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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. :

3rd June 1881, No. 1,396 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 11. Endorsement of the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Ootacamund, 28th May 1881, No. 932.

From Surgeon-Major G. BIDIE, M.B., Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 25th May 1881, No. 304.

I HAVE the honor to request the sanction of Government for the carriage to, and erection at, the Museum of some old carved stones referred to in paragraph 18 of the Committee's report recorded in G.O., No. 914 W., of 4th April 1881.

2. The stones which I wish to appropriate consist of fifteen carved pillars, certain base stones, and some stones used as brestsummers. The pillars have been cut in the square with circular intervals, and the faces of the square portions are adorned with mythological and other figures in bold relief. The material is granitoid gneiss and the pillars are in fair preservation and are said to have formed part of some old fort in the Chingleput District.

3. It would be a great pity to destroy such relics of the past, and I would propose to preserve them by erecting them at the Museum in the shape of a small square, like a rest-house, but without a roof, under a tree. All the pillars are not of equal length, but this might be met by sinking some of the taller ones in the ground and elevating the shorter ones on the existing base stones. The brestsummers should then be placed on the top of the pillars to keep them in position, and, if necessary, might be fastened to them by single iron pegs let into the tops of the pillars. This completed, a few base stones might be placed in the interior as seats.

4. It will thus be seen that the expenditure involved will be very trifling, and I have to request that the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, may have funds placed at his disposal and be requested to carry out the work.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secretary.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1881, No. 1,396 W.

THE transfer of the stones in question has already been approved. The Superintendent of Works, Presidency, will see to their erection in the Museum compound as suggested by Dr. Bidie.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency.
" Public Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1881 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 3rd.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 3rd June 1881, No. 1,396 W.

JUNE.
Nos. 11-12.

Erection in the Museum compound of some
old carved stones.—The Superintendent of
Works, Presidency, requested to see to
the —.

No 304 Government Central Museum
Madras 25th May 1881.

From CURRENT No 1087
Surgeon Major G. Bidie M.C.B.
Superint. Government Central Museum
To The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
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Sir,

I have the honour to request the
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Shave the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Lieut. Col. Surgeon Major
Supt. Government Central Museum

N. 932
Transferred to
the P. W. Dept for
disposal.

[Signature]
H. W. S. S. S.

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28 May 1881

G.O. 915 W of 4th April/81

P.W.C. No. 3324

Public (1881) Department
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Museum)

From
The Superintendent
Government Central
Museum
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No. 304
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CURRENT No. 108

Subject

Soliciting the sanction of
Government for the carriage to,
and erection at the Museum of
some old carved stones referred
to in para 18 of the Committee's
report recorded in G.O. No. 914
W. of 4th April 1880.

Public Works Dept.

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15th June
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3rd June 1881

Read the following:—

Endorsement in the
Public Department
on letter from the Supr.
Govt. Central Museum
No. 304, dated 25th May
1881

(H.E. No. 932 of 28th May
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Dr. Bidie.

Supr. of Works, Presy.
Public Department

[Signature]

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Govt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

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Dated

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G. O. 3rd June 1881, No. 1396 W

Nos. 11-12

Erection in the Museum
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carved stones. The Supt.
of Works - Presidency requested
to see to the —

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