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As shown in previous
Annual Administration Report
owing to the extensive
character of the ruins, and
the absence of skilled
superior, but little could
be attempted towards the
conservation of the ~~ancient~~^{old}
remains at Hampi, the
ancient Vijayanagara; but
subsequent to the visit of
Major H. H. Cole R.E. assisted
by ^{national} ~~ancient~~ monuments late in
1882 Mr. H. C. Blundell temp.
Asst. Engineer was specially
appointed in dealing with
these and other monuments
in Southern India which still
needed expenditure of
public funds in their
proper conservation.

The Govt. of India placed
at disposal Rs 5000 for the
year work, and the following
operations were carried out
commencing from the
15th December 1882.

C. A. W.

Are there any
other notices and
reminders in the
Administration
Report?

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South India.

Pres.

To W

I think that all the general Subjects which have come under notice during the year have now been dealt with, excepting "Restoration of Ancient Monuments".

Mr. Black was written to on the 13th. Insh for a concise account for insertion in the Administration Report, and has now been telegraphed to.

He will probably notice the Aurangzeb Remains in his account.

A para touching the Chandernagore Palace will be written.

A Summary of the

under J. W. account

copy

results of the year's
operations under the
head Expenditure will
also be added as soon
as I supply the
information.

Meanwhile the
completed portions of
the Report have been
sent to Madras to be
put into type.

L.S.
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C. A. W.

we find

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C. A. W.

As regards Hambie &
7 Pagoda Mr. Black has
assumed submitted a report
if not he might be wished to
to give a very brief account
of his operations & expenditure
during the year with reference
to both for the Administrative
Report.

For Anuravati - a few
lines will suffice giving the
cheer in the first has come to
see in last P.O. - For Chenn
drafting it may be secured

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Current official gear.
I have added a
para to Mr. Black's
Memo: noticing the
Amara's sculptures.

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but no decision has been
arrived at

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Amara's
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I forward this
for W's approval
before sending it
to Press.

It is the
from for General Clarke
of the Adams Report,
Called for in last
Memo to EG
Inquiries.

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To W 31/7

During the year
under review, operations
seem to have been
confined to the
Stump's ruins - and
Mr Black only
station there. The
work at the Sagadahoc
will fall within the

S. W. account

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A. H. Davis

to the
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Preservation of National Monuments

Brief statement of the operations undertaken during 1882-83

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of
Hampi

1 The operations in conserving Ancient Monuments were commenced 15 December 1882 and an expenditure of Rs. 2437 was made up to the end of March 1883.

2 The first work undertaken was at Hampi the ancient Vijayanagar. The thick jungle that had overgrown the ruins was completely cut down, and the roots of the trees which were damaging the buildings by displacing the stones were exterminated. As the roots extended into the masonry, under and between very large blocks of granite, frequently for a distance of 20 feet, the only way to eradicate them was by destroying the wood by some chemical means. Sulphuric acid has been tried in other places and found to burn the top, only, of the wood, without affecting the lower part. Mercury has therefore been tried in this case, and apparently with success, almost all the roots to which it has been applied having withered.

3 One hundred and ten (110) of the temples and other buildings have thus been cleared of jungle.

4 The conservation of the most beautiful of the temples, Vittali Swami, has been commenced. A great portion of the stone roof

roof was in a most dangerous state. This has been removed and the whole building cleared from both fallen debris and from a large number of additions and attractions, which had been made at different times. These additions were very extensive, the central hall having been filled, partly with earth, and afterwards short granite posts and brick walls erected, to support the damaged roof.

5 Almost all the outside walls were much out of the perpendicular, and threatened to fall, a considerable portion of the outside casing of carved granite having already fallen. The insecure part of the walls has been taken down as far as the ground level and is being rebuilt. None of the carved granite facing was missing, as the stones lay on the ground where they had fallen.

6 Stone beams and columns have been selected from amongst the debris of the many fallen temples, to supply the place of those at Vittala Swami, which have been so damaged by fire and decay, as to be irreparable, and will be erected during the current season.

7 A plan showing the ruined and standing portions of the temple and its surroundings has been made.

F. H. Mack

27 July 1883

Over

Amaraon to:

placed in view.

The most valuable of the Buddhist remains at this place, consisting of sculptures, were, under the advice of Dr. Buzess, packed for removal to the Museum at Madras where it is intended that they shall be photographed to scale, and casts taken if required. The remaining sculptures will be preserved at Amaraon.

L. S. 1/8. Mr. Black subsermity undertook to complete the work of Amaraon at the 7 Pagodas in addition to time carried out previously by the P. W. Dept. which the removal of these operations will fall into reach. Report.

S. W. 1
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Wamp
27 July 1893

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To

The Deputy Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a
concise statement of the operation
undertaken in the past year in
conserving ancient monuments. This
is an abridgment of a much more
complete report that I was writing
when I got a reminder and telegram
from York to-day. I dispatched this
by a messenger direct to Bellary.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
A. L. Mearns

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