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FEBRUARY.
Nos. 49-50.

Archæology.—Communicating, with instructions,
Resolution of the Government of India relative
to the appointment of a Curator of Ancient
Monuments in India.

With order
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No. 50.

ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1881, No. 187.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat and to all Collectors of Districts, in view to every possible assistance being rendered to Captain Cole while in this Presidency.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Smith
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" the Military
" the Public Works Department.
" all Collectors of Districts.
" R. Sewell, Esq.

Exd. J. Wright.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

11th February 1881, No. 187.

Archæology.

Read the following paper :—

- No. 49. *Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Surveys), dated Fort William, 2nd February 1881, No. 30-42.*

RESOLUTION.

Read the following correspondence on the subject of providing for the Conservation of National Monuments :—

Despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 118 (Financial), dated the 18th March 1878.
" from " " " 39 (Public Works), dated the 31st July 1878.
" to the " " " 160 (Accounts and Finance), dated the 25th May 1880.
" from the Secretary, of State, No. 43 (Public Works), dated 11th Nov. 1880.

OBSERVATIONS.—Her Majesty's Secretary of State having sanctioned the appointment of a Curator of Ancient Monuments, whose duties will be to superintend under the Supreme Government the conservation of the most celebrated and important examples of national archæology and architecture throughout India, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to appoint Captain H. H. Cole, R.E., to be Curator, and to direct him, in communication with the Local Governments and Administrations, to inspect the principal monuments throughout India, the historical and archæological value of many of which has been brought to notice by General Cunningham and the other officers engaged in the archæological survey of India, in order to frame a scheme for their protection and conservation.

2. The national buildings of the Indian Empire are so numerous and so valuable, as well from an archæological as from an artistic point of view, that the Governor-General in Council feels confident of meeting with ready co-operation from all the Provincial Governments, and desires that all possible assistance may be afforded to the officer to whom the organization of the new department is confided.

3. The appointment of Captain Cole was notified in the *Gazette of India* of the 29th ultimo.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Finance for information, and also to the Public Works Department, and that it be published in the *Supplement to the Gazette of India*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. GRANT,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

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