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Antiquities of Coorg

Regarding report of
the Superintendent, to
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of the — & directing
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be supplied to the
Chief Commr of Coorg.

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ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

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2. Travelling allowance for about 30 days—	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Superintendent, daily allowance at Rs. 8-5-4 * ..	250	0	0			
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Two peons, daily allowance for about 32 days at As. 3-4 * each	13	5	4			
	394	5	4	394	5	4
3. Carriage of office baggage for 30 days—						
Three carts at Rs. 25 per month each	75	0	0			
Coolies, pitching tents, &c... ..	30	0	0			
	105	0	0	105	0	0
4. Return railway journey as above detailed ..	39	5	0	39	5	0
				577	15	4
Add to make a round sum				22	0	8
Grand total ..	600	0	0			

ACTUAL expenditure incurred during the inspection of monuments in Coorg.

(1) Rail from Bangalore to Mysore—	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Superintendent, double first class	10	12	0			
Staff, double second class	5	6	0			
Two peons, each single third class	1	12	6			
	17	14	6	17	14	6
(2) Travelling allowance—						
Superintendent, daily allowance—						
1 day at Rs. 5	5	0	0			
22 days at Rs. 8-5-4	183	5	4			
Superintendent, allowance for mileage drawn when a journey of 20 miles is exceeded at As. 13-4 *	156	0	0			
	344	5	4	344	5	4
Staff, daily allowance at Rs. 1-0-8	24	2	8			
„ allowance for mileage, &c.	38	9	0			
	62	11	8	62	11	8
Two peons, daily allowance	10	3	0	10	3	0
(3) Contingencies, carriage of office baggage, &c. ..	151	9	0	151	9	0
(4) Return railway journey from Arsikere to Bangalore as detailed above	21	8	6	21	8	6
Grand total ..	608	4	0			

* Vide article 1252, chapter LI, part XI, pp. 338 and 339, of the Civil Service Regulations.

ORDER—dated 16th June 1893, No. 465, Public.

Recorded.

2. A copy of the report, together with the original photographs, will be supplied to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Archæological Department.
„ Chief Commissioner, Coorg (with photos.)

Exd. A. D. Xavier.

5. Kollekals and prehistoric remains are interesting and numerous all over the province. They are not at present interfered with by the people, but should a railway be carried through any part of the province, as I understand is proposed, it is possible that a majority of those along the line of route will disappear unless a general order is issued prohibiting their being touched.

6. The temples at Bhagamandala and Palur, though of religious importance, have no archæological value. At each of these places there is an inscription of some age, but they require no measures for conservation, as they are carefully preserved by the temple authorities. These inscriptions have been published by Mr. Rice.

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8. One of the small deserted Jaina temples in a coffee estate on the Hattur hill has a number of single line inscriptions on the ceiling beams. Though the temple is of no note, for the sake of the inscriptions some plants might be removed from the building.

9. Appended is a table (5) of approximate and actual expenditure incurred. The small excess is principally due to the monthly rate for carts being Rs. 40 instead of Rs. 25 as estimated.

ENCLOSURES.

NOTES OF INSPECTION OF THE ANTIQUITIES OF COORG.

MERCARA TALUK.

Mercara.—Remains in Mercara are of comparatively modern date; all are in good condition. An inscription noted in the lists as being at the Central school is now in the Commissioner's office in the fort.

Cherala.—There are several kollekals in the forest near the patel's house. One typical stone measures about 3' x 2' and is carved with rough figures in two compartments (two in each) with swords, shields, and bows. It is probably not over 200 years old. A large inscribed stone lies in a hole in the recesses of the Anekadu (elephant forest). It is 6' x 3'; has nine lines of Kanarese and an outlined linga on top. It is not over 200 years old.

Andagor.—The temple of Basavesvara is a modern mud thatched structure. It adjoins a palace kadanga. Some carved weatherworn and mossgrown kollekals are near and others around the village. Some others and a broken dolmen are near the jungle track to Herur. The Kali temple is a tree shrine. On the top of the hill is a comparatively modern inscription of no value.

