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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1492	Press Mis.
Dated	30-9-	19-1871

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London Mission House.
Salem, September 25 1871.

Sr,

C. J. Longley Esquire
Collector of Salem

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 4th Instant, enclosing a copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, 1831, and asking me to assist in making a collection of the objects found in ancient burial places in this District.

2. My attention has been directed for some time to the importance of making a collection of such objects, as affording one of the best means, by comparing them with similar objects found in Europe and Mexico, for ascertaining the antiquity of the non-aryan inhabitants of the South and the hill-tribes of the North of India, and the connection existing between them and the aboriginal inhabitants of Europe and Mexico and hence for ascertaining approximately to what wave of emigration they

belonged. I shall, therefore, be most happy
to render you all the assistance I can, in
any way you may direct, towards gaining
this object. I can, during my preaching
tours in the neighbourhood of the Cairns,
open them and bring you their contents
for transmission to Government, or, I can
accompany any Officer of the District whom
you may appoint to investigate them as you
may think best. In the former case, I shall
be glad to have a small sum placed at
my disposal towards the expenses of exca-
vation, as proposed in your letter, respecting
which, I shall render you full account in
due time.

3. The Cairns and Cromlechs, which
I have already examined in the District
are in the neighbourhood of Chindrapett
and Sunkerydroog, and on the Shevaroyhills
on Mr. Daly's Estate near Gercand, and
Mr. Pillay's Estate near Killyoor. Most
of those on the Shevaroy, which I have seen,
have been opened years ago by Planters and
others for the sake of the large stones found in
them.

them. I think it very probable, however, that
if a careful enquiry be made, some will
be found in the remoter parts on the Green
Hills and in the neighbourhood of Karadyon.
Many of the Cairns in the neighbourhood
of Sunkerydroog have met with similar
treatment from the Railway Engineers when
constructing the Railroad. Still, I have
seen a few, which apparently have not been
opened. The Cairns in the out-of-the-way
neighbourhood of Chindrapett are numerous
and undisturbed. I saw about 3 dozen
"stone-arches" in our place, and the natives
told me that there are many similar ones
in several places. I opened two of them,
and found pottery, urns of various sizes
and descriptions, human bones and iron
weapons: a specimen of which I now send
to you, that you may see what sort of
things they are. I am sorry that I have
not any large urns here at present, but
further excavation will enable me to procure

Some, as well as a better specimen of
small ones.

I have to
signed M. Phillips.
Missionary L. M. S.

(True copy)

C. J. Lawrence;
Collector

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182765 Salem Collectors Office
Salem, 14th September 1871.

From
C. J. Longley Esquire
Collector of Salem

To
The Honourable W. S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment, Kotacamund.

Sir,

In reference to the Proceed-
ings of the Madras Government
dated 14th June 1871 No 831, I have
the honour to submit a copy
of a letter from the Reverend
Mr Phillips, and to state that
the Sub Collector reports that,
in the Opoor Taluk, ancient bur-
rows, some of which have already
been examined, and which are
reported to contain perfect speci-
mens of spears, arrows &c, exist.

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Copy to
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The cost of exploration throughout
the District would amount
to about Rupees 200, and I request
that Government will be pleased
to sanction the amount, when I
will at once commence operations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

C. J. Lonsdale

Collector.

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 From
 To
 The Collector
 of Salem
 The District Secretary to
 the Government
 of Madras
 Dated 26th September 1871
 Recd 29th Sept 1871
 A. 2765
 Encl. 1 No 2070
 Regarding the grant of Rs. 200 for opening Cairns & Cromlechs
 in the Salem district is granted
 according to the list of objects found in
 ancient burial
 places in the District.
 With
 Yours
 W. H. M. W. S.

Not announced. 30 Sept. 1871. No. 1492

The application for Rs. 200 to be
 expended in opening Cairns & Cromlechs
 in the Salem district is granted

Collector of Salem { depd 1/10
 Asst General {
 P. W. R.

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Cert. of 1871 Madras.
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 The Collector of Salem

Dated Sept. 26th 1871
 Recd
 G. O. 308-149
 Nos. 148, 149.

Sanctioning the grant of Rs. 200 for opening Cairns and Cromlechs in the Salem District in view of the collection of specimens of ancient weapons of warfare &c &c