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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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In his letter, No. 2363, of the 4th instant, the Executive Engineer, Sangam Project Division, represented that the stones in the compound wall of the ownerless and ruined temple at Udayagiri may be utilized for Project works, and requested permission to do so, as many stones have been removed by others and used for different works. The Head Assistant Collector was thereupon requested to report if there was any objection to complying with the Sangam Engineer's request, who has replied that though some of the stones have been previously used for various charitable and religious buildings, it will not be advisable to break down the compound wall which is an essential part of the temple, but that the fallen stones may be given to the Sangam Project works.

2. As Government in their Order, No. 161, Public Department, dated the 2nd March 1882, ordered the suspension of the demolition of the surrounding wall of the Rapur Fort, I have the honor to submit the request of the Sangam Project Engineer for the orders of Government. I see no objection to the utilization for the works of the stones already fallen, if the Executive Engineer will give a guarantee not to see the standing wall disturbed.

From Dr. J. BURGESS, Archæological Surveyor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ramesvaram, 9th February 1883, No. 15.

With reference to the letter of the Collector of Nellore, No. 398, I have only to remark that the mischief already done in so many places by Engineers who have been permitted to carry off stones for works under their superintendence, makes me consider it unwise to allow them to interfere with *any* ruins such as that of the enclosing wall of the Udayagiri temple. Udayagiri is a very ancient place, and the temples are probably deserving of preservation on account of their age: many of them have been utterly destroyed already, and when stone is wanted to restore the wall, the expense will be greatly increased if those on the spot have been carried off for the Sangam works. I would strongly deprecate such spoliation.

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(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
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To the Collector of Nellore.

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