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To CAPTAIN H. H. COLE, R.E.,

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Dated November, 22nd.

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G.O., 22nd November 1881, No. 1533.

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him in February 1881.

With order
Dated in Receipt Dept.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

22nd November 1881, No. 1583.

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Read the following paper:—

From Captain H. H. COLE, R.E., Curator of Ancient Monuments in India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 15th September 1881, No. 423 [Current No. 1992].

I have the honor to forward by packet post (twenty-five sent first) fifty copies of a preliminary report on the artistic and historical monuments in Madras visited by me in February last.

2. The various recommendations recorded will, I hope, lead to orders being passed for ameliorating the condition of the buildings.

3. It would be very desirable to obtain the plans and detailed illustrations specified in the report, and this work might be undertaken partly by my department and partly by the Madras Public Works Department.

4. I hope therefore that I may be informed what action will be taken, in order that I may know what further steps to take.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1881, No. 1583.

Of the places mentioned by Captain Cole, the following are under the care of Government:—

- (a) The Seven Pagodas.
- (b) Vellore Pagoda.
- (c) Trichinopoly Dar-ul-Umra or Nawáb's Palace; and the site of the little bathing-room in the garden of the house of Mr. Bird, the Circuit Judge, where Bishop Heber died.
- (d) Hampi—Ruins of Vijayanagar.

With the rest the Government has no direct concern, viz.:—

Trichinopoly—Temples on the Rock. Fortified pagoda at Wyacondan Tirumalai. Teppakulam and Mantapam. Chanda Sahib's tomb.

Srirangam,
Madura,
Tanjore,
Kumbakonam,
Chidambaram,
Conjeevaram,

} Temples more or less richly endowed.

In so far as concerns the suggested work at the Seven Pagodas and the Vellore temple, much, if not all, has some time since been undertaken by the Public Works Department at both places. The Vellore work particularly has been very satisfactorily performed. A sum of Rs. 200 has also been expended by the Collector of Bellary in clearing the ruins at Hampi from vegetation growing in the masonry.

Copies of G.Os., 12th April 1881, No. 967 W., 17th May 1881, No. 1255 W., 17th May 1881, No. 1160 W., and 21st May 1881, No. 1298 W. will be forwarded to Captain Cole for information.

The report will be communicated to the Revenue and Public Works Departments and to the Collectors of the districts concerned, the attention of the Public Works Department being called to the remarks and suggestions of Captain Cole regarding (a), (b), (c), and (d). Copies will also be given to the wardens of the other buildings for information.

2. As regards the surveys, detailed illustrations and photographs, which Captain Cole considers necessary, the Government observe that he is about to undertake the survey of Srirangam in his own department. When this has been completed his party might with advantage proceed next to Conjeeveram. The value of any work undertaken by Captain Cole in this direction would doubtless be enhanced if executed after consultation with Dr. Burgess, who it is believed may have analogous work to perform with reference to many other ancient Dravidian structures in this Presidency. Orders will be passed in the Public Works Department in communication with Captain Cole regarding the proposed survey of the Hampi remains.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To Captain H. H. Cole, R.E., with G.Os.

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„ „ of Trichinopoly,	
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