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Recording progress report of the First Assistant,
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From A. REA, Esq., M.R.A.S., First Assistant, Archæological Survey, to the Chief
Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 3rd July 1889, No. 272.

In continuation of my letter embodied in G.O., No. 383, of the 30th April 1889,
I have the honor to forward an account of the work since accomplished.

2. Field-survey work occupies but a small proportion of the time under note,
the field season having finished at the end of April. The period since then has been
employed in the writing of my reports, and the completion of drawings by the staff.

3. The month of April was occupied almost entirely in the excavation of some
of the mounds at Guntupalle, and the results have proved extremely interesting.
Through the excellent arrangements made by the Collector, I experienced no difficulty
in the prosecution of the work.

4. Mr. Duggirala Ramadasu,—the Superintendent Muktar, or superior of the
Neduthavalu estate and land on which the remains at Guntupalle are situated,—
called at my camp, and offered his assistance should it be necessary. He said that
he should like to see my report. I would request therefore, that he might be favored
with a copy.

ENCLOSURES.

I.—Buddhist remains in the mounds at Guntupalle.

The excavations begun during last season were resumed this year (1889) and completed as
far as the funds at my disposal would permit. A complete excavation of this large site would
be a work of some magnitude. A reference to the plan of the remains (Dr. No. 779) will show
how extensive they are. The structural remains in the mounds, exclusive of the other rock-cut
examples, cover an area measuring 600 feet by 150 feet; and the mounds themselves number 35,
covering at least that number of buildings. They probably exceed it, for during the digging of
the trench around the stûpa (No. 7), the foundation of another stûpa was brought to light on
the north side, and a small square building on the west. The upper walls of these had been
previously removed, so that there was no mound, or anything on the surface to show their
existence. There may thus be many others over and above the mounds actually appearing.
No. 1 is a large structural chaitya, which has been partially excavated, and which will afterwards
be fully described. No. 2 is the remains of a large structural mandapa now demolished. It has
evidently been wilfully destroyed, for the stumps of many of the columns still stand erect in
places, while the broken shafts lie alongside. These are sufficient to show what the plan has
been, and also to indicate its extent. It would seem to have been composed of 24 stone columns
standing in six rows of four each, covering an area measuring 56 feet by 34 feet. It may
possibly have had other rows of columns, but none now remain to show whether this has been
the case or not. On the east and west sides however, in the centre, there are some fragments,
which would make it appear there had been other two piers on each of these sides, very likely
forming an entrance porch. The mandapa stands beside the chaitya, and has evidently been
a hall of assembly in direct connection with it, and in a secondary degree with the whole group
of stûpas and rock-cut cave temples and vihâras, in a word, for the use of the whole religious
community of the group forming the monastery. Dr. Burgess found similar remains at Jagga-
yapêta,* and I found traces of something similar near the large stupa at Pedda Ganjâm.

* Ararâvati and Jaggayapêta stûpas, p. 107.

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26TH SEPTEMBER 1889, No. 2707 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From Brigadier-General M. PROTHEROE, C.B., C.S.I., Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th August 1889, No. 2464 B.

I am desired to forward, for sanction and transfer to the Public Works Department for disposal, the estimates, plans, &c., below mentioned, which have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The plans and estimates have been countersigned:—

- I. Estimate, amounting to Rs. 11,170, for providing quarters for 32 men of the Army Hospital, Native Corps, at Wellington, with report and specification and plan of building.
- II. Estimate, amounting to Rs. 2,980, for providing quarters for 11 men of the Army Hospital, Native Corps, at Cannanore, with report and specification and two plans—building and site.
- III. Estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,670, for providing quarters for 7 men of the Army Hospital, Native Corps, at Malapuram, with report and specification and two plans—building and site.
- IV. Estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,900, for providing quarters for 8 men of the Army Hospital, Native Corps, at Calicut, with report and specification and two plans—building and site.

No. 5969, Military.

Approved and transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
30th August 1889. Secretary to Government.

From Colonel H. M. VIBART, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 13th September 1889, No. 412-E.W.

With reference to your endorsement No. 3993 C., dated 9th instant, herewith returned, I have the honor to return the following plans and estimates duly countersigned:—

	RS.
Estimate for constructing 32 quarters for the men of the Army Native Corps at Wellington	11,170
Estimate for constructing 11 quarters for the men of the Army Native Corps at Cannanore	2,980
Estimate for constructing 7 quarters for the men of the Army Native Corps at Malapuram	1,670
Estimate for constructing 8 quarters for the men of the Army Native Corps at Calicut	1,900