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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
29th October 1867.*

No. 263. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 29th August 1867, No. 57-4030.

Home Department (Public).

The desirability of conserving ancient architectural structures, or their remains, and other works of art in India, and of organizing a system for photographing them, has attracted the attention of the Governor General in Council, and, as the first step towards attaining these objects, I am directed to request that, under the orders of the Governor in Council, a list may be submitted for the information of the Government of India of all such remains or works of art as may exist in each District of Madras, together with a report of the measures that have from time to time been adopted to preserve them.

2. As regards photographing them, the Governor General in Council is of opinion that the employment of professional skill will be unnecessary, and that the services of amateurs may with advantage be enlisted.

3. In this view, I am directed to request that arrangements may be made for the photographing by competent amateurs of all such objects of architectural and artistic interest in their neighbourhood as may be included in the list called for in the opening paragraph of this letter, and for their submission to the Secretary of State.

4. I am to add that some assistance may be given, where desired, either in the shape of travelling expenses, or by the purchase of a certain number of copies of really good photographs.

No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1867, No. 1348.

His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that copies of the foregoing letter be furnished to the several Collectors in this Presidency with instructions to submit lists of all ancient architectural structures or remains, or other works of art, in their respective Districts, together with a statement of the measures that have from time to time been adopted, or which should now be adopted, for their preservation, and what arrangements can be made for having them photographed by competent amateurs.

2. Copies of the letter will also be furnished to the Superintendent of the School of Industrial Arts, to Messrs. Nicholas Brothers, and to Captain Lyon of Ootacamund, for any remarks or suggestions they may desire to offer on the subject.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of

„ Superintendent of the School of Industrial Arts.

To Messrs. Nicholas Brothers.

„ Captain Lyon, Ootacamund.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secy to the Govt of India, St. George

Home Dept.

Public.

SIMLA, the 29th August 1867.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

*Secretary to the Govt. of India.*

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Recd the following letter from the
Secretary to the Govt. of India, Home Dept.

Here enter 29th Augt 1867 No 57
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Order thereon 29 Oct. 1867 No 1348.

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to Secy. Govt. of India, Home Dept.

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29 Oct. 1867

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to Secy. Govt.

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Letter for a list of the most
important and distinctive
ancient ruins together with the
measures taken for their
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to the Secy. Govt. of India

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To the Collector of _____ dated 1/11/55
— Supt of the School of Industrial Arts
— Messrs Nicholas Brothers.
— Captain Lyon - Cotacaimbo.

Memorandum. Public Department.

Showing the circumstances under which a Government Photographer was appointed in 1857.

In their Despatch to the address of the Bombay Government, dated 24th December 1854, a copy of which was furnished to the Madras Government, the late Court of Directors recommended the encouragement of the study of Photography in the Educational Establishments under the control or influence of Govt. and, in a subsequent Despatch, they directed attention to Photography as a means by which representations of scenes and buildings might be obtained with accuracy and with economy of time and money.

2. In order to give effect to the wishes of the Court of Directors, the Madras Govt. submitted to the Govt. of India

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an application from D. Hunter, Superintendent of the School of Industrial Arts, for the services of an Officer to be attached to the Institution as a Photographer and, at the same time, requested permission to entertain an Officer who should move about the country for the purpose of obtaining representations of objects of interest in the Madras Presidency & in Mysore.

3. The latter appointment only was sanctioned by the Government of India, and that appointment was conferred on Captain Tripe who was permitted to draw on this account an allowance of Rs. 300 a month with 3 Rs. a day for tentage and Military Pay and allowances.

4. A circular was then issued by the Govt. to all Collectors and other Officers, directing them to render Captain Tripe all the assistance in

18th April 1856

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+ Sir C. Trevelyan
being foreman

in their power in furtherance of his labors.

5. The extent and nature of the work performed by Captain Tripe from the time he entered upon his appointment (March 1857) to 30th April 1859, is shown in his report of the 25th May, para-
graphs 2 & 7.

6. In that report Captain Tripe described the work that had still to be performed for the delineation of such ancient buildings & monuments as were rapidly falling to decay and required to be recorded photographically at an early date. The Government, however, in June 1859, thought fit, in the then state of the finances, to bring the expenditure on the above account to an immediate close - but, as Captain Tripe was subsequently much occupied in arranging for the disposal of the Photographs, his appointment did not cease until the 18th April 1860.

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