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ARCHÆOLOGY.

READ—

- (1) Resolution No. 2—87-103, dated 6th June 1885. — *1.0 8/24/07/05 Res. 1885.*
- (2) Despatch to the Secretary of State for India, No. 181, dated 27th June 1885.
- (3) Resolution No. 5—95-113, dated 15th March 1886. — *1.0 30/0/00 Res. 1886.*
- (4) Despatch to the Secretary of State for India, No. 236, dated 7th August 1886.
- (5) Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 104, dated 30th September 1886.
- (6) Resolution No. 4—90-94, dated 15th March 1886. *1.0 30/0/00 Res. 1886.*
- (7) Despatch to the Secretary of State for India, No. 140, dated 4th May 1886.
- (8) Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 85, dated 22nd July 1886.
- (9) Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 294, dated 29th March 1889.

RESOLUTION.

ON the retirement in 1885 of Major-General Sir Alexander Cunningham from the Directorship of the Archæological Survey of India, the Department was reorganized, regard being had to the work which remained to be done. The Northern Provinces were divided into three charges,* each being entrusted to a Surveyor with a suitable establishment.

* (1) The Punjab with Sind and Rajputana;
(2) The North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Central India Agency, and the Central Provinces;
and
(3) Bengal with Assam and Chutia Nagpur.

In the Madras and Bombay Presidencies the existing arrangements were left undisturbed under Dr. Burgess, but that officer was constituted the head of the entire Survey Department and the channel for the submission of the Annual Reports of each Survey party to the Government of India. The Surveyors in addition to the strictly archæological portion of their work were placed on the footing of professional advisers to Local Governments in regard to the repair and restoration of buildings of antiquity, but their duties in this capacity were to be conducted in direct correspondence with the local authorities. These arrangements were sanctioned for a period of five years from 1st October 1885, and were declared subject to reconsideration at the end of that term. Shortly afterwards the programme of archæological work in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies came under consideration, and in order to bring it to a termination within a reasonable time, the services of an additional officer, Dr. Hultzsch, were engaged for the translation of inscriptions in the Sanskrit, Pali, and Dravidian languages, and the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors and the grants for subordinate establishment were increased. It was estimated by Dr. Burgess that the field-work remaining in the Bombay Presidency would be completed within five years, and these measures were sanctioned subject to reconsideration at the end of that period.

2. Experience of the working of the orders passed in 1885, regarding the position and duties of the Archæological Surveyors in Upper India brought to light the necessity for laying down in greater detail their relation to the head of the Survey. A revised procedure for the conduct of correspondence and the submission of reports was therefore prescribed in a Resolution of the 15th

March 1886, Dr. Burgess being at the same time styled Director of the Archaeological Survey. With this exception the arrangements previously sanctioned have remained in force.

3. In view of the approaching termination of the five years period for which this scheme was approved, the Government of India has again had the work and constitution of the Archaeological Survey under its consideration. The existing organization was commented on by the Finance Committee as unduly expensive, and His Excellency the Governor General in Council has determined that the scale of expenditure is larger than is necessary or desirable. In some respects the results had hardly justified expectations. Work under the different Surveyors had advanced unequally, and a large quantity of unpublished material had accumulated. His Excellency the Governor General in Council is desirous that archaeological investigations should not be altogether abandoned till they have been brought to a satisfactory stage of completeness, but he considers, that, as soon as is consistent with existing engagements and pledges, the Department should be reduced to the permanent minimum at which it is desirable to maintain it, and that for some time to come a considerable portion of the funds allotted to the archaeological budget should be devoted to the publication of the information already collected.

4. The best means for giving effect to the above decision was discussed in personal conference during the early part of last year with the Director of the Archaeological Survey, when the following programme was laid down which is now communicated for the information and guidance of Local Governments.

5. The reports remaining to be edited and published comprise materials noted on the margin, and are sufficient to form twelve volumes. On an estimate of the time required for their publication it was found that there was no likelihood of their completion before the date of Dr. Burgess's approaching retirement from service, and it became necessary therefore to consider what

Two reports by Dr. Führer and Mr. Smith, North-Western Provinces, &c.
Three reports by Mr. Rodgers, Punjab, &c.
Report by Mr. Rea, Madras, on Kanchi or Conjeveram and Mahavallipuram, Bijyanagar or Hampi, and Rameswaram, and Madura.
Reports by Dr. Burgess on Ahmedabad, Broach, Dholka, Champaner, and Mehmudabad, and Sojati.
Reports by Mr. Cousens, Bombay, on Chalukya architecture of Dhurwar, Begam, &c., on Bijapur and (for the Gaekwar) on ancient architecture in Northern Gujarat.

measures were possible to allow of the work of publication being carried on uninterruptedly and under competent supervision. The arrangements under which these reports had hitherto been published involved the residence of the Director for six months of the year in England. The Government of India was unwilling that this arrangement, which was productive of delay and undue expense and was, on other grounds, undesirable, should continue; it therefore accepted an offer made by Dr. Burgess that he should retire at once from the service and continue the work of editing and publication under a private arrangement. The Government of India was thus enabled to secure the services of an editor exceptionally competent for the work, and the terms arranged ensure an expeditious as well as a cheaper system of publication, which will render the volumes more accessible to the public than, owing to their great price, they have hitherto been.

Dr. Burgess's retirement took effect from the 1st June 1889, and the Government of India decided that the appointment of the Director of the Archaeological Survey should not be filled up.

