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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd June 1881, 1,396 W.

Buildings and
Civil Works

Read the following paper:—

No. 11. Endorsement of the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Ootacamund, 13th May 1881, No. 932.

From Surgeon-Major G. BIDIE, M.B., Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 25th May 1881, No. 304.

I HAVE the honor to request the sanction of Government for the carriage to, and erection at, the Museum of some old carved stones referred to in paragraph 18 of the Committee's report recorded in G.O., No. 914 W., of 4th April 1881.

2. The stones which I wish to appropriate consist of fifteen carved pillars, certain base stones, and some stones used as breasters. The pillars have been cut in the square with circular intervals, and the faces are adorned with mythological and other figures in bold relief. The material is granitoid gneiss and the pillars are in fair preservation and are as in the Chingleput District.

3. It would be a great pity to destroy these relics of the past, and I would propose to preserve them by erecting them at the Museum in the shape of a small square, like a rest-house, but without a roof, under a square. All the pillars are not of equal length, but this might be met by sinking some of the taller ones in the ground and elevating the shorter ones on the existing stones. The breastsummers should then be placed on the top of the pillars to them in position, and, if necessary, might be fastened to them by single iron pegs into the tops of the pillars. This completed, a few base stones might be placed in the interior as seats.

4. It will thus be seen that the expenditure involved will be very trifling, and I have to request that the Superintendent of Works, Presidency, may have funds placed at his disposal and be requested to carry out the work.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secretary.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1881, No. 1,396 W.

THE transfer of the stones in question has been approved. The Superintendent of Works, Presidency, will see to their erection in the Museum compound as suggested by Dr. Bidie.

(True Extract)


Captain, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency.
" Public Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.
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