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*Survey of the
archaeological remains
in the provinces of
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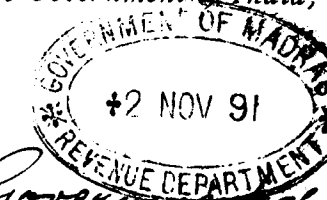
FROM

J. W. P. MUIR-MACKENZIE, Esq., C.S.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras



Sundia the 27th October 1891.

Revenue and Agricultural
Department.

Archaeology

SIR,

From Chief Comm^r
of Coorg No. 1460 of 10th Sept 91
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20. Chief Comm^r of Coorg
No. 2059 of 28th Oct 91

From Chief Comm^r of Coorg
No. 1620 of 13th Oct 91
143-85

I am directed to forward a copy of
Correspondence with the Chief Commissioner
of Coorg relating to the Archaeological
remains in that Province. The Chief
Commissioner is of opinion that the
monuments are too few to require any
special survey or measures for their
conservation. An examination of the
Coorg Gazetteer, however, shows that
there exist objects of antiquarian interest
though few of them are of any architec-
tural pretension. I am to ask that the
Government of Madras will be so good
as to allow Mr. Rea and Dr. Hultzsch
to visit Coorg at any time that may be
Convenient

Convenient, and make such examination of its archaeology and epigraphy as may appear desirable. It is believed that the inspection of this small province will not be difficult for either of these Officers, whenever they may be touring in adjacent districts. The necessary arrangements may be concerted in direct communication with the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, for whom lists of monuments deserving of conservation might be prepared similar to the list recently submitted by Mr. Sea to the Government of Madras.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obt. servant
Juni Ramdas

Offg. Secretary.

No. 1460
143-85.

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore.

From

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner,
of Coorg.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Revenue and Agricultural Dept.

Dated 10th September 1891.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 12/28 Arch. dated the 24th of August 1891, I am directed to say that, as already intimated to you in this office letter No. 403 dated the 18th June 1884, there are no objects of antiquarian and archaeological interest in Coorg such as to require action under the circulars you have quoted. I am, however, to observe that your circular No. 6/198-211 dated the

the 30th September 1885, does not
seem to have been received in
this office.

I have, &c.
(Signed, C. W. Ravenshaw, Capt.)
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

Pub. 2059

No.

No. 2059
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From

J. W. P. Muir-Bruce, Esq., C.S.,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
To

The Chief Commissioner of Coorg,
Maid, the 3rd October 1891.

Rev. & Hon. Dept. } Sir,

(Archaeology,

With reference to your Secre-
tary's letter No. 1460
143-85 dated 10th
ultimo, intimating that there
are no objects of antiquarian
and Archaeological interest in
Coorg, I am directed to request
that the Government of India
may be furnished with a copy
of your letter No. 403
5-53 dated 18th
June 1884, referred to therein.

I have, &c.

(Signed, J. W. P. Muir-Bruce, Esq.,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,

No.

No 1620
143-85-

Coorg Chief Commr's Office,
Bangalore.

From

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Coorg.

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India,
Revenue and Agricultural Deptt.

Dated 13th October 1891.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 2059-28, dated the 3rd October 1891, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of this office letter No. 403, dated the 18th June 1884, regarding objects of antiquarian and archaeological interest in Coorg.

I have, &c.

Signed, C. W. Ravenshaw, Capt.
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

No.

No. 403
9.53 Coorg Chief Commr's Office,
Bangalore 18th June 1884.

From

The Secretary to the Chief Commr.
of Coorg.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department.

Sir,

In reply to your letter
No. 3 of the 5th instant, in-
quiring what works are to be
undertaken during 1884 for the
conservation of ancient mon-
uments in Coorg, and how it
is intended to provide funds
for the purpose, I am directed
to refer you to my letter No. 75-
3.12 dated 18th April last, in which
it was stated that Major Coles'
report for 1882-83 contains no
mention

mention of any monuments
in Coorg, that the Province is
singularly devoid of subjects
of archaeological interest, and
that, under these circumstances,
the Chief Commissioner considered
that no action was necessary,
under the Home Department Re-
solution No. $\frac{3}{168-83}$, dated 26th of
November 1883, so far as Coorg
was concerned.

I have, &c.
(Signed) H. Wylie.
Secretary.

(True Copies,

at a meeting

Registrar,

Revenue and Agricultural Dept.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

77 November 1891
Referred to the Govt:
Epigraphist and the
Superintendent, archi-
eological survey, for
early report.

From

The Govt of India
Rev. & Agt. Dept.

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Chief Secretary

Copy to the Supt:
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No. 2246
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Dated 27 Oct } 1891.
Received 2 Nov }
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Requesting that
Mr Rea and Dr Wultzsch
may be allowed to visit Coorg
on account of Archaeological
interest.

UNDER SECRETARY
27 NOV 91
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Government Archaeological Survey, and Conservation of
Ancient Monuments in Southern India,
Bangalore,
1st November 1891.

No. 1,83.

From

A. REA, ESQUIRE, M.R.A.S.,

~~ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYOR TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,~~

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras.

SIR,

Adverting to Reference in the
Public Department, to 3200 of 1891,
I have the honour to report as follows.

