

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From J. F. FLEET, Esq., B.O. C.S., C.I.E., Epigraphist to the Government of India, Home department (Archæology), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 18th November 1884, No. 29.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, six copies of a circular notification, No. 22, dated the 13th November 1884, and to request the favor of your causing the same to be printed and distributed to all Civil and Political District officers and Judges, and officers of the Revenue Survey, Archæological and Educational departments, under your administration.

ENCLOSURE.

No. 22.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the proceedings of the Government of India in the Home department (Archæology), No. 1—24-36, dated Calcutta, the 29th February 1884, the undersigned has the honor to request that officers who propose to send him original copper-plates for examination will be so good as to send in the first instance, as a specimen, a pencil or heel-ball rubbing of part of the original, or a reverse impression made by inking the plate and passing it, with a sheet of paper laid on it, through the printing press of their office, or through an ordinary copying-press.

2. In the South of India, there are many Persian or Arabic copper-plates which rarely contain any matters of historical importance. And, in the Madras Presidency, there are large numbers of copper-plates of the fourteenth and subsequent centuries, which, though they may contain matters of historical interest, belong to so late a period that—in view of the materials which are available for earlier times and must be disposed of first—it is impossible to take them in hand at present.

3. A rubbing or impression of the kind indicated in paragraph 1 above would always suffice to enable the undersigned to determine the period to which the grant belongs, and to decide whether it is desirable that the original plates should be forwarded to him.

4. The undersigned takes this opportunity of requesting that all communications to him from the Bombay and Madras Presidencies be addressed to the General Post office, Bombay, and all communications from other parts of India, to the Post office, Allahabad, North-Western Provinces.

SIMLA,
13th November 1884.

(Signed) J. F. FLEET, B.O. C.S.,
Epigraphist to the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 2nd December 1884, No. 2576, Public.

Communicated to the Departments of the Secretariat, the Board of Revenue, the Archæological Surveyor, Southern and Western India, and to the heads of departments under the Chief Secretary, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

For the Secretary

Chief Secretary.

To the Departments of the Secretariat. *1884*
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Archæological Surveyor, Southern and Western India.
„ the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
„ R. Sewell, Esq.
„ the heads of departments.

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DECEMBER.

Archæology.

Communicating to certain officers and departments, for information and guidance, a circular memorandum from the Epigraphist to the Government of India regarding the submission of copper-plates for examination.

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