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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>1583</i>	Press <u>Mis.</u>
Dated	<i>19-11-</i>	<i>1869</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
19th November 1869.*

No. 117. Read the following letter from Major R. GILL, to the Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Ajanta, 22nd September 1869.

I have the honour to inform you that tracing the paintings in the caves of Ajanta is impracticable; they are too obscure and dull, and the light so bad.

2. I lived during the months of April and May in the caves, and made every endeavour, cleaning, washing, and varnishing, to bring them out, but although rendered sufficiently visible to be followed by the eye, the moment tracing-paper intervened, literally nothing could be seen.

3. If, therefore, Government still desire outlines of these paintings, the work must be effected by the hand and eye, a much more tedious and laborious task than tracing; and as I contemplate leaving Ajanta would feel obliged if Government would send an Officer to take half the work off my hands.

No. 2404.

RESOLUTION.—To be communicated to the Government of Madras, with reference to letter from the Honourable R. S. ELLIS, No. 970, dated 11th August 1868.

BOMBAY CASTLE,
12th October 1869.

(Signed) J. WYLLIE,
for Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,
with a copy of Major Gill's letter.

No. 118. To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Fort Saint George, 19th November 1869, No. 1583.

With reference to Major Gill's letter of the 22nd September last, a copy of which was furnished with the Resolution of the Bombay Government, dated the 12th ultimo, No. 2404, I am directed to state that, under the altered condition of the paintings in the caves of Ajanta, the Madras Government do not require copies to be made.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

To,
The Under Secretary to the Government of
Bombay,
Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you that tracing the paintings in the Caves
of Ajanta is impracticable, they are too obscure
and dull and the light is bad.

I went during the months of April
and May in the Caves and made every possible
attempt at tracing, wasting a great deal of time
to bring them out, but although the work is
sufficiently visible to be followed by the eye,
the numerous lines for fine details and finally
nothing could be seen.

If therefore Government still
desire outlines of these paintings, the work
must be effected by the hand and eye, a much
more tedious and laborious task than tracing,
and as I contemplate leaving Ajanta would
feel obliged if Government would send an
officer to take half the work off my hands.

Ajanta
22nd September 1869 } I have the honor to be, Sir,
Signed R. Gill, Major

/ True copy /

W. H. Gill
Acting Under Secretary to Govt.

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

Dated November 1869.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 19th November 1869, No. 1583.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 117-118.

Stating that under the altered condition of the
minerals in the caves of Ajanta, the Madras
Government do not require copies to be made.

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No. 2404.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 12th October 1869.

Letter from Major R. Gill, dated Ajunta, 22nd September 1869—Stating that tracing the paintings in the Caves of Ajunta is impracticable, and why, and that if Government still desire outlines of the paintings, the work must be effected by the hand and eye; and requesting, as he contemplates leaving Ajunta, they will send an Officer to take half the work off his hands.

RESOLUTION.—To be communicated to the Government of Madras, with reference to letter from the Honourable R. S. Ellis No. 970, dated 11th August 1868.

R. S. Ellis
For Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS (with a copy of Major Gill's letter),
Major R. GILL.

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Public Department
No 1583

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Bombay.

Sir

With reference to Major
Gill's letter of the 22nd Sept^r
last, a copy of which was
furnished with ^{the Resolution} ~~the Resolution~~
^{of the Bombay Govt dated} ~~the Resolution~~
Under Secretary Wright's
endorsement of the 12th to
Ultimo No 2404, I am directed
to state that, under the
altered condition of the
paintings in the Caves of
Ajunta, as there brought
to notice, the Indian
Government do not require
copies to be made.

W.H.

For. Secy
19 Nov/69.

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For Mr. Wright

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Concerning the former survey
and regarding the survey
of the paintings in the
Ajunta Caves.

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Govt. of Madras.
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The Chief Secretary to
the Govt. of Bombay.

Dated Nov 19
Recd.

G. O. 19 Nov 1869, No. 1533

Nos. 117 & 118

Stating that, under the
attached condition of the
paintings in the cases of
Adjunta, the Madras
Govt. do not require
copies to be made.