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No 3 of 1881-82

Madras 30th Nov^r 1881

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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Sir

From your telegram to me of 19th inst I understand that it is agreed by Government to commence the Archaeological Survey of the Madras Presidency on the sanctioned grant of Rs 15000 for the current official year or till 31st March 1882. Out of this sum, however, Mr Sewell's salary and establishment have to be paid for that period, unless he can finish the lists of Remains on which he is engaged sooner, and the balance is to be made to meet the whole cost of establishment, travelling, excavations, and all contingencies of the Survey for the same period. This will require the utmost economy, but if Government is pleased to help me in the way indicated in my letter No. 4 of this date, I shall do my best with the means at my disposal.

2. While I am in Madras, however, it would greatly facilitate future operations, if - as suggested by the Government of India - the details for the working of the Survey were now agreed upon, so that the scheme proposed may obtain the sanction of the Supreme Government.

Government well before the end of the current official year, that there may be no hitch or uncertainty at that period. In a former letter I have submitted the principal detail requiring consideration and am ready to consult with any officer whom His Excellency in Council may nominate to draw up a scheme for the approval of Government.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obed^t servant

J. S. Burgess.

Archaeolog^y Surveyor &c.

R. D.
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No. 4 of 1881-82.

Madras 30th Nov^r 1881

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort. George

Sir

As it is desirable the Archaeological Survey should be commenced with as little delay as possible, and as the grant for the current year is only a partial one, Mr Sewell having also to pay salaries and allowances from it, it could not bear the expense of tents, photographic, drawing, and surveying instruments, &c. for this season. I have therefore the honour to suggest whether Government might not for this season make the following arrangements:-

- (1) To obtain from the Commissariat department the loan of tents, - say 3 subaltern's tents 12 to 14 feet square; 1 Rowtee; 1 Necessary, and 1 Cooking tent.
- (2) To obtain on loan from the Public Works Department - 1 Theodolite levelling staves; 1 Chain; 3 Tape lines; 3 small cases of drawing instruments; 3 Drawing boards and T squares with a few scales; and, if available, a dark photographic tent and Camera, with an American ladder of about 14 feet.

If these can be supplied it will save an outlay that so small a grant could not at present bear. I may

mention also that just such an arrangement was carried out in the Bombay survey for the first season, and the loan of the theodolite, chain, and drawing instruments was continued in succeeding years.

(3). It is necessary also that the Survey party should be provided with a medicine chest. I have been accustomed to use Moore's chest and the Handbook, and would respectfully request that they should be supplied from the Government Medical Stores, to be returned at the close of the working season.

Submitting the foregoing for the favourable consideration and orders of Government.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obed^t. servant

J. S. Burgess

Archaeological Survey

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No 5 of 1881-82

Madras 30th Nov 1881

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

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Sir In conducting the Archaeological Survey it will be necessary that I should be supplied with the following for Office use:-

- (1) Any Reports or papers relating to Antiquities in particular districts, supplied to Government by its officers or others, - especially at present any relating to Karmul, Belâri and the Telugu districts.
- (2) A complete set, as far as published, of the District Manual and any other works descriptive of antiquities or on the history of the provinces and towns.
- (3) A set of the Gt. Trigonometrical Survey Maps of the Presidency.
- (4) A copy of Prof. M. Williams's Sanskrit Dictionary.
- (5) A supply of Stationery for Official Correspondence and Office use.

I have the honour to request that the necessary orders may be issued for these, so as to be ready when other arrangements may be concluded preparatory to starting with the staff for the districts.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obed^t. servant

Edw. Burgess

Archaeolog. Surveyor &c.

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Public (1881) DEPARTMENT.
(Archaeology)

From J. Burgess Esq.
Archaeological Survey

No. 3. 11

Dated 30 }
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CURRENT No. 2

SUBJECT.

Requests that the details
of the Archaeological Survey
of the Madras Presidency
may be settled.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

from Mr Burgess
of 30 Nov 81 No 24 & 5.

Order 3 Dec 81, No 1652

The following Depts
and officers will be
requested to forward
Mr Burgess to have
an opinion on the several
articles specified in
his letter:-

Commissioner of Revenue & Public Works Dept para 1, cl. 2 of letter No 4
Surgeon General to the Govt para 1 cl. 3 of do
Rev. Secy. para 1, cl. 4 & 5 of letter No 5
Rev. Survey para 1 cl. 3 of do

The Supt. will
forward a supply of
Stationery, and the
only copy of the
Report of Professor
Hewitt
in the matter
make his own arrange-
ments in respect to
them.

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Mon. Williams' Sanskrit
Dictionary
will be sent to Dr. Burgess
on loan from the Govt.
Library

3. It is observed that
a pile of Lbs on Archae-
ology was ~~sent~~ ^{yesterday}
dispatched to Dr. Burgess.

4. With reference to
para. 2 of letter No. 3,
Dr. Burgess will be
requested to confer
with Mr. Sewell and
draw up a scheme
of operations for
excavations by Govt. and
submission to the Govt.

of India
G.H. 10/11/12
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The Honble Master General report
that owing to heavy demands,
the paucity of funds in store, it is
impracticable to comply with
the present requisition for funds.

~~that the Government are unable to~~

G.H.
3.12.12

To the Secretaries to
Govt for counter-
initials

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To Dr. Burgess with book }
The Rev. }
Widg. & Capt. } Des. No. 3/12
P.W. }
Surgeon Genl with Govt. }
Capt. of State Army }
R. Sewell Esq., C.S. }
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Govt. of 188 } Madras.

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Public Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter

from Dr. Burgess, dated
30th Nov/81 No. 3,475.

Order thereon 3rd Decr/81 No. 1602.

The following depart-
ments and officers will
be requested to permit
Dr. Burgess to have on
loan the several articles
specified in his letter.

Public Works Dept - para. 1, cl. 2 of letter No. 4.
Surgeon Genl. to the Govt - para. 1, cl. 3 of - do
Revenue Dept - para. 1, cl. 1 & 2 of letter No. 5.
Revenue Survey - para. 1, cl. 3 of - do

The Govt. regret that
their endeavours to
procure tents for
Dr. Burgess's use have

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Govt. of {188 } Madras.

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BY G.O. NO 1652 (Public)

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