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3RD APRIL 1889, No. 308, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From A. REA, Esq., M.R.A.S., First Assistant, Archæological Survey of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Tranguladinne, 26th December 1888, No. 458.

With reference to G.O., No. 1031, Public, dated the 1st November 1888, communicating Public Works Department Order, No. 3296 W., dated the 16th October 1888, I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter received from the Executive Engineer, Kistna Eastern Division, stating that neither a subordinate nor a boat can be sent to pack and remove the marble slabs from Amarávati to Madras.

2. Under the circumstances, I would request orders as to what arrangements should be made.

From A. REA, Esq., M.R.A.S., First Assistant, Archæological Survey of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Garikipád Agraharm *viâ* Krósúr, 24th January 1889, No. 46.

With reference to letter from the Government of Madras, No. 4453 of 1888, dated 16th January 1889, I have the honor to state that it might be possible to have the slabs at Amarávati packed by carpenters with materials for the wooden cases brought from Guntúr, or preferably Bezváda.

2. Perhaps the district officers might state whether such are available, and what would be their charges for working at Amarávati, and the prices of planks for the packing cases. I believe there is a carpenter at Amarávati, but I doubt if he would have sufficient wood, and he would take a very long time to make the number of cases required. It might be best to have two or three working carpenters, so that the work would be finished speedily.

3. As to the wood, any strong and cheap thin planking, about an inch thick, would serve the purpose. As to the quantity, it would be advisable for one of the men to first visit Amarávati and make an estimate of the quantity required. The planks should be in breadths of about 6 inches, placed with a clear space of from 3 to 4 inches between each, to economise material. All must be securely fitted with screw-nails, as any hammering of ordinary nails might crack the marbles. Straw for packing is also required, but this might be procured locally.

4. The cost will depend on the price of materials in the locality; of this I have no data to go upon; but it will probably exceed that of the previously proposed arrangement. A portion of the cost can be recovered by selling the planking in Madras.

5. For removal, an ordinary baggage-boat can be hired at Bezváda to take them down to Madras; its cost might be Rs. 60 or more. The Superintendent of the Madras Museum might then attend to their removal by cart from the wharf to the Museum.

6. I am just about to proceed to Amarávati to resume excavation. Should these arrangements not be finished before completion of the work, I can take up other parts of my tour, and afterwards revisit Amarávati as I return, and then superintend the packing.

3RD APRIL 1889, No. 308, PUBLIC.

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Kondavid, 22nd February 1889, No. 124.

In returning the enclosures of No. 4453, dated 11th February 1889, I have the honor to suggest that Mr. Rea should himself supervise the packing of the sculptures and their despatch next season, that is in or after June, by boat to Madras; carpenters can be hired in Guntúr and Bezvada and wood can be brought to Amarávati by cart from Guntúr or by boat from Bezvada.

2. It is not safe to trust the packing and removal of the sculptures to any but skilled supervision. My Assistant, Mr. Michael, supervised the packing and despatch of a single pillar to Madras from Bápatla taluk last year, but it is not likely that his services will be again available this year if he passes his examination.

3. As Government are aware, there is ample field for archæological research in this district for years to come, so that Mr. Rea need not return to the district merely to remove the sculptures.

ORDER—dated 3rd April 1889, No. 308, Public.

The Collector's letter will be communicated to Mr. Rea.

2. In the circumstances detailed in the foregoing correspondence, it seems best that Mr. Rea should personally superintend the packing and removal of the slabs. The Collector will afford him such assistance as may be required.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Director-General, Archæological Survey.
" First Assistant, Archæological Survey.
" Collector of Kistna.
" Public Works Department.

Ex. W. H. French.

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Order thereon No 1102
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for information and
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of L.O. No 329th
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G.O., 3rd April 1889, No. 308.

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Archæology.

Communicating to Mr. A. Rea letter from the
Collector of Kistna regarding the marble slabs at
Amaravati and considering it best that Mr. Rea
should personally superintend the packing and
removal of the slabs to Madras.

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