2. Before undertaking an
examination of the ancient monu-
ments in Coorg, it would be
necessary that rough lists of the
remains in each of the six taluks,
should be prepared by the Subedars
in charge.

x Rice, Mysore
and Coorg
(Vol. III. Coorg)

3. The Gazetteer^t only gives
brief notices of some of the more
important examples. & Gazetteer
& district manual could be
expected to refer to such as are
of certain note, or have been brought

under the notice of the Compiler. There are doubtless others which may be archaeologically more important than those which are specially referred to, but unless it is known where such remains are to be found, much time must be lost in searching for them; or many passed by unnoticed altogether. If it is known in which villages there are ancient monuments, much fuller information can be collected, in the course of any tour, than would be otherwise possible. There are about 512 villages in the province, and time would only be wasted in visiting places where no antiquities exist.

4. The following remains are mentioned in the Gazetteer:-

(1) Prehistoric remains. These are known as Pāndupāri, and are numerous.

(2) Carved and inscribed stones. (a). Kollē kallu. Tombs of warriors.
(b). - Nāsali kallu. Tombs of women who have committed sati.
(c). Shāsuna kallu. Inscribed stones. There

in Kiggaṭnād record grants of the Cohera kings of the 9th Century.

(3) Kadangas. Ancient earthworks. They are very numerous: one is mentioned in an inscription of the 9th Century.

(4) Forts. Five are specially made note of.

(5) Palaces and tombs. The principal architectural monuments are said to be found among these buildings.

(6) Mausoleums. There are numbers of these. The more ancient are those of the Coorg rājas.

(7) Temples. I could not find any specially mentioned, though some are referred to as containing inscriptions.

5. The province is divided into six taluks, each comprising 24 Nads. Each of these is again sub-divided into villages. I would suggest that the taluk of each taluk receive from the Pāpattiger in charge of each

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Yellusavirusem Taluk 168 villages
Kanjapajapetra " 115 "
Mercara " 58 "
Medinal Knad " 56 "
Medenalknad " 52 "
Kiggaṭnād " 63 "

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• Ancient remains in Coorg.

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each Mad, a brief note of the situation of any ancient monument in any village of his Mad. & detailed information need be given. All that is required is the name of the taluk; Mad; village, with distance and direction from headquarters; and name or kind of monument. If one sheet were issued for each village, 512 would be the number required, to be printed. I append a draft of the proposed circular.

6. On these circulars being received and arranged, I would be able to plan a tour which would include what seemed the most noteworthy antiquities. Reliable lists for conservation or survey could afterwards be prepared.

7. The months of January to March, and August to October would appear to be the best time for visiting the province.

8. I would request that I might be favoured with the loan of a copy of the Coorg Gazetteer.

I have the honour to be,

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Yours most obedient servant,

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Public DEPARTMENT.

From

Supt.,
Archaeological Survey

No. 483

Dated 12 }
Received 14 } Nov. 91

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Ancient Remains of Coorg.

Camp Erode,
20th November 1891.

No. 283.

From
Dr. E. Hultzsch,
Government Epigraphist,

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed ^{current} ~~Govt.~~, No. 3200, dated 7th instant, Public, I have the honour to report that the only Coorg inscriptions known to me are the Kiggatnādu ones, published by the Rev. Fr. Kittel in Vol. VI of the Indian Antiquary, and Mr. L. Rice's Coorg Inscriptions. The latter were issued by the Mysore Government and are of comparatively small importance, as most of the stone inscriptions among them are quite modern, and as the dates of the copper-plates are either forged by the engravers, as Mr. Fleet thinks, or the Saka era, to which they refer, must be different from, and later than, the era usually so called.

2. After receipt of the enclosed ^{current} ~~Govt.~~ I asked the Rev. Fr. Kittel at Mercara, who is perhaps most competent with regard to Coorg antiquities, to supply a short memorandum on the subject. In a letter

Letter which has just reached, he promises to comply with this request in about a fortnight. Though what is now known of Coorg inscriptions, makes me believe that the results would hardly repay a detailed epigraphical survey of the whole province, I beg leave for postponing a final proposal until the arrival of Mr. Kittels' memorandum, which will be submitted to Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
E. Schultz,
Epigraphist.

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H. M.

For orders.

It is submitted that Mr. Red's suggestion is a good one and that it wd. be a mere waste of time for these officers to proceed to Coorg without something to work upon. Mr. Red's circular provides for inscriptions also. The S. of D. request that the necessary arrangements may be made in direct communication with the Chief Commr.

J. D. B.

24/11

For the Chief Commr. of Coorg
to the Chief Commr.

L. M.

From

The Govt. Epigraphist

No.

Dated 20thReceived 22ndRegd. 23rd

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SUBJECT.

Re the epigraphical survey
of the Province of Coorg.

Public Dept

Currents 3200, 3341 & 3447

Order. 2 Dec 91 N. 1014

The Chief Commr. of Coorg will be addressed in regard to the suggestion made by Mr. Red, and that officer's request for ~~the loan~~ of a copy of the Coorg Gazetteer.

2. A further report from Dr. Hultsch will be awaited. He will be furnished with a copy of Mr. Red's letter from which he will see that the circular proposed by the latter includes also inscriptions.

To the Govt. Epig⁵" Supt. Arch.
Survey

WATCHED

S. D. I.

IN M.S.

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Letter N. 1015

To the Chief Commr. of Coorg.

Sir,

With adverting to the correspondence which has taken place between the Govt. of India and yourself in regard to the survey of archaeological remains in the province of

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from the Rev. & Agri.
Dept. No. 2246/288271*/91.

Coorg, I am directed
to forward copy of a
report by the Supt: of
the Arch: Survey in
this Presy: and to invite
attention to the suggesti-
on made in para: 5.

2. I am also to re-
quest that the Supt:
may be favored with
the loan of a copy of
the Coorg Gazetteer.

~~From orders~~

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Arch: Survey of Coorg.

~~How: Mr. Stokes: C.S.D.~~
~~From orders~~

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

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