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February 12th 1882
From Robert Smith

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to request that the Collection of the Kistna may be examined as soon as possible to have inscriptions taken of the inscriptions on all of the monuments visible yet discovered. It is very important that these should be collected to close examination by competent scholars, as many of them may contain a clue to the date of the monument. I shall forward them to England when received, where they will be carefully examined. Most of them are believed to be nearly entire, but not without a few missing. I long to see them very much.

I shall be glad to have them sent to me in the form of a list.

The process of getting them examined is as follows: Ground country paper and as the specimens that accompany this letter are slightly in water and finally pressed into the paper of the inscription. It is then beaten into a block, so that it takes all the inscriptions of the block. If, as often happens, the paper gets in the holes that must not be left to injure the paper, since in every case there are often four or five papers and beaten it one on the other, so as to get a stiff cardboard result. The accompanying drawing it will be seen that for every layer of paper.

When taken each inscription should be marked especially as it is with the number on the marble it was taken from.

If the inscriptions at Puzos and elsewhere are transmitted being transmitted to the authorities as recommended by me, the inscriptions will then be not a thing, as I will be then ready to see. But if not, I must have them, and should like to have them marked Puzos N. - 1 etc.

Care must be taken to letter the inscriptions of the marble inscriptions. By 1 of them, when transmitted by me, and marked with the numbers in red paint. These are the numbers that must be noted and for that the inscriptions are to stand with my published descriptions of the inscriptions and the inscriptions which I understand are subsequently printed in the volume that Harpall is preparing. I shall

of the District authorities and having
the amount out of the Fund at my disposal

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I think this is
the best course.
Shall have left time
to look after the inscriptions

It would I think be a pity to send Mr Sewell all the days of Amravati unless he
take inscriptions which could be given by any person who has been shown the
Mr Sewell has no special work to do
Amravati at present and would be more usefully employed here - I agree
that the collector has not time for the work - He has new supply of
Mr Sewell to arrange for these inscriptions being taken and
I think he can easily manage it and would not mind having
his own arrangements to do completely by 1881
No: 352

Public Works Dept.
(Archaeology)

From
R. Sewell Esq. M.A.
(on special duty)
to — — —

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Regarding that the
following business may be
transacted in town as possible
of having inscriptions taken
the inscriptions in all
the Amravati district;
and giving instructions
as to how it is to be done

With the Order

Public Department

3/12/81

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter

from R. Sewell Esq. M.A.
(on special duty) dated
11 February 1881.

Order 25th Feb 1881, No 262

The Government are
not prepared to impose
this duty on the collector.
Mr. Sewell should make
his own arrangements
for taking the inscriptions

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R. Sewell Esq.
Madras Civil Service } Recd 28/2

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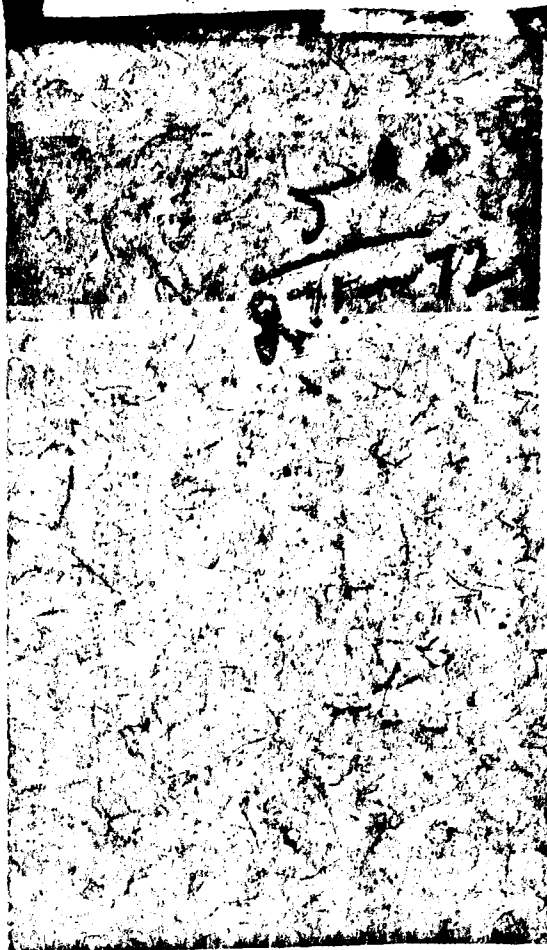
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