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18th March 1871.

No. 98. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Public), to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 15th February 1871, No. 910:—

I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a Resolution recorded in this Department, under date the 2nd instant, in connexion with the appointment of a Director-General of the Archæological Survey of India, and to invite the co-operation of His Excellency in Council in the work that has been entrusted to Major-General Cunningham.

2. I am at the same time to express a hope that that officer may be furnished, from time to time, with copies of any papers or reports that may now be on record, or may hereafter be received, bearing upon archæological questions, as they would materially assist in providing a substantial basis for future operations. I am to add that the Governor-General in Council would be glad if the enclosed Resolution could be re-published in the local official Gazette, and if local officers and private individuals interested in, or possessing any information in regard to, Indian Archæology could be invited to place themselves in direct communication with Major-General Cunningham.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public), under date Fort William, the 2nd February 1871, No. 649-50.

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„ to „	„ 29th July „	„ 84.
Telegram from „	„ 15th October „	
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RESOLUTION.

In accordance with instructions received from the Secretary of State, measures were initiated in 1867-68 for the conservation of old architectural structures, and for the exploration and systematization of the numerous valuable and interesting memorials of the ancient civilization of India that occur in so many parts of the country. As an experimental arrangement, four separate parties were organized for Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and the Upper Provinces for taking casts and photographs of all important ancient buildings, the Department of Science and Art in London having undertaken to defray a portion of the expenses that might be incurred in securing authentic descriptions, as well as casts and photographs of “the finest monuments of Indian Art.”

2. In his Despatch, dated the 11th January 1870, reviewing the proceedings taken in this matter by the Government of India since the commencement of the operations, and offering certain suggestions in regard to the further prosecution of the work, the Secretary of State strongly urged the necessity of directing the researches in a somewhat more systematic and deliberate manner than had been attempted at the outset, and of concentrating the supervision of the entire system in one department, instead of leaving it, without control, to the management of different Chiefs under different Local Governments. The Governor-General in Council entirely concurred in the views expressed by the Secretary of State as to the steps that should be taken for the conduct of future researches. But, after mature consideration, His Excellency in Council came to the conclusion

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3. In communicating the above opinion to the Duke of Argyll, it was stated that there was no one so well qualified for superintending the operations as Major-General Cunningham, then in England; and that, if that gentleman would accept the post of Central Agent Director for a few years, it would give an impulse to the study of archæology, and make the future working of the scheme comparatively easy.

4. Major-General Cunningham has accepted the offer made by the Secretary of State, and has now assumed charge of the appointment of Director-General of the Archæological Survey of India. The Governor-General in Council, therefore, considers this a fitting time for deciding on some fixed and definite system of archæological research, which, being commenced on now, may be steadily prosecuted, year by year, in such method as is likely to be productive of the most useful results.

5. Although much has already been done by previous inquirers, still more yet remains to be accomplished; for the efforts of private individuals, which are entirely dependent on opportunity and inclination, are necessarily unconnected and desultory. What is now required is a complete search over the whole country, and a systematic record and description of all architectural and other remains that are remarkable either for their antiquity, or their beauty, or their historical interest.

6. To carry out these views, General Cunningham's attention should be directed to two principal objects,—*first*, to the preparation of a brief summary of the labours of former inquirers, and of the results which have already been obtained. Much valuable information exists in the researches and journals of the different Asiatic Societies; but it is so scattered over several hundred volumes, many of which are rare and expensive, that it is now practically accessible only in large public libraries. A brief record of what has already been done would save present inquirers the loss of much precious time in the measurements and description of many of the finest monuments in India. *Secondly*, to the preparation of a general scheme of systematic inquiry for the guidance of a staff of Assistants in present and future researches. The scheme should indicate what has already been accomplished, and what still remains to be done. It should give clear and detailed instructions as to the nature and amount of information, as well as to the style of illustration required for all known remains. It should also lay down the order in which these researches should be followed up, by forming into different compact groups all the places to be visited, so that as little time as possible should be lost in travelling.

7. A report of each year's proceedings should be drawn up by General Cunningham, and submitted before the commencement of the next year's operations. This report need not be accompanied by any detailed drawings or illustrations, but it should indicate clearly the nature and amount of work done during the year, and should state generally the value and importance of the information acquired. The collation and arrangement of the materials contained in these annual reports, with the results obtained by former or independent inquirers, will form another branch of General Cunningham's duties. This work cannot be begun for some time, but the object should be kept steadily in view. It is, therefore, desirable that the efforts of some of the Assistants should at once be directed to the completion of our knowledge of the older remains of India, so that the Archæological Survey may be able to publish a volume of Buddhist and other antiquities at an early date.

8. General Cunningham should now be desired to submit, with the least possible delay, a statement of the establishment which he proposes to entertain, together with a careful estimate of its probable cost, and of all other expenses likely to be incurred, *e.g.*, for photographs, casts, excavations, &c., in connexion with the survey. This statement should include General Cunningham's own salary, and expenses of every kind to be incurred on account of the department, and should be divided into two parts—the former referring to the current official year, 1870-71, and the latter to 1871-72. As regards the establishment to be entertained, although the services of

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Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to Major-General Cunningham for information and guidance.

Ordered, also, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Financial Department for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. O. HUME,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1871, No. 368.

Ordered that the foregoing letter and Resolution be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, and communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat.

2. The Government of Madras will do all in its power to co-operate in the work which has been entrusted to General Cunningham.

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Edcl. Procs., 16th Feb. „ „ 25-26.	Manual of the Vizagapatam District.
Do. 21st July „ „ 24-25.	Do. do. Madras do.
Fincl. Procs., 21st Dec. 1867, „ 84-85.	The Seven Pagodas by Major Carr (Folio edition).
Do. 28th Feb. 1868, „ 97-98.	

(True Extract.)

3. Resolved that copies of the papers and books, specified in the margin, be forwarded to Major-General Cunningham.

Chief Secretary.

To Major-General W. R. Cunningham.
To the Revenue Department.

„ Military „
„ Public Works „
„ Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1871 Address.

PUBLIC.

To
MAJOR-GENERAL CUNNINGHAM,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 18th.
Recd. Incl.

G. O., 18th March 1871, No. 368.

MARCH.
Nos. 98-99.

Passing orders on Resolution of the Government
of India, regarding the appointment of a Director-
General of Archaeological Survey of India.

No. 910

FROM

A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B.,

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India,

TO

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Home Dept.
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SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

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Order thereon 18 March 1871 No 368.

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S. D. F.

Ms. D. 10 March 1871
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To Public
Major-Genl. Cunningham
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Dated March 18. }
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