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[Despatch Abstract.]

Museum - Govt. Museum, Madras -
Superintendent - Permitted to undertake a
tour to the Coimbatore.

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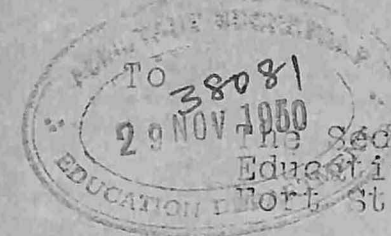
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From

Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,
Superintendent,
Government Museum, Madras-8.



To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, Madras-9.

No.893/bO-9-An, dated 22-11-1950.

Sir,

Sub: Examination of Kerala Antiquities - Manikkinar -
Mamankam Platform - Permission for tour -
sanction - contingent expenditure.

Within the precincts of the Commonwealth Tile Factory, at Codacal, Malabar District, there is a platform belonging now to a Janmi, Sri Azhuvancheri Tampurakkal. According to Kerala tradition, the Zamorins of Calicut used this platform as a kind of saluting base during the Mamankam festival. Very little is known about this platform. Not far from the Tile factory is a well, known to tradition as Manikkinar, in which the dead bodies of suicide squads of the Walluvamad Raja who tried to kill the Zamorin were thrown. Mr. D. Mall, a German missionary who was at Codacal about 50 years ago, with whom I have been in correspondence for some time tells me that the tradition may have no foundation in truth, but still feels that it is worth an attempt at verification. The belief in the veracity of the tradition is so strong among the general public that many would not agree with Mr. Mall in his scepticism.

Very little is known about the platform. It looks like the plinth of a temple and if the slabs of the foundation are examined after slight clearance, we may know more about it.

I am anxious to clear the wall which is now three-fourths filled with earth, and also to clear the fillings round the platform. Sri Azhuvancheri Tampurakkal has very kindly given permission for the latter, and the Managers of the Codacal Factory, for the former. I request for Government sanction for this exploratory work, which will, I am sure, be much

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M appreciated by the public. Sanction is also requested for my tour to Codacal and stay there for a period of two weeks in the first half of March 1951.

The labour charges which is the only special item of expenditure will be under Rs.250/- and can be met from the contingent grant of the Museum.

As I have to arrange for rations for myself and the staff that will accompany me, for the transport of spirit required for the solution for the preservation of bones and for several other details, I request the favour of early orders from Government.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. S. S. S.
Superintendent.

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Museum - govt. Museum, Madras
Superintendent - Permitted to undertake
a tour to Kodakal.

cf From the S. G. M. No. 893/50 - 9th Dec 22. 11.3

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In the circumstances
reported in his letter cited above,
Sri A. Aiyappan, Supt. Govt. Museum,
Madras, is permitted to undertake
a tour to Kodakal, Malabar District,
in order to explore the two Kerala
Antiquities of Manikuttan and
Mannankam Platform in that place
and to stay there for a period
not exceeding of two weeks for the
purpose.

2. The period referred to
in para 1 above will be treated as
on duty with allowances and the Office
Assistant will be in charge during
the absence of the Supt.

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3. Sanction is also
accorded to ~~the~~ an expe. not
exceeding Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two hundred
and fifty) only towards the ~~allowance~~
charges in connection with the
exploration of the antiquities referred
to in para 1 above. The expe. should
be met from the provision under
"36. a. Museum - A. Museum - 4. Office
Contingencies - 6th Contingencies voted" in
the current year's budget.

To the S. G. M.
A. G. M.
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[Signature]

cf. From the S. G. M. No. 893/50-9 An D 22.11.

Examination of Kerala Antiquities
- Mannikkuram Manantham
Platform - permission to tour
and to incur contingent expense

The S. G. M. has requested
for permission to undertake a tour
to Codacalim ^{Malabar District} and to halt there for
a period of two weeks in the first
fortnight of March 1951, with a view
to explore the Mannikkuram and
Manantham Platform, by clearing the
earth in the well and the fillings
around the platform. A brief history
of both pieces of antiquities have
been given by the S. G. M. in para
1 of his letter no. 893.

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may be
Sanctioned
The expenditure
is small,
i.e. Rs 250 plus
T.A. charges
for the trip
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2. As the Supt. reports that
the ~~exploratory~~ ^{exploratory} work will be much
appreciated by the public, his request
for ~~sanction~~ to proceed to the place
and stay there for two weeks may
be granted ^{and reported noted as order with allowances.} for order.

3. He has also requested
permission to incur an expense of Rs. 200
towards the labour charges for clearing
the earth in the Mannikkuram and
the fillings around the platform etc.
For orders whether this may also be
sanctioned.

4. Subject to order, a
draft ~~order~~ ^{order} is subd. for appl. May
be sent to Finance ^{for acceptance} before circulation.

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The draft order may be accepted
and the case returned to Gen.

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may be circulated to
Am (S) for approval of
the draft order below



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