6. With regard to the rest of the establishment, His Excellency the Governor General in Council decided that the arrangements tentatively sanctioned in 1885 should, as far as possible under the altered circumstances created by Dr. Burgess's earlier retirement, continue undisturbed till the 1st October 1890. The only immediate steps resolved on affect the survey operations in Bengal and the Punjab. The Archaeological Surveyor of Bengal has already received instructions to close field operations and to devote himself to the completion of the reports on the field operations of past years. It was accordingly arranged that he should retire on the 31st March 1890, but his assistant will

continue to work out in Northern Bengal a programme arranged by Dr. Burgess. The appointment of the Assistant Surveyor and staff will not be continued after the 1st October 1890. The Archaeological Surveyor of the Punjab has also been directed to close all field operations and to complete his reports thereon. His subordinate staff has been transferred to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh Circle, and he will be employed till the termination of his five years' agreement in numismatical work.

7. The archaeological staff to be maintained after the 1st October 1890 should, His Excellency the Governor General in Council considers, be reduced to the following:

Mr. H. Cousens, Archaeological Surveyor.

Mr. A. Rea, " "

Dr. E. Hultzsch, Epigraphist.

Dr. A. Führer, for general antiquarian and epigraphical research in the North-Western Provinces.

Mr. Smith, Architectural Assistant to Dr. Führer.

8. The Archaeological Survey as reduced will thus consist of two parties,—one under Mr. Rea and the second under Mr. Cousens, and it is considered that to these officers should be mainly entrusted the continuance of the Archaeological Survey of the country until it has reached a satisfactory stage of completion. It is essential that these Survey parties should be provided with a sufficient staff of native draftsmen, as it has been found that much of the work executed hitherto has been unnecessarily expensive owing to the inadequate proportion of cheap drawing agency. The subordinate staff will, therefore, be increased to five draftsmen and one clerk, a suitable provision being allowed for contingencies. Both Surveyors will be ranked as gazetted officers and receive first class travelling allowance. The total cost of each Survey party is estimated at the

	Rs.
Mr. Rea and staff of five draftsmen and clerk	9,600
Travelling, contingencies and photography	2,600
	12,200
Mr. Cousens and staff of five draftsmen and clerk	10,370
Travelling, contingencies and photography	2,500
	12,870
TOTAL	25,070

sums noted in the margin. As at present advised, the Government of India is of opinion that each of these parties should, as the work of the Province in which it is at present employed is completed, be transferred to the next and placed under the general orders and direction of the Local Government of that Province, but a detailed programme for the several Provinces will be prepared hereafter in communication with Local Governments.

9. The Government of India is desirous that epigraphical work should not be interrupted at present, and has therefore resolved that the services of Dr. Hultzsch, whose term of engagement for three years expired in November last, should be extended for a further term of three years, subject to the sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India. The question of extending the sphere of Dr. Hultzsch's duties will be taken into separate consideration hereafter; for the present he will continue his work in Madras. The estimated cost of his party is Rs. 12,700* per annum.

	Rs.
Dr. Hultzsch's salary	6,000
Two students in Epigraphy Rs. 50 to Rs. 80	1,500
Travelling, contingencies, and establishment	1,200
Epigraphical publication	4,000
TOTAL	12,700

10. Dr. A. Führer's appointment to the Archaeological Survey of the North-Western Provinces Circle was part of the scheme which comes to an end on the 1st October 1890. His Excellency the Governor General in Council is, however, of opinion that the services of this officer should be retained. He is, in addition to his other duties, in charge of the Provincial Museum at Lucknow which, it is understood, has greatly improved under his careful management. For this reason, and also because it is expedient that there should be a qualified officer at hand to advise on questions of archaeological interest in the Upper Provinces, it is desirable that the appointment

should be retained for a term of five years from September 1890. An application will be made to Her Majesty's Secretary of State accordingly, and from the 1st October 1890 Dr. Führer will carry out his duties under the immediate control and orders of the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. It has been suggested that epigraphical research in these Provinces should be placed under the charge of Dr. Führer, but on this point the Government of India will be glad to learn the views of the Local Government. It has been ascertained that there is a considerable amount of work in the North-Western Provinces likely to require the services of a qualified architectural assistant to the survey during the next two years. With a view to the early and efficient performance of this work the Government of the North-Western Provinces has consented to bear during that period the charge of that portion of Dr. Führer's pay which had hitherto been contributed from Imperial Revenues, on condition that Mr. Smith is retained at the charge of the Imperial Government for completion of the architectural work. The Government of India has accordingly agreed to retain Mr. Smith, as an Assistant to Dr. Führer, until the 1st April 1892.

11. In conclusion, His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires that it should be understood that although, on consideration of the financial resources available and the needs of other branches of scientific enquiry, the Government of India has felt itself constrained to curtail the funds hitherto allotted to archaeological and antiquarian research which, so far as it falls properly within the functions of the State, has now been prosecuted to an advanced stage, the measures which have been decided upon are not intended to affect or impair the responsibility of Local Governments for the conservation and maintenance of ancient monuments and buildings of historical or archaeological interest. This duty will rest as heretofore primarily with the Provincial Departments of Public Works, and His Excellency the Governor General in Council hopes that it will continue to receive careful attention throughout the country.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and Punjab for information and guidance, and to the Administrations noted in the margin and the several Departments of the Government of India for information.

(True extract.)

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