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From,

The Suptg. Engineer,
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No.

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. D.

Dated 29th Dec^r 1887

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No 350 B.C.

Enclos: 2.

Seven Pagodas. Quarrying
in the vicinity of the —
Forwarding a letter from
the Executive Engineer, Buck-
ingham Canal &c. relative
to there being no objection to
placing any necessary
restrictions on —.

With order

No. 3224
1887

Camp Mahabalespuram
Chingleput District, Magistrate's office,
Sundar, 23 September 1887.

DESPATCHED

27 SEP 87

FROM

E. B. Johnson Esquire
Collector and MAGISTRATE OF THE
CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government,
P. O. Secretariat, Madras.

SIR,

In spite of Government having taken possession under the Land Acquisition Act of the land on which the Archaeological treasures at the Seven Pagodas stand, and of strict orders having been issued, to stop all quarrying there, much difficulty has been found in practically enforcing these orders owing to the village officers being all interested in the quarrying, and there having been hitherto no other Government official on the spot, who could supervise such matters.

2. There is now, however, a Light House Superintendent, drawing 70 Rs. per mensem, whose duties are but light: and I have the honor to suggest the advisability

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P. W. Dept.

*To be returned with
reply.*

Referred to the
Supty: Engineer & Circle
for remarks.

Under Secy to Govt. P.K.D.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V Circle, Madras,

Chepak, 19th November 1887.

No. 3359.

From

Colonel H. M. Vibart. R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
P.W. Department

SIR,

In returning your endorsement No. 3548C dated 18th October 1887, I have the honour to state that quarrying at Seven Pagodas appears to have been carried on chiefly in connection with works of the Buckingham Canal Division. A small quantity of stone has been quarried by the Chingleput Division for the Light House work in that locality. The prohibitory orders mentioned by the Collector have not been made known to the Department. It would appear that the Village Munsiff has, certain orders prohibitory as regards solid rock not hitherto quarried

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF THE
CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

To

Chief
THE SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
Public Works DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

Dated 23rd

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Received 3-10-87

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27 SEP 87

Reference No. No. 3224
Engl. 1887

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Suggesting the advisability of utilizing the services of the Superintendent of the Light House in exercising a supervision over the Government property at Mahabalipuram so as to stop all quarrying in the hills.

No. 2331 of 27/10-9-86 at

Madras - 30-9-87

Referenced

GO. 2006 Wd/20.7.83

" 2018 Wd/23.7.83-

" 1047 Wd/5.5.85-

" 1352 Wd/10.6.85-

" 1937 Wd/20.8.85-

" 2569 Wd/1.10.86.

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quarried from. Quarrying however
that has been carried on has as
far as can be ascertained, been re-
stricted to boulders and detached
pieces of rock and this in places ~
away from the sides of the ancient
carvings.

Should quarrying at Seven Pagodas
be entirely prohibited it would ~
probably, cause an increase in the
rates for stone in the Estimates of
those Departments that have hither-
to obtained stone from this locality.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Wm. R. E.

Superintending Engineer

5th Circle

N^o 4343 of 29th November 1887

Referred to the
Supdy. Engineer II Circle
for favour of remarks
as to the feasibility of
restricting quarrying
operations in the vicinity
of the seven Pagodas.

2. In para 8 of Mr.
Vincent's letter printed
with G.O. N^o 3056 W dated
12th November 1887, it was suggested
that quarrying near
the ruins should be prohibited
altogether or should only be
permitted under regulation,
but it now appears that
the quarrying is carried on
chiefly in connection
with the works of the
Buckingham Canal.

(By Order)

W. B. Sudding Capt. R.

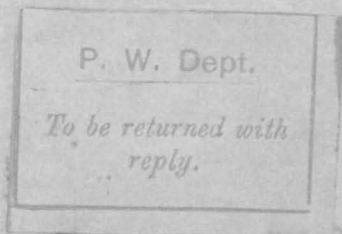
Under Secy. to Govt. P. W. Dept.

See
29/11/87

From
The Supdy. Engineer
5th Circle
To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Dated 19th
Dec^r 21st } Hour 27.
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Seven Pagodas.

States that the
quarrying at - appears
to have been carried on
chiefly in connection
with Works of the Buck-
ingham Canal Division
Referred

Superintendent's Office,
Buckingham Canal Division
No. 1276.C Camp 21st December 1887. - 1887.
Resd 22nd.

From G. Vincent Esqre.
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

To The Superintending Engineer
2nd Circle.

Sir
In returning herewith the papers
forwarded with your endorsement No.
330. B.C. of the 9th instant regarding the
quarrying at Mahabalipuram, I have the
honor to inform you that the Superintending
Engineer 5th Circle is mistaken in supposing
that the quarrying going on there has any
connection with the Buckingham Canal
works. The quarrying to which I referred
in my letter No. of - printed
in P. M. G. N^o 3056 W of 12th Nov^r 87, had
reference to the obtaining of large blocks
of stone for the pillars of temples and
similar purposes.

2. Recent orders have directed the
immediate

immediate construction of a rest-house
at the Seven Pagodas, and I hope that
eventually sanction will be given to the
entertainment of a small temporary
establishment to keep up the bungalow
and to receive visitors, and the responsibility
for preventing quarrying might be left
in their hands, as they would be frequently
supervised by Canal Officers.—

3. I understand however that the hill
is still private property, and it will be
a necessary preliminary for Government
to come to terms with the proprietor as
to the purchase of the property.—

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

James

Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Drain

2nd Encls. of S.E. 2nd Circle, No. 350 B.C.
 1st Encls. of S.E. 2nd Circle, No. 350 B.C.
 29-12-87
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From
 C. Vincent Esqre
 Executive Engineer
 Buckingham Canal
 Division

To
 The Superintending Engineer
 2nd Circle
 Dated 21st Dec 87
 Respd 22nd Dec 87
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 Encls. 4
 No. 1276 C

Quarrying going on at
 Mahabalipuram
 Informs that the
 has no connection with the
 Buckingham Canal works
 Suggests that the hill which
 is a private property has
 purchased by Govt for a small
 temporary establishment to
 prevent the quarrying

No. 350 B.C.
 Superintending Engineer's Office,
 2nd Circle, Bezwada.
 29th December 1887.

From,
 J. Hannan Esquire,
 Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle.
 To,
 The Chief Engineer,
 Public Works Department,
 Madras.

Enclosures: 2.
 1. B.C. 2nd Officer's
 No. 1276 C
 21-12-87
 1. Chief Eng's No.
 4343 C of 29-11-87
 with its encls.

Sir,
 With reference to your endorsement
 No. 4343 C dated 29th November 1887,
 I have the honor to enclose a letter from
 the Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal
 Division from which you will observe that
 so far as the Canal works are concerned,
 there appears to be no objection to placing
 any restrictions that may be considered
 necessary on quarrying in the vicinity
 of the Seven Pagodas.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 J. Hannan
 Superintending Engineer,
 2nd Circle.