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To R. SEWELL, Esq.,
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2. In G.O., dated 8th July 1874, No. 752, this Government inquired of the Government of India what salary they were prepared to give to the officer in question, and in reply were informed, by letter dated 12th August 1874, that only the actual expenses incurred could be defrayed, no salary being allowed. The Government were unable to procure the services of an officer in the Presidency on these terms, and on 16th September 1875 wrote to the Government of India suggesting the employment, on Sub-Collector's pay and allowances, of an officer of the grade of Head Assistant Collector.

3. Meanwhile further correspondence had taken place on the subject between the Secretary of State and the Government of India. The earlier proposals had contemplated a classification of ancient buildings only, but it was now suggested that the classification of inscriptionary records also should be undertaken, and Dr. Burnell's name was mentioned as an officer specially qualified for the duties. The Government considered those proposals, but were unable to make arrangements for securing Dr. Burnell's services. They then nominated Captain Cole, R.E., an officer employed under the Government of India, whose published works on Remains in Northern India testified to his interest in the subject and who had expressed his willingness to accept the appointment (G.O., dated 16th August 1876, No. 937), making however the proviso that they considered it would be better to postpone the work until the financial pressure consequent on the famine had ceased. In letter dated 3rd November 1876 the Government of India partly approved of the nomination of Captain Cole, but suggested the desirability of appointing an officer acquainted with the languages of Southern India. They concurred in the view that the scheme must be postponed, and the correspondence in consequence came to an end.

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