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2. After consultation with Dr. Burgess, I submit the following. To allow of the previous seasons' drawings now in office being inked in and reports written on them, it seems imperative to delay my taking the field as early as hitherto. The past two seasons' drawings of remains in the Kistna district have been completed and a full report of these antiquities written out. Those now being proceeded with are, a report on Vijayanagar, and drawings from the Bellary, Anantapur, North Arcot and Chingleput districts. These drawings have accumulated from time to time, for we have always been able to produce more of them while on tour than could possibly be inked during the time spent at head-quarters. This is accounted for by its taking much more time to ink a drawing than to draw it out in pencil. It is therefore decidedly advisable to have these arrears worked up by extending the time spent at head-quarters. Another important factor which has been considered is, that, as this season is to be devoted to a tour in the Southern districts, the rains will not be completely gone from there till after the new year.

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