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From A. REA, Esq., M.R.A.S., Archæological Surveyor to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Tanjore, 19th February 1891, No. 73.

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to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 8th October 1890,
No. 509.

I have the honor to forward a progress report of archæological survey work
accomplished.

2. The staff remained at head-quarters till the end of June. Survey operations
were conducted during the months of July, August and September.

3. At the request of the Jaghirdar of Arni, I visited the village of Devikâpuram,
in the Arni jaghire, and inspected the large and ancient temple there. Another
temple on a hill at the same place was also surveyed. A halt was made at Arcot and
drawings made of the "Delhi Gate" of the fort.

4. The other members of the staff who had not accompanied me to North Arcot,
had gone to Madura to resume the survey of the Palace and temples. Proceeding to
Madura I saw to the completion of this work and then made a tour south through the
Madura district. Two ancient temples at Devipatnam were surveyed. Kilakarai was
visited, and the remains on the beach inspected; but little could be accomplished for
want of coolies. It does not appear, however, that much could be brought to light
by digging, as the surface indications would seem to show that all the buildings
which formerly existed had been constructed of mud. Small beads found in number
among this material, indicate that the inhabitants had been low castes; and numbers
of worn pieces of pearl oyster shells might point to their having been pearl fishers;
one small old corroded pearl was got among these. It seems that gold and silver
coins are occasionally picked up, but they all find their way to the goldsmith, and I
could get none. I got a number of copper coins, among which was a Roman one.
The coins generally are much the same as those found at Mâmallapuram. I learned
that the best time for finding these is in the month of July, after the setting in of the
south-west monsoon has washed away some of the sand from the beach.

5. At Râmesvaram I gained some interesting information on the ceremonies
performed by pilgrims while on their journey to and at that shrine. I inspected the
sacred bathing place of Dhanishkodi, at present situated at the end of a long strip of
sand about 15 miles south-east from Râmesvaram. It is considered sacred as being
the meeting place of the waters of the two seas—Mahôthathi (north) and Rathnâkaram
(south). There are no ancient buildings at the present bathing place; and on inquiries
I learned that the sea is receding at this point and the land has advanced at the rate
of about 5 miles in the last 40 years. A narrow strip of shallow water separates
Dhanishkodi from an island about 15 miles long, and when this strip silts up, as it is
steadily doing, the pilgrims will have to travel other 15 miles to the meeting of the
waters. This being the case, any ancient buildings must be looked for nearer Râmes-
varam. Several places were pointed out, where bathing had formerly taken place.
The most ancient of these is at Mândrâyar chattram, about 7 miles from Râmesvaram,
where I found a small deserted ancient shrine of Sêtumudrâmalingasvami. This
place seems to have been the original site of Dhanishkodi, and bathing at one time took
place close in front of the shrine.

6. The large temple at Tiruppurankunram and the finely-sculptured temple at Koilpati have also been surveyed.

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