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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 153

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27th January 1880
CURRENT NO 221
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of 30th Dec last (L.D. 12th January 1880 No 4) and para 1 of letter No 2 of 10th January, I have now the honour to report that owing to the delay in forwarding the Government order on the first, I am informed by Mr. George C.E., Executive Engineer, Krishna Eastern side

that it is now impossible to transport any of the marbles from this during the present season. There was a rise in the river earlier in the month but it has now gone down again.

2 The Executive Engineer sent up an apprentice mason and carpenter with some labourers from Begurda on the 25th to see after the packing of the stones and, as it leads only to delay and loss to wait for instructions from Madras I have set them to work and trust Government will approve of the arrangement about to pursue.

3 I am having all the heavy stones wrapped in straw and the smaller

smaller dimensions, also protected by wooden cases. I intend to have a shed erected on the river bank and the stones removed down to it, so that when the river rises in June they may be ready to load at once on canal boats for transport to Madras. This arrangement will avoid all further cause of delay.

4. Yesterday the collector Mr. Horsfall visited that place and pointed out to me that most of the injuries done to the maidens has been caused since ^{1880,} by village boys, and others hammering on them with stones.

There has been a man in charge, no doubt, for the last two years; but when Government makes such arrangements it is too often forgotten that the man is left altogether irresponsible: he draws his pay regularly, and nobody goes near him for many months to learn whether he is attending to his duties or not. He is alone, and goes to the village to sleep and for his meals, and it is expecting too much of such a man to suppose that he will be very regularly on his guard, or prompt in reporting any damage. Indeed he has perhaps not been instructed to make any such report, or if he has he knows there are no penalties for neglect of this or any other duty. When a woman is placed in any similar charge would it not be well to make him responsible for its proper performance, and to that purpose by

by, occasional official visits from some responsible
local government officer, who could stop his pay
on the discovery of any neglect? These remarks apply
also to the appointment made at Jaggiyapur ~~in~~
Jan'y. A. D. 1924.

6. It would be impossible to estimate the injury done to the stones by the chipping I have alluded to. Different people have different ideas on these subjects: the Franks call them "useless stones," the superintendent of a great National European Museum such as those in London, Berlin or Vienna, would say that the probable depreciation in the value of these slabs might be estimated at least at a good many hundred thousands of rupees.

7. Mr. Horrell is also confident that the heaps of excavated bricks outside the circle have been considerably diminished since he last saw them.

8 The new shed on the river bank will have to be put in charge of a peon to prevent any injury ^{being} done to the packed slabs or the removal of any of them, until they can be transported to Madras, - and I would solicit that such orders may be issued, as will insure proper attention to his duties by placing him under proper supervision.

9 The packing of the marbles and erection of the shed will be gone on with in expectation, of the approval

approval and sanction of government.

10. Mr. Grant informs me that he is now packing up the marbles at Bezwada and hopes to have them sent to Madras soon. He trusts they will be removed from the punt immediately on arrival as the punt cannot return to Bezwada before the canal dries and he will have to charge with it for three months. "Two days" he says, "should be sufficient for the unloading of the marbles". I trust all arrangements for the unloading will be made by the time the punt arrives.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm. Burgess

Archaeological Surveyor & Deputy to the

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From
The Archaeological
Survey of India

No. 16

Dated 27 }
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RECEIVED NO. 16

SUBJECT.

Reports the arrangements
he has made for the transport
to Madras of certain Marbles
from Amaravati.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter

from the Archaeological Surveyor to Govt.
dated 27 January 1882. No. 16.

Order 16th Feb 1882 No. 153.

Under Disposal Docket.

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The first intimation received by the Government that the Archaeological Surveyor desired to remove marbles from Auravati itself was contained in his letter dated 30 December 1881 No. 15 and orders were passed, as he says, on 12 January 1882.

2. Dr Burgess's operations are approved and this report will be communicated to the Superintendent of the Central Museum for taking necessary steps.

3. It is for the Collector to attend

to the matters mentioned
as per to

In
The Sup^t. Gen^l. C. H. Mearns
" Col^l. of the Gen^l.
Dr. J. Hargis } Gen^l. 12/18/2

Capt. C. M. Ainsworth

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Burgess reporting the
arrangements he has made
for the transport to
Mexico of the Maya
monuments.