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Museum - Chinese coins from a treasure trove - offer to Vishva
Bharati, Santiniketan (Bengal) on certain conditions - approved.

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Department
From (Name) Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A.,
Ph.D.,
Designation Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Station Egmore, Madras, 8.
12 FEB 1947
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The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.

No. 296-1/47 N dated 12th February 1947.

Sir,

Sub: Chinese coins - Study of and publication
of a report regarding same by Visva-
Bharati, Santiniketan (Bengal).

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I have the honour to report that in 1944, 1822 Chinese coins from a treasure trove find in Tanjore District were acquired. As there is no one in Madras knowing Chinese, I wrote to Prof. P. C. Bagchi, Director of Research studies, Cheena Bhavan, Visva-Bharati, requesting him to study and identify these Chinese coins. As he has to engage Chinese scholars to classify and label them and prepare a catalogue he wanted a sum of Rs. 500/- to be paid to him as honorarium (copy of his letter enclosed). I replied to him stating that no funds are available to meet that expenditure and unofficially enquired if the Visva Bharati or any institution in Chungking connected with Sinology, would be willing to receive the Chinese coins as a gift subject to the following conditions:-

- that the coins should be studied and published;
- that a series of good coins containing types represented in the treasure trove should be presented to the Madras Museum;
- that arrangements be made to distribute a few duplicates to the Indian Museum, Calcutta and other important Museums in India;
- that whatever remains - which will be a good number, should be the property of Visva Bharati; and
- that copies of the catalogue required should be supplied to the Madras Museum, free of cost.

Prof. P. C. Bagchi has reported that the Visva Bharati would be glad to accept the gift subject to the foregoing conditions.

In the above circumstances, I have the honour to request that the Government will be pleased to permit me to make the offer officially of the 1822 Chinese copper coins to the Visva Bharati subject to the conditions mentioned above and to request them to study and publish a catalogue of these coins. As our interest in medieval Chinese coins is very slight, a small type series is all that is required for this Museum. The whole collection in my opinion, is not worth spending Rs. 500/- which will otherwise be required for a full report on it. The coins cost nothing to

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Government as the treasure trove find was declared ownerless and forfeited to Government.

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

A. Aiyappan
Superintendent.

Encl. Copy of letter dated 20-2-46 from Dr. P. C. Bagchi, Director of Research studies, Visva Bharati Cheena Bhavan, Santiniketan (Bengal) to Dr. A. Aiyappan, Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras.

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter No. 8-1/46 N dated 29th January 1946. I am glad to know that it may be possible for you to send the coins here for examination. I have some Chinese coins scholars here working under me. So it will be easy for me to distribute the work among them and to get the whole thing done under my supervision without much delay.

I have no idea about the remuneration but I think Rs. 500/- (Five hundred only) will not be an exorbitant demand. I will have to pay the Chinese assistant out of it. This will include the cost of classifying the coins, labelling them and preparing a manuscript catalogue. The catalogue may also be published in my Journal - Sindo-Indian Studies and printed copies supplied to you. But there is no knowing when the journal will be but as I am having much trouble with the press.

(True copy)

A. Aiyappan
Superintendent,
Govt. Museum.



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Museum
Chinese coins - Study of and publication of a report regarding same by Visva Bharati, Santiniketan (Bengal) - ^{Office to} ~~on the subject of~~ ^{from the section} ~~orders passed~~ Approved

Re:-
Cm. 12423 from the S. G. M., No. 296-1/47 N D 12.2.47

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The Govt. approve the proposal of the S. G. M. to offer officially of the 1822 Chinese copper coins ^{in the Museum} to the Visva Bharati, Santiniketan (Bengal) subject to the conditions ^{mentioned} laid down in his letter cited above.

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The letter from the Superintendent Government Museum at pp 1-2 above and the draft order at p 3 above may be perused and the case returned to G & P.H. no.

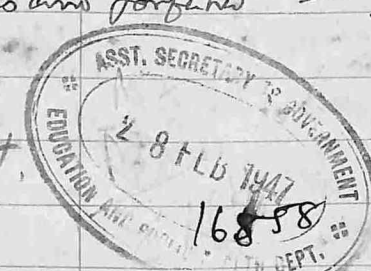
(It is stated that the coins cost nothing to Government, as the treasure trove find was declared ownerless and forfeited to Government.)

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ASST. SECRETARY
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.



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E & P.H. (C2)

In no 11028
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The draft order overleaf may now issue.

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VISVA-BHARATI

PHONE : Bolpur : 21

President
Abanindranath Tagore

Founder-President
Rabindranath Tagore

SANTINIKETAN,
BENGAL, INDIA.



Ref. No. G/47/2/27



From

R. N. Tagore, Esqr., B.Sc. (Illinois),
General Secretary, Visva-Bharati,
Santiniketan, Bengal.

To

Sri M. V. Subramanian,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
MADRAS.



Subject: Offer of Chinese Coins to Visva-Bharati.

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Dear Sir,

p 3/ (K)

This has reference to your G.O. No. MS.385 Edn. dated Madras the 3rd March, 1947 conveying approval of your Government to the proposal of the Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras, to offer 1,822 Chinese Copper Coins to the Visva-Bharati.

We wish to thank you for the offer and we agree to abide by the following conditions attached to the gift:-

- (a) that the coins should be studied and published.
- (b) that a series of good coins containing types represented in the Treasure Trove should be presented to the Madras Museum.
- (c) that arrangements be made to distribute a few duplicates to the Indian Museum, Calcutta and other important Museums in India;
- (d) that whatever remains - which will be a good number should be the property of Visva-Bharati; and
- (e) that copies of the catalogue required should be supplied to the Madras Museum, free of cost.

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Will you kindly issue directions now to the Superintendent, Madras Government Museum to arrange despatch of the coins at an early date.

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General Secretary,
Visva-Bharati.

E & P.H. (C2)

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Communicated to the S.G.M for
necessary
~~immediate~~ action.

To
The S.G.M.
Copy to the
Ad. Secy
Visva-Bharati
San. Com. Khetan
Bengal

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After wine this may be filed with the

G.O. at (K)

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