

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

12th January 1882, No. 45.

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From J. BURGESS, Esq., LL.D., Archæological Surveyor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Amarávatí, 30th December 1881, No. 15 [Current No. 15].

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3. Very many of the stones worth removal are not *in situ*, and their preservation can best be effected by their early transport to Madras. I have, therefore, the honor to suggest that this work of removal be commenced as early as possible. If an officer with some experience in the removal of heavy blocks of stone requiring careful handling could be sent up without delay, I could give him what directions and assistance I might be able.

4. I believe the river is falling rapidly, and there may be very little time left during which the stones can be conveyed between this and Bezváda. It will, therefore, be desirable that arrangements may be made as speedily as possible, and that the officer come provided with the necessary planks, ropes, poles, &c.

ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1882, No. 45.

Communicated to the Department of Public Works in continuation of G.O., dated 11th January 1882, No. 42.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
for Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Collector of the Kistna District.
To Dr. J. Burgess.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
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