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[Despatch Abstract.]

LIST OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL REMAINS IN COORG.

Forwarding to the Government of India letter from the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Madras, explaining the cause of the defects noticed in his----, and enquiring of that Government whether a new list should be prepared.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY, MADRAS.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY,

Madras,

To

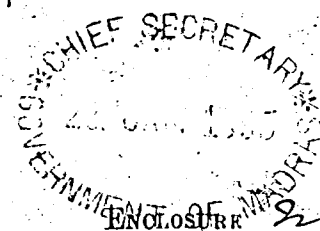
THE *Chief Secretary*
to the Government of
Madras.

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Subject.

*Reports on the initial
List of remains in
Coorg, and on the at-
present absence of
materials for a second
Classified one.*

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Bangalore,

22nd January 1895.

No. 19.

From

A. REA, ESQUIRE,

SUPERINTENDENT, ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY,

MADRAS,

To

*The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras,*

SIR,

*With reference to G. O., dated 4th
January 1895, No 3 Public, I have the
honour to report as follows:-*

*2. When submitting to Government,
details of the proposed tour of inspection in
Coorg, I suggested it would be desirable
that it should extend to at least three months.
Madras Government reference on C. No. 3496
of 1891 directed that the tour should last
for a month only. Considering the numbers
of remains recorded, their scattered po-
sitions, and the difficulties of travelling,
I visited as many of them as it was
possible to do in the course of a month. These
latter places, personally inspected, were*

*In G.O. 122-224
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mentioned in my report of the tour to Government, in G.O., dated 16th June 1893, No. 465 Public, and are embodied in the appendix to the List.

3. The List is a complete enumeration of all known examples of presumably ancient remains in Coorg, and so prepared exactly on the principle of those of Mr. Sewell for Madras; or, as directed in para 4 (a) of Resolution of the Government of India No. $\frac{12}{28}$ arch. dated 24th $\frac{870}{13.10.91}$ August 1891; and I would respectfully submit that, in the existing circumstances, no other was possible.

There is no other here
been published in
this form.

4. In the Classified list prepared by me for Madras, only such monuments as had been personally inspected, and were unique or very ancient, or possessed exceptional merit as typical specimens of their