Herur.—The three shrines here are modern. A carved and inscribed kollekal lies on the track through the jungle. Close is a hole dug for the treasure supposed to lie below. The stone measures 5' 6" x 4' 6" x 6". It has three fairly carved panels much weatherworn. A broad space up each side is inscribed in illegible Kanarese characters; lines also are continued along the bands between the panels. A piece of the stone is broken off the right side. The style of carving and form of the letters show its age to be about 200 years.

Baichchannahalli.—The temples are thatched mud; kollekals scattered over the forest in same general style of those before noted. There are some kadangas.

Nalkur.—Two temples of thatched mud. The "eleven inscribed stones" are lingamudri kals or raja's boundary stones carved with a linga. The kollekals and other remains are as described in the lists.

PADINALEKNAD TALUK.

Bhagamandala.—The temple is a place of some religious note, but of no archæological importance. The inscribed slab standing against the wall of the front outer courtyard is well cared for by the temple authorities. At Tala Kaveri also are a few small shrines and bathing tanks.

Palur.—One of the chief temples of Coorg. It is a well preserved temple re-built some years ago. The inscribed slab standing in the inner court is well cared for.

VIRAJENDRAPET TALUK.

Virajendrapet.—The temple on the Maletambiram hill is a modern building.

Podakote.—A small ancient Jaina basti standing in some jungle and completely overgrown with dense brushwood; it is almost entirely ruined. It is of plain stone construction.

Ambatti.—A kadanga.

KIGGATNAD TALUK.

Balale and Palupare, Hattur hill.—Three small ancient ruined temples in the remains of a fort. One has a few short, single line inscriptions on the ceiling beams and brackets; they appear about 500 years old.

No remains noted at the following places:—Santikoppa, Bungur, Ponampet (except an image taken from Hattur and now in a modern temple), Siddhapur, Somvarpet and Shanivarsante.

NANJARAJPATNA TALUK.

Fraserpet.—Remains of a comparatively modern fort and three new temples.

YELUSAVIRASHIME TALUK.

Mulur.—Three plain stone Jaina temples standing side by side in a court on the south of the village. The two outer are in use for worship by a Jaina family in the village who hold a jaghire for the purpose. The centre shrine is not so used. In the two outer temples are some fine Jaina images. There are twelve beautifully carved ones in the south shrine and one in the north one. The image of the centre shrine stands outside with its head broken off. There are some curious turned piers inside. On the north wall of the south temple is an inscription in two lines. In front of the centre temple is an inscribed slab 3' 6" x 2' 7" with ancient characters and Jaina figure and bull at top (1).

(1) Enclosure No. 2.

At another small shrine in the court are six carved stones, two of which are inscribed. At the back of the north temple is another and in front of it is an inscribed sripada. These inscriptions are ancient, but of evidently later date than that at the centre temple. The temples are in fair preservation.

In the village is a Basava mud temple. In it are twelve Hindu images, a Jainapada and a curious carved stone bowl.

In the north of Appana Gauda's yard is a beautifully carved stone, measuring 4' 6" x 2' 7", with Hindu figures in three panels and inscriptions around (2). In the south of the same yard are a kollekal and a small ruined shrine.

(2) Enclosure No. 3.

At the silted sluice of the north tank is a small stone with an inscription; near it a carved stone lies in the tank bed.

A quarter of a mile north of the village is a small ancient ruined shrine with three Hindu images standing sunk in the ground; two are well carved.

At the south tank, inside the north bund, is an inscribed stone. Outside the east bund of the tank is a boldly carved kollekal.

Gopalapura.—A small ancient ruined stone temple.

APPROXIMATE estimate of travelling expenses in connection with a tour of inspection of the ancient monuments in Coorg.

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Superintendent, double first class	10	12	0			
Staff, double third class	1	12	6			
Two peons, each single third class	1	12	6			
Approximate charge for tents and office baggage.	25	0	0			
	39	5	0			
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The Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey,
Madras,

Order 16th June 1893.
No. 465.
Recorded.

To The Chief Secretary
to the Government of
Madras.

Dated 8th
resp. 9th
Recd 10
Regd 12

2. A copy of the report
will be supplied to the
Chief Commis. of Coorg.

Enclosures. 4.

SECRET
16 JUN 93
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject.
Submits report
on tour of inspection
of certain of the
antiquities of
Coorg.

Supt. Archaeological
dept.
Ch. Comm. Coorg
(with enclosing letter).
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Suppose the Prof. will
arrange for having the
photos. reproduced by
photogenicography by
the Survey dept.

