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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the Supt. Central Museum Sh. address part on the subject of the acquisition of coins under the Treasure-trove act independently of the Museum Budget as soon as he perceives that his Budget allotments for the purpose is likely to be exceeded by such an acquisition.

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From *Edgar Thurston Esquire*
Superintendent Government Museum

No. 188

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the coins of the
 Vijayanagar dynasty found
 the Bellary District and
 stating that except, as in the
 present instance when the
 cost of coins acquired from
 districts can be met
 from accidental savings in
 the museum budget, the coins
 should be acquired by Govt
 independent of the museum Budget
 & collecting Govt to give credit on the coin

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The Supt should
 address Govt, as soon
 as he knows that his
 budget allotment for the
 purpose ^{is likely to} be exceeded.

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GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,

Pantheon Road, Egmore,

Madras, ^{22nd} March 1898.

From

EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT,

Government Museum,

Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 159 Financial Department, 18th February 1898, communicated to me on the 4th instant, I have the honour to report that I have, with the assistance of Dr. Hultzsch, carefully examined the coins of the Vijayanagar dynasty from the Bellary District, which were received and dealt with officially during my absence on furlough, with the following results:

(a). 42 coins, with an actual value of Rs 231, are so defaced as to possess no numismatic interest, and might be disposed of for their metal value, and the amount credited to Government.

(b). Dr C. Hultzsch wishes to acquire

by purchase 2 coins, valued at Rs 8-10

(c) I have selected, for the Madras Museum collection, 12 coins valued at Rs 53-14-6.

(d) There remain for distribution to the Indian Museum, British Museum, and Asiatic Society of Bengal 5 coins valued at Rs 28-6-6.

The sum of Rs 401-9-2 has, as directed, been paid to the Collector of Bellary, though the Museum actually only benefits to the extent of coins valued at Rs 53-14-6.

2. In the Museum Budget there is a grant of Rs 700 for the purchase of "Objects of interest and coins purchased at head-quarters". It is, therefore, I think, clear that coins acquired for the Museum under the Treasure-trove act should, under ordinary circumstances, be met from this grant, though occasionally large and valuable finds of coins may take place, exceeding the budget grant in value, the cost of which would have to be met by special grant. It is not, however, clear from the wording of the Treasure-trove act from

what

Art
1000 of Rs 400
has been paid to
the Collector of Bellary
for the purchase of
coins of interest
to the Museum
under the Treasure-trove
act.

what source the cost of coins acquired by Government for distribution to other Museums and Societies should be met. The act states (Section 16) that

"The Collector may, at any time after making a declaration under Section 15, and before delivering or dividing the treasure as hereinafter provided, declare by writing under his hand his intention to acquire on behalf of Government the treasure or any specified portion thereof..... and thereupon such

treasure or portion shall be deemed to be the property of Government." In the acquisition of treasure the Collector is guided by the Superintendent of the Museum, whose duty it is to submit to Government a distribution list of coins acquired under the Act. But it seems to me that, except as in the present instance, when the cost of coins acquired for distribution can be met from accidental savings in the Museum budget at the close of the financial year, the coins should be acquired by Government independently of the Museum budget; and I shall be glad if Government will give a ruling on this point for my guidance.

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in the future.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Edgar M. Johnston

Superintendent Government

Museum.

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