

Educational (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the Joint
Considers that the proposals of Mr R. Bruce
Tooke in connection with the compilation
by him of a catalogue raisonné of his
collection of prehistoric antiquities of
Southern India, & forwards to the Joint
Secretary a copy of his letter on the subject
with the request that Mr Tooke's draft agreement with
Joint may be altered according to his proposals
& executed at a very early date.

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From

Hi.
Please see note for order, D. E. Thurston.
D. O. 1890. W. Jones' note at A.
For order.

No.

Please see the letter from
Mr. Bruce Fook forwarded with
the Current. He demands:

Dated 11 July 1890

Received 12 — a —

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Enclosures 2.

Spare copies

(1) to the time - viz twelve months -
specified in clause ~~one~~ of the
draft agreement - within which
he should compile & publish
the catalogue raisonné of his
collection of prehistoric implements.

This agreement has been drawn up
by the Govt. Solicitor & has ~~been~~ been
approved by the Sep^t Govt. Museum
with some modifications.
It is submitted that perhaps a com-
promise may be effected by extending
the time to eighteen months.
Please see the remarks of the Com. Hon.

Mr. Gurne (at Flag A), who seems to have thought that more than a year would
(be required)
(2) to clause 6. His objection to the descriptive list of the Govt. Museum
collection being included in his catalogue, if Govt. does not

SUBJECT.

Forwarding draft agreement
and letter from Mr. Bruce Fook
requesting to get the Govt.
Solicitor to alter the draft
according to his views in
connection with the compila-
tion of Indian Antiquities

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Buy the collection is, it is submitted,
reasonable, but it is very probable
that Gert will buy it.
There is no objection to his being
allowed to consult his collection
after it has been bought by
Gert.

at
21/7/98

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Mr. Bruce Foote's letter
appears reasonable; it is a
big work ^{as} she is an invalid,
with almost certainly false
two years. I suggest that
his modifications may be
accepted.

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Mr. B. Foote's proposals are
reasonable & should be
accepted.

at 25.7.98

Ivy Cottage
Goreau

9th July 90

Dear Thurston

A few days ago received from Govt
the draft agreement about the conditions on
which they propose to aid me in the publication
of my Catalogue raisonné. As a matter of fact
they have already paid me the books I asked for,
I am anxious therefore to meet Govt handsomely
but the agreement appears to me to require some
modification in two clauses.

In the case of Clause 1. I cannot undertake
to finish my Catalogue within twelve months and
get it illustrated and published in that short
time, seeing what heavy labour will be involved in
dealing with so large a collection. I have been taking
a rough census of the numbers to be dealt with &
find they amount to between 7 and 8000 specimens
which have to be arranged and numbered and then
compared very carefully inter se before I can decide
which are to be figured. It will be only after that

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done that I can begin the actual writing of the catalogue.
The preparation of the figures will be a big task of itself,
if the book is to be as copiously illustrated as it should be
to be really valuable. - Furthermore there is the preparation
of the descriptive list of your Museum Collection to
be remembered & at present I don't know how large that
is nor do I know what specimens will need to be illustrating.
I never expected to complete the work under two years
& my reason for asking for a grant of 600 Rs or Rs 500 per
was that it is only in the arranging, numbering & drawing of
figures that I can be assisted - the second half of the
work i.e. the writing of the catalogue can only be
done by myself. Let the clause be altered to 2 years
& I shall be quite content as I believe I can get through
the work in that time & do it creditably. -

Clause "3" I agree to entirely - also to clauses "4" and "5".
but to clause "6" I demur a bit. If the Govt. buys
my collection I quite agree to the descriptive list
of the Museum Collection being included in my Catalogue
volume as a separate Chapter - but if my collection
is not bought, then I should not at all care to have
it forming part of my volume - and anyhow I cannot
see that I can be reasonably expected to pay for the
printing & illustrating of the list. It will be all

can possibly afford to publish my own volume.

One thing more I ought to stipulate and that is that
I should have full liberty to consult my collection
after its purchase by Govt., when preparing my volume
of ^{notes} and that I be allowed to figure any specimen that
I require to illustrate my 2^d volume. Of course I should
consult your convenience in these matters. -

Please give your best attention to the modifications
of the draft ^{memorandum} ~~agreed~~ suggested & if you agree with
me get the Govt. Solicitor to alter the draft accordingly
and let me have it again soon. -

I have made good headway in the rearrangement,
on a geographical basis, of the collection & find little
Carey very useful. - He is a careful & accurate
draftsman & very willing. - I am very pleased
with him so far. -

I think I told you that I intended asking the
Smithsonian Institution for a part of their Ethno-
logical works - I did so before leaving Madras &
two mails ago got a most courteous reply from
Mr. Langley the Secretary saying that he was sending
a case full of their books. - They will be great
treasures & immensely acceptable!

That if the Museum

done that I can be

By Dec 7 11 of 11-7-98

I was not at all surprised at your holding forth
under the painful state of things prevailing there -
should have done the same - Accusedly -
May's wedding with Priestley is fixed for the 17th
August. -

All send kind regards -

Ever yours sincerely

R. Bruce Focke

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No. 464

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

PANTHEON ROAD, EGMORE,

MADRAS, July 11, 1898.

Dear Mr Stokes

Fodie has
sent me enclosed
draft agreement, and
in the accompanying
letter asks me to get
the Govt. Solicitor to
alter the draft according
to his views. This course
is so obviously outside
my province that I
send on the letter to
you. My own view is
that if the Museum

has historic collection is
included in the
catalogue, it should be
published at the
Govt. Press, provided
that Fiske is willing.

Yours sincerely,
Sdg. M. Hurston

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 7th May 1898, No. 289
Again G.O., dated 1st July 1898, No. 385
Current No. of 189, dated, from

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D.O. " 1898 -- July 11th --

W^r. E. Thurston forwarding letter from W^r. R. Bruce Foote

ORDER. No 426 of 4 8 98

The Govt. considers that the proposals of W^r. R. Bruce Foote are reasonable & may be accepted
2. A copy of the D.O. read above & of W^r. Bruce Foote's letter, which accompanied it, will be together with the draft agreement will be forwarded to the Govt. Solicitor, who will be requested to have the agreement altered the necessary alterations accordingly & executed at a very early date

at 27/7/98 AT 28 7 98

It seems to be a mistake to call W^r. Thurston doctor
at 29/7

To The Govt. Solicitor. at 6.8.98
with draft agreement. (order only)
Mr Bruce Foote.

In G.O. No 289 d. 7. 5. 98 the Govt. Sol^r. was requested to have the agreement drawn up & executed, & he has now asked to have the agreement sent back to him for execution, & will it be submitted, afterwards the agreement have it signed by W^r. Bruce Foote. at 29/7.

AS Please consider whether Gov. Sol^r. gets it executed, or Dr. Thurston.

By the way, is he a "Doctor"?

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

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