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[Despatch Abstract.]

Records for Board
Rev. (S. R) copy to the
Collector of Madras for re-
-say action letter for
the Committee regarding
certain Architectural re-
-main & at St Thomas
which appear to have ar-
cheological value -

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Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue),
MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Subject.

Communicating to the collector of
Madras for such action as he
considers necessary, letter from Mr.
Commisr requesting to take
early measures for the preservation
of certain archaeological & archi-
tectural remains now found
in the sand bank by the erosion
of sea shore at St. Thomas

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To the Public Department
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 4th August 1891,

No. 5532 Mis:

The Hon'ble Mr. J. Prose
Mr. G. Mc Waters.

READ the following letter from G. H. Commaide Esq., Perambore
Madras, dated 30th July 1891.

1. Owing to the erosion of the sea shore at St. Thomas, during the last fortnight, a sand bank, ten to fifteen feet in height, having been cut into, remnants of architecture and many coins have been uncovered.

2. The architectural remains are in granite, and consist of parts of pillars, cornices, carvings in bas-relief and slabs bearing inscriptions. These debris seem to have some archaeological value.

3. The coins vary much in size, shape, material and impression. Some are in gold, and some in copper. Those visible have been picked up by fishermen. Probably many more might be obtained if searched for.

4. At present, many of these articles may be brought out of the reach of the sea at a small cost. If anything is to be done to save these finds action must be taken without a moment's delay, because the continual action of the sea is now burying the objects still deeper than they have been, perhaps for centuries before.

5. The urgency of the case and the interest I feel

in archaeology are, I trust, sufficient reasons to excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing you.

b. I have written to the same effect to the Secretary to H. E. the Governor and to the Superintendent of the Government Central Museum at Madras, so that the officer, whose business it may be to attend to such matters may be informed without delay.

Resolution

Communicated to the Collector of Madras for such action as he considers necessary.

2. The Board thanks Mr. Commaire for the information he has given it.

3. Copy of these Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.

(True copy & 4 each)

W. H. Meyer
Ag. Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Govt. Rev. Dept.
" Collector of Madras
" G. H. Commaire Esq., Perambore.

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