days. This may be ~~permitted~~ ^{sanctioned}. Cao
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(2) on p.1 ante. For the reasons mentioned in para 5 of his letter on p.8 C.F., the S.G.M. suggests that a contribution of Rs.2,000 may be ~~made~~ ^{given} from the Provincial funds to the D.G.'s excavation fund. It has not been the practice ~~of giving~~ ^{to give} any such contribution in the past. It is for consideration whether the proposal should be accepted.

The case may be sent to Finance u.o. for remarks.

The proposals of EPH at 'A' and 'B' as
 above, and at 'C' above may be agreed to re-

Finance. 2. Item (2) on p. 1 above. Contribution to the
Dis. Genl.'s excavation fund. The letter on
 pp 7-8 cf. from the S.G.M. may be perused.

In view of the importance of the excavation & for the reasons stated in para. 5 on p. 8 & c.f., the the S. G. M. recommends that this Govt. may grant a contribution of Rs. 2,000 (non-recurring) to the Dir. Genl.'s excavation fund. The Archaeological Dept.'s normal functions comprise excavations of the kind & the Central Govt. bears all the expenses of this Dept. There is no information ^(in the file) about the 'Excavation fund' referred to in the S. G. M.'s letter & in particular whether contributions from the public, Princes, States etc., are collected for this fund. The necessity for the Govt.

Govt. contributing a sum of Rs. 2,000 towards the cost of the excavation is not apparent. For order whether this dept. should agree to the payment of the contribution, which is supported by E.P.H.

The proposal to make a contribution will have to be treated as a 'new service' and E.P.H. may be requested to follow the new service procedure if the proposal is to be approved by the Govt.

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16/3/45. No other Provincial Govt. has given
any contribution to the D. G.'s
"excavation fund" & it does not seem
necessary for this Govt. to set an example
for others to follow. The D. G. himself is not
keen about our contribution. (Please see
in this connection item (a) on p. 1 IV.F.9 Letter No 4/305A-1
- E.M. Dg 14.9.44.)

16.3.45 by the Arch^l Dept.
Archaeological excavation is Central
Govt work. There is no special reason why this Govt should
give a grant towards the cost of the proposed excavation in
Pondicherry. Fui. would advise against it. Dwd
16.3.45 E.P.H

'A' & 'B' are A_1 anti & 'C' is A_2 anti may be approved.

As regards the contribution recommended by the S.M.,
Finance advise against it. ~~It~~^{They} may be dropped. For
advis.

Approved A_2
M/8/3/41

I have also to request that the period of stay of the Curators of Anthropology and Archaeology may be extended till the 15th May 1945 as suggested by the Director General of Archaeology. They have been receiving training

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training at the site from the 3rd April 1945.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Aiyappa
Superintendent. 23/4/45

Encl.

Copy of letter D.O.No.1611/C dated 20th April 45 from Dr.R.E. Mortimer Wheeler, Director General of Archaeology in India, camp Pondicherry to the Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras.

I think it is high time that you come down to see our excavations at Arikamedu. If you will send a wire giving your date of arrival I will have you met and transported.

2. Yes, I think it is desirable that Mr. Sivaramamurti and Dr. Reddi should if possible stay till the middle of May - say May 15th. If you can reasonably manage that, I think it will be to their advantage as it will certainly be to ours.

From the Supdt, A Section
To the S.G.M

Museum: Gvt.
Excavation in Pondicherry

Ref: Letter from the S.G.M
No. 461-1/45 dated
23.4.45

Please say what
programme of work has been
arranged for ~~the~~ ^a week's
halt at Arikamedu? Is
the alternative with it be
sufficient if permission is
accorded to pay a visit to
Arikamedu in connection with
the excavation work. A reply
may be sent in the course of
the day. 25.4.45

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[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes on a separate piece of paper, possibly a carbon copy or a related document. Some words like "Supdt." and "Museum" are visible.]

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OFFICE OF THE _____ C.F. 304.

Date _____ 194 ____ Hours _____ Minutes _____

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE

From the Supdt. Port. Museum.	To the Supdt. 'A' Section. E+P.H.
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Ref: Your T.M. of date.

The period of about a week was asked for ⁱⁿ order to see and study the antiquities so far unearthed in the course of the ~~excavation~~ excavation.

It is understood that a good deal of ancient pottery has been found already. A study of these on the spot when they are available will be of benefit to this institution if this examination of the antiquities is finished earlier the ~~period~~ period of stay will of course be cut short. One week is the maximum period.

[Signature]
25/4/45

C.F. 304

Date 194, Hours 1 Minutes 15

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE

From *The Supdt.* | To *The Dy. Secy to*
Govt. Museum | *Govt. Edu. & P. H.*

Sub: Museum - Gard. -
Excavation at Arikamedu,
Pondicherry - Training of Curator,
Archaeology & Anthropology
Section

Ref: My Ltr. 461-1 / us-d.23.4

The first month of
their training at Pondichery
expires today. Pl. let me know
whether they may be informed
that they should continue to
stay there till the 15th May '45
or return

The proposal contained in
 your letter in respect of the emolument
 for the deputations till 15.5.45 is likely

4.5.45
Issued.

Sub: 18369A

The file on the subject has been sent in circulation (in Govt office) to A-2. Meanwhile the reply 2 in has been sent from. This is for approval.

