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2. Considering the curious and ancient nature of these earthen tombs and other pottery, which may almost certainly be classed as of Pallava origin, and probably referred to the 7th century, and also the fact that all the tombs left exposed have been destroyed by the rains, would it not be well if the persons in whose charge these other relics are, could be induced to deposit them in the Madras Museum?

3. A reference from Government would, I have no doubt, show them the advisability of having these antiquities kept in a place where they could be safely preserved and seen by persons who interest themselves in such matters.

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ORDER—dated 11th December 1886, No. 2585, Public.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, for the issue of the necessary orders.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Director-General, Archæological Survey of India.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ A. Rea, Esq.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Order Museum

Comm'd to the Saffrey,
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of I. O. H.

Govt. of (1886) Madras.

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