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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

24th February 1879, No. 259.

Archæology.

Read the following paper :—

No. 117. *From R. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bezvada, 29th January 1879, No. 52.*

I have the honor, as directed by Government in their Order, No. 1620, of the 1st November 1878 (Archæological), on my report on the Antiquities of Bezvada and Undavilly to report as follows.

2. I have consulted with the Executive Engineer, Mr. C. J. Peters, as to the cost of conveying the marbles to Madras. He estimates the cost of one Department Public Works Iron Punt, loaded, from Bezvada to Madras to be (the journey downfull, and up empty) about Rupees 100, exclusive of the hire of the punt, and inclusive of loading and unloading. I leave out the hire which possibly need not be considered, the punt being borrowed for a Government purpose.

3. I respectfully request that the Government will be pleased to consider and pass orders on the following matter.

4. The excavations at Amaravati were as reported conducted in May 1877, the result being the discovery of many marbles so much out of position that it would be harmless to remove them; many overturned and out of position, but lying in positions so near to their original ones that it will be best to leave them where they are till a Draughtsman and Photographer can be sent to fix their positions decisively; and a few stones which it is essential to leave standing, as they are "*in situ*."

5. For the safety of the stones, and to prevent their being damaged by mischievous people, I was forced to put a peon in charge, at a monthly salary of Rupees 5. This money is being drawn out of the Rupees 1,000 granted to me by the Government of India.

6. Now, it is obvious that the salary of this peon, absolutely necessary to be maintained so long as the marbles remain uncovered, is steadily eating up the grant allowed for the excavations. Over Rupees 100 has been spent up to this date under this head.

7. It appears that some time will elapse before orders can be obtained on the subject of the Photographer and the Draughtsman; and I dare not proceed with the work till I can do so in their company, for reasons specified in Section 13 of the covering letter to my report.

8. I am also very anxious to save money, and I therefore submit the following proposal for the consideration and orders of Government.

9. If permitted I will get an iron flat from the Department Public Works, load on it at Amaravati the marbles so much out of position that no harm can possibly occur by their being removed, float this down to Bezvada, add to them the marbles now in the Library at Bezvada, and despatch the whole to the Central Museum, Madras.

The cost will be less than Rupees 150, I should think.

10. There can be no harm in sending these, and some of them are very beautiful. Also, any one can put them up at the Museum, because being already out of place they are merely so many loose specimens, and their positions as discovered is unimportant. I will send full report on them at the same time for guidance.

11. It being all-important to preserve the remainder in their positions and uninjured, and it being undesirable to continue to pay a watcher, I would suggest that it would be well for me to have them loosely covered with a foot or so of earth that can be readily removed hereafter, and then leave them till the Photographer and Draughtsman are sent.

12. It has been found by experience that if the marbles are lightly covered that is really sufficient. The villagers do not take the trouble to dig. Their delight is to destroy and injure what they find ready to hand. They have no iconoclastic feeling. It is pure wanton mischief; so that, if covered as suggested, the marbles would be safe, and the peon's pay would be saved. I would then defer reporting on Amaravati till the work was thoroughly completed, with good photographs, and plans, sections, and elevations drawn by a skilled Draughtsman. Before closing them I propose to take casts of the inscriptions on all the newly-discovered marbles; and submit them with transliteration, and, if possible, translation. Dr. Burnell would perhaps be willing to help me with the Pāli.

No. 365.

Submitted to Government for orders.

MASULIPATAM,
14th February 1879.

(Signed) W. M. THORBURN, Asst.,
for Collector.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1879, No. 259.

His Grace the Governor in Council sanctions the retention of the peon on Rupees 5 a-month, and also the charge of Rupees 150 for the removal of the marbles from Amaravati to the Central Museum at Madras.

2. The sanction of the Government of India will be sought for an additional grant of Rupees 1,000 for the explorations at Amaravati.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Masulipatam.

„ Accountant-General.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1879 **Madras.**

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To

THE COLLECTOR OF KISTNA,

Ac., &c., &c.

