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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

12th January 1882, No. 45.

Archæology.

Read the following paper :—

From J. BURGESS, Esq., LL.D., Archæological Surveyor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Amarávti, 30th December 1881, No. 15 [Current No. 15].

I have recently addressed Government on the removal of the Amarávti marbles, now at Bezváda, to Madras as speedily as convenient, lest the water in the canals should fall below the level required before the transit can be effected.

2. I have now to report that I reached Amarávti on Monday evening, and at once examined the marble slabs at the Tope, which, I regret to say, have been pounded to pieces in the most regardless way during the "rough and ready" excavations in February 1880. No arrangements were made to register the condition of the mound during the progress of the excavations, and consequently all the information that might have been then secured has been entirely lost.

3. Very many of the stones worth removal are not *in situ*, and their preservation can best be effected by their early transport to Madras. I have, therefore, the honor to suggest that this work of removal be commenced as early as possible. If an officer with some experience in the removal of heavy blocks of stone requiring careful handling could be sent up without delay, I could give him what directions and assistance I might be able.

4. I believe the river is falling rapidly, and there may be very little time left during which the stones can be conveyed between this and Bezváda. It will, therefore, be desirable that arrangements may be made as speedily as possible, and that the officer come provided with the necessary planks, ropes, poles, &c.

ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1882, No. 45.

Communicated to the Department of Public Works in continuation of G.O., dated 11th January 1882, No. 42.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Collector of the Kistna District.
To Dr. J. Burgess.

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Amarāvati, via Bezwādā

30th Decr 1881

The Chief Secretary to Government

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Your most obed^t Serv^t

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