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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
17th August 1871.*

No. 78. Read the following letter from Major-General A. CUNNINGHAM, Director-General of the Archaeological Survey in India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 31st July 1871:—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the various papers and books directed to be forwarded to me by the Madras Government in G. O., 18th March 1871, No. 368, and received with your docket, No. 53, of 15th April 1871. I now beg to offer my grateful thanks for the prompt action of the Madras Government in sending me so many interesting documents regarding the antiquities of Southern India, of which I have only a very imperfect knowledge.

2. Mr. Boswell's report on the ancient remains of the Kistna District is especially full and interesting. With the Amaravati antiquities I was already well acquainted, as I had studied all the plates and memoranda which Colonel Mackenzie and Sir Walter Elliott had collected, and had translated the inscriptions for Mr. Fergusson's book entitled "Tree and Serpent Worship." On the 5th of July I addressed Mr. Boswell direct on the subject of the antiquities of his district generally, and more particularly with reference to the practicability of making further researches and excavations at Amaravati itself. Since then I have received, through the Government of India, a copy of your Government's communication to the Secretary of State on this subject, and I now await Mr. Boswell's reply before making any suggestions as to the best course that may be pursued in carrying out any archaeological researches at Amaravati.

3. In Mr. Taylor's printed Catalogue of Oriental Manuscripts in the Library of the late College of Fort St. George, Vol. III., page 499, I find the mention of "fifty inscriptions on stone and copper plates from Amaravati near Guntoor," amongst which there is one of the early date of Saka Salivâhana 450, or A.D. 520. In page 498 two Buddhist inscriptions are mentioned—one at top of page, the other at the bottom—which have not yet been translated. As I am familiar with most of the old characters of Indian records on stone and copper, I should like to be supplied with copies of these inscriptions if such could be made without inconvenience, and, as bearing on the same subject, I beg to request that I may be supplied with a copy of Mr. Taylor's report on the Elliott Marbles, which I was unable to procure from the Library of the India Office in London.

4. In conclusion, I beg to point out that my Christian name is Alexander and not W. R., and that I am a retired Officer of Royal (Bengal) Engineers.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1871, No. 1259.

The foregoing letter will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction with the request that he will endeavour to furnish General Cunningham with the copies of the inscriptions which he requires and a copy of Taylor's report on the Elliott Marbles.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Director-General of the Archaeological Survey in India.
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Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Dated August, 17th.

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Requesting the Director of Public Instruction to
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No 1706

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