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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From A. REA, Esq., M.R.A.S., First Assistant, Archæological Survey of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Tranguladinne, 26th December 1888, No. 458.

With reference to G.O., No. 1031, Public, dated the 1st November 1888, communicating Public Works Department Order, No. 3296 W., dated the 16th October 1888, I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter received from the Executive Engineer, Kistna Eastern Division, stating that neither a subordinate nor a boat can be sent to pack and remove the marble slabs from Amarávati to Madras.

2. Under the circumstances, I would request orders as to what arrangements should be made.

From A. REA, Esq., M.R.A.S., First Assistant, Archæological Survey of India, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Garikipád Agraharm *via* Krósúr, 24th January 1889, No. 46.

With reference to letter from the Government of Madras, No. 4453 of 1888, dated 16th January 1889, I have the honor to state that it might be possible to have the slabs at Amarávati packed by carpenters with materials for the wooden cases brought from Guntúr, or preferably Bezváda.

2. Perhaps the district officers might state whether such are available, and what would be their charges for working at Amarávati, and the prices of planks for the packing cases. I believe there is a carpenter at Amarávati, but I doubt if he would have sufficient wood, and he would take a very long time to make the number of cases required. It might be best to have two or three working carpenters, so that the work would be finished speedily.

3. As to the wood, any strong and cheap thin planking, about an inch thick, would serve the purpose. As to the quantity, it would be advisable for one of the men to first visit Amarávati and make an estimate of the quantity required. The planks should be in breadths of about 6 inches, placed with a clear space of from 3 to 4 inches between each, to economise material. All must be securely fitted with screw-nails, as any hammering of ordinary nails might crack the marbles. Straw for packing is also required, but this might be procured locally.

4. The cost will depend on the price of materials in the locality; of this I have no data to go upon; but it will probably exceed that of the previously proposed arrangement. A portion of the cost can be recovered by selling the planking in Madras.

5. For removal, an ordinary baggage-boat can be hired at Bezváda to take them down to Madras; its cost might be Rs. 60 or more. The Superintendent of the Madras Museum might then attend to their removal by cart from the wharf to the Museum.

6. I am just about to proceed to Amarávati to resume excavation. Should these arrangements not be finished before completion of the work, I can take up other parts of my tour, and afterwards revisit Amarávati as I return, and then superintend the packing.

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Kondavid, 22nd February 1889, No. 124.

In returning the enclosures of No. 4453, dated 11th February 1889, I have the honor to suggest that Mr. Rea should himself supervise the packing of the sculptures and their despatch next season, that is in or after June, by boat to Madras; carpenters can be hired in Guntúr and Bezváda and wood can be brought to Amarávati by cart from Guntúr or by boat from Bezváda.

2. It is not safe to trust the packing and removal of the sculptures to any but skilled supervision. My Assistant, Mr. Michael, supervised the packing and despatch of a single pillar to Madras from Bápatla taluk last year, but it is not likely that his services will be again available this year if he passes his examination.

3. As Government are aware, there is ample field for archæological research in this district for years to come, so that Mr. Rea need not return to the district merely to remove the sculptures.

ORDER—dated 3rd April 1889, No. 308, Public.

The Collector's letter will be communicated to Mr. Rea.

2. In the circumstances detailed in the foregoing correspondence, it seems best that Mr. Rea should personally superintend the packing and removal of the slabs. The Collector will afford him such assistance as may be required.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Director-General, Archæological Survey.

„ First Assistant, Archæological Survey.

„ Collector of Kistna.

„ Public Works Department.

Ex. W. H. French.



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G.O., 3rd April 1889, No. 308.

APRIL.

Archæology.

Communicating to Mr. A. Rea letter from the Collector of Kistna regarding the marble slabs at Amaravati and considering it best that Mr. Rea should personally superintend the packing and removal of the slabs to Madras.

No. 3671

Kistna District Division Office
7th November 1888

From

The Executive Engineer
Kistna District Division.

To

The Joint Assistant to the Director
General, Archaeological
Survey of India.

Sir,

Under instructions from The Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle and in conformity with para 5 of Mr. Burgess' letter recorded with G.O. No 958 of 1st October 1888 (Public Department) Communicated with G.O. No 3296 W. dated 16th October 1888, I have the honor to state that it will not be possible to send a Subordinate of this department to Amaravati but a Zemastah who can speak English will be sent if clearable.

2. Please inform me what arrangements you intend to make for removing the slabs as all our punts are urgently required here for works. It will be convenient if you can arrange to hire private boats.

I have &c

Sd/- A. M. Hayes

Executive Engineer.

Copy sent with No 458
24-12-88.

Attest.

With T sent.

Camp. Tringuladine, 26th Dec. 1888.

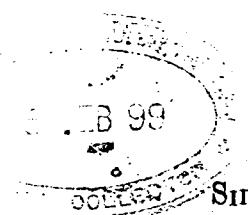
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From A. Rea. Esquire, M.R.D.S.

FIRST ASSISTANT,

To

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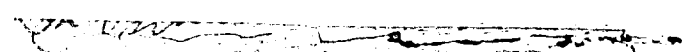
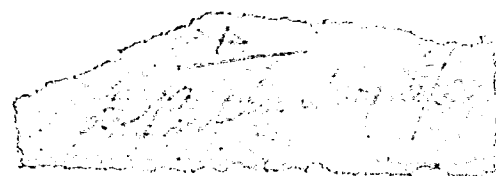
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant
A. Rea

First Assistant.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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Refce. only of 16-1-89.
Mr. Bea is requested to
re-examine to para 2 of his
letter to state whether
any preparatory work
to arrange arrangements
in the circumstances.
Noted he would suggest
for the removal of the
slabs.
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To The 1st Asst Archaeological
Survey - 11/1

From The 1st Asst
Archaeological Survey
Dept-

No. 450.
Dated 26 Dec 88.
Received 30 Dec 88.
Enclosures 1

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a
letter from the Executive Engineer,
Kistna Eastern Dist stating his
inability for the removal of the
insoluble slabs from Amaravati
to Madras, & requesting orders.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

Camp. Tanikupudi, Agsaharam. 1888
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No. 46. 24th January 1889

From A. Bea, Esquire, M.B. & S.

FIRST ASSISTANT,

To The Chief Secretary
to Government,

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 A. C. S. S. S.

From

A. Rea Esq.
First Assistant
Archaeological Survey

No. 46.

Dated 24/1/89.

Received

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SUBJECT.

Proposing certain
arrangements for the removal
of the marble slabs from Amara-
vati to Madras

Postmarked

Extra No. 124.

Kistna District Collector's
Office Masulipatam
22nd February 1889.

FROM,

A. T. Arundel Esquire,
Collector,

Kistna District.

To,

THE Chief Secretary
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Public Department
Madras.

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3. As Government are aware there is
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merely to remove the sculptures.

I have the honor to be,

Sr,

Your most obedient servant

H. Pringle
Collector.

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Public 1889 Department.

From,

The — Collector

Kistna.

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department.

Dated 22nd February 1889

Despatched 25th February 1889

Received 28/2/89

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper

From Mr. Rea. dated 26th
Dec 1888. No. 450 and
in Jan'y 1889. No. 46.
" the Collector, Aitwa,
dated 22nd Feb. 1889. No. 124.
Order 3rd April 1889 No. 308.

The letter from
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Archaeology

Communicating to Mr. Red a letter from the Collector of Krishna re the marble slabs at Anurâvati & considering it best that Mr. Red should personally superintend the packing & removal of the slabs to Madras.

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