Dated February, 24th.

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G.O., 24th February 1879, No. 259.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 117-119.

Archæology.—The retention of the peon on Rupees 5 a-month and also the charge of Rupees 150 for the removal of the marbles from Anuravathi in the Kistna District to the Central Museum at Madras, sanctioned, and the sanction of the Government of India sought for an additional grant of Rupees 1,000 for the explorations at Anuravathi.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Archæology.

No. 260.

FROM

C. G. MASTER, Esq.,
Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Referring to my letter, No. 22, dated the 7th January 1879, and its enclosure, I am directed to forward the enclosed copy of the Proceedings of this Government, and to request that the sanction of the Government of India may be obtained for a further grant of Rupees 1,000 in connection with the Archæological explorations at Amaravati in the Kistna District.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th February 1879.

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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HOME 1879 DEPT.

*From the Government of
Fort St. George.*

<i>Dated 24th Feb. 1879.</i>	<i>No.</i>
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Archæology—Forwarding copy of the proceedings of this Government, and requesting the sanction of the Government of India for a further grant of Rupees 1,000 in connection with the Archæological explorations at Amaravati, Kistna District.

No 52

Kistna District Head
Assistant Collector's
Office Bezwada

From

29th January 1879

The Asst. Head Assistant
Kistna District

To

The Collector
Kistna District

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Your most obedt servant

(Signed) R. Sewell

Asst. Dist. Collector

No. 365

"True copy"

Submitted to Government for order

Asst. Dist. Collector
Office, Manipal

W. H. S. S. S.
Dist. Collector

DEPARTMENT.

No. 360

FROM

Collector;

Dated 14 February 1879.

FOR ORDERS.

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With the Proceedings } *22/2/79*
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No. 260.

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Rs. 1000. in connection
with the archaeological
explorations at Amaravati
in the Krishna District.

Fort Saint George
24 February 1879
22/2/79

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DEPARTMENT.

No. 289

To

The Secretary to the
Government of

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Dated

24 Feb

1877

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

the collector of Kistna, d. 14 February
1879, N^o 365.

Order thereon, 21 Feb 79 N^o 259.

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To the Collr. of Nistna.
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GOVT. of (1879) Madras.

REVENUE.

ALL COLLECTORS,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 30th.

Printed April 7th.

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G.O., 30th March 1879, No. 498.

4.P.P. FAMINE RELIEF.

19/3
MARCH.
No. 498.

Famine Department.—Directing that the —
shall case to exist as a separate Department of
Government from the 31st March 1879, after
which date all references will be addressed to
the Revenue Department on all subjects with the
exception of questions of famine receipts and
charges which will be dealt with by the Finan-
cial Department; and observing that with the
abolition of the Famine Department the Order
under the Indian Councils Act, dated 3rd Sep-
tember 1877, will be considered to be rescinded.

Recd. 15 4 1879.

Order 1874/498.561.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

30th March 1879, No. 798.

Famine Relief.

No. 74. Proceedings of Government, dated 30th March 1879, No. 798.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council resolves to direct that the Famine Department shall cease to exist as a separate Department of Government from the 31st March 1879. After that date all references relating to past famine administration will be addressed to the Revenue Department on all subjects, with the exception that it will fall to the Financial Department to deal with all questions of famine receipts and charges in account relating to the official year 1878-79, and subsequently.

2. With the abolition of the Famine Department the Order under the Indian Councils Act, dated 3rd September 1877, will be considered to be rescinded and correspondence will return to its ordinary channels; G.O. No. 2,922, dated 25th September 1877, being cancelled.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

- To all Collectors.
- " the Board of Revenue.
 - " the Accountant-General.
 - " the Military Department.
 - " the Financial Department.
 - " the Public Department.
 - " the Public Works Department.
 - " the Sanitary Commissioner.
 - " the Commissioner of Police.
 - " the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
 - " the Inspector-General of Police.
 - " the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
 - " the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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