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Subd to a.s.
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originals to Coorg.
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16TH JUNR 1893, No. 465, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—
From A. REA, Esq., Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Madras, to the
Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 8th June 1893, No. 244.
With reference to the marginally-noted (1) orders of Government, I have the
honour to report on my tour of inspection of the antiquities of Coorg.
(1) Reference No. 3200 of 1891, dated 17th November 1891, P.
G.O., No. 1014 P., dated 2nd Dec. 1891.
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2. From the lists I made a selection of places that, from the descriptions, seemed likely to have remains of some interest; but, from the limited time at my disposal, I was obliged to omit the greater number of them. To have overtaken even these, a tour of at least three months would have been required. The dense jungles in which the remains are mostly situated and the hilly nature of the country makes travelling more than ordinarily difficult, and, when the sole means of travelling was by country carts, or in the case of hilly jungle paths, where even these could not go, long distances had to be walked over, it was impossible in the time to visit more than I did. On horseback no doubt many more places might have been inspected.
3. I left Bangalore on the 7th April and went direct from Mysore to Mercara. At the latter place I consulted with the Commissioner, Mr. Meiklejohn, and received some valuable information as to the arrangements necessary for visiting the places I had selected. From there I visited some villages a round. I then went to the west boundary, down to the south, up the east frontier to the north and back by Arsikere to Bangalore where I arrived on the 11th May. I travelled altogether 401 miles by road.
4. I enclose a description (2) of the antiquities noted at the various places visited. As to their general distribution, structural remains of any note are strikingly wanting in the west and south-west. The temples there are generally mud shrines. Should any ancient buildings of note exist in the province beyond those I have noted in the list, they must be looked for among the Jaina bastis found along the east and north boundaries of Mysore. Those visited in this quarter are stone structures and undoubtedly ancient, but they are small and without any architectural pretensions. From the style of what I have seen, it seems likely that the others even in this quarter will be of the same class of building. In this portion of the province there are numbers of inscriptions noted in the lists. Many no doubt are kollekals of comparatively modern date, but among them there may be a few, as at Mulur, of some antiquity. I had marked the whole of these, but had not time to visit them.

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Sir,

Your most obedient servant

M. G. S.
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the time
ve been
Superintendent.

(3) Enclosure No. 2.
(2 copies).

(4) Enclosure No. 3.
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X(2) The latter stone had a hay-stack in front of it, so a complete view could not be taken.

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8th June 1893.

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From

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SUPERINTENDENT, ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY,

MADRAS,

To

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Actual expenditure incurred during
the inspection of ancient monuments in
884

Coorg.

1. Rail from Bangalore to Mysore.

Superintendent, Double 1 st Class	10-12-4	
Staff " 2 nd "	5-6-4	
2 Pems each single 3 rd "	1-12-6	
	<u>17-14-6.</u>	17-14-6

2. Travelling allowance

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1 day @ Rs 5-0-0	5-0-0
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@ 0-13-4

156-0-0	
<u>344-5-4.</u>	344-5-4

Staff daily allowance @ 1-0-8. 24-2-8

" Allowance for mileage per	38-9-0	
	<u>62-11-8</u>	62-11-8

2 Pems daily allowance.	10-3-0	10-3-0
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3. Contingencies, carriage of

Office baggage per	151-9-0.	151-9-0
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4. Return Railway journey from

Trivikere to Bangalore as	21-8-6.	21-8-6
detailed above.		

Grand total	<u>608-4-</u>
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SUPERINTENDENT,
ARCHAEOLOG. SURVEY, MADRAS.

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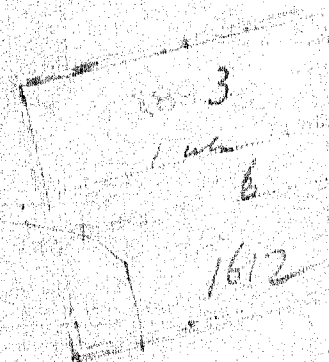
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(2) Enclosure No. 3

754
Ind. No. 274

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Staff " " Third " 1-12-6.
Peons, each single " 1-12-6.

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Andagor:—

The temple of Basavevarava is a modern mud thatched structure. It adjoins a Palace Kadanga.