4.5.45

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From Mr. S. G. M. No 461. 1/45 dated 23.4.45

Museum. Govt. Excavation in
Pondicherry. Collaboration of
the Museum staff.

Memo No 18369A-2 D 5.5.45.

The S. G. M. is permitted to proceed to and stay here at Ari Kamedu for a period of not exceeding one week from the 1st May 1945 to study the antiquities so far unearthed in the course of archaeological excavation conducted in Pondicherry at the place.

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The proposal of Mr S. G. M. to
extend his period of deputising
as Curator of Archaeology and Anthropology
at ~~Trichinopoly~~ ^{Trichinopoly} till 15.5.45 is approved.

25.4.45
25.4.45

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Note: The draft above may be sent to Finance
for acceptance. The S. G. M. has not mentioned anything about
on attendance. Presumably they will return to him in the
25.4.45 expiry of the present period of one month's leave.

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Mr S. G. M.

Mr A. G. M.

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Finance (CSR)

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The draft memo on pp 1-2 above may be accepted.

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A. Carlyle

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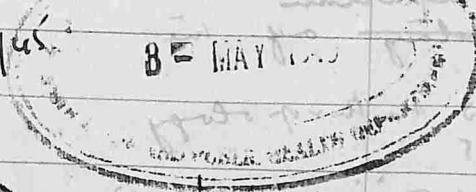
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The draft memo may issue. For order
as to circulation.

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EPH

Respectfully

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From (Name) **A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,**
 Designation **Superintendent,**
 Station **Government Museum, Madras.**

Received..... Registered.....
 To
**The Secretary to Government,
 Education and Public Health Deptt.,
 Fort St. George, Madras.**

Enclosures: No. **746-1/45** dated **14th June 1945..**

Sir,
4 JUN 1945

Sub:- **Museum- Government- Excavation at Arikamedu near Pondicherry- Collaboration of the Museum staff.**

Ref:- **G.O.No.M/s 417 Edn.dated 19th March 1945 and Memo No.18369-A2. Edn.dated 5th May 1945.**

Received
15-6-45

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I have the honour to state that in G.O.No.M/s. 417 Edn. dated 19th March 1945 the Curators of the Anthropological and Archaeological Sections were permitted to undergo training at Arikamedu for a period of one month. Both the Curators left Madras on the 2nd April 1945 and were working up to the end of April 1945. As the Director General of Archaeology desired that they may be permitted to continue their training up to the middle of May 1945, the Government were requested to extend the period of stay up to the middle of May. Accordingly their period of stay at

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Arikamedu was extended up to 15th May 1945 in Government Memo No. 18359-A.2 dated 5th May 1945. The Curators report that on the 15th May they worked till 7 P.M. in the field and could not possibly ~~have~~ leave Pondicherry that day. They state that there was no accommodation in the train on the 16th and that accordingly they left Pondicherry by bus for Madras on the 17th morning reaching Madras on the evening of the 17th. As the Curators were not able to leave Arikamedu until the 17th for the reasons stated above, I have to request that Government will be pleased to extend the period of their deputation till the 17th May.

Under Rule 98-A of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules I have also to request that sanction may be accorded for the drawal of daily allowance to the two Curators at half rates for the period of their stay in excess of the first ten days of their training at Arikamedu.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

A. Aiyappan
14/6/45
Superintendent.

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Museum - Govt - Excavation in Pondicherry
collaboration of the Museum staff.

From the S.G.M, No: 746-1/45, d/14-6-45
Memo 26769 A/45-2 Edn d/21-6-45-

The proposal of the S.G.M. to extend till 17-5-'45 the period of deputation of the Curators of Archaeology and Anthropology sanctioned in G.O. 417 Edn d/14-3-45 and Memo - 18369 A-2 d/5-5-'45 is approved.

2. The Govt also ~~and~~ ^{payment} sanction for the ~~drawal~~ of daily allowance to the two curators at

half rates for the period of their halt at Arikamedu in excess of the first ten days.

e.s.s.
16.6.45
16.6.45

18/6/45

Despd
K.M.
22.6.45

To the S.G.M.
To the A.G. (thru
fin)

Note: - May be sent to fin for acceptance.

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16.6.45

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Finance (CSR)

E.P.H. U.O.
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18-6-45



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The proposals in this file are
① to extend the period of deputation of the Curators of Archeology and Anthropology by two days (ie from upto 17.6.45)

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and ② to sanction the payment to them of daily allowance at half the rates for the period of their halt (at Arikamedu) in excess of 10 days.

Item ① on p 2 above:- Under the original orders the period of deputation was upto 15.5.45. The SGM now says that the Curators worked in the field till 7PM on the 15th, and could not therefore leave Pondicherry on that day. On 16th also they could not leave for Madras since there was no accommodation in the train. In view of these unavoidable circumstances, it is for orders whether the proposal to extend the period of deputation by two days ~~is order to extend these two days (is 15th and will be agreed to. (No such precedent seems to have arisen).~~

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Item ② above:- The payment of daily allowance at half rates for the period of ^{their} stay in excess of the first ten days of their training at Arikamedu may be agreed to.

Subject to orders at 'A' above, the Draft order on pp 1-2 above may be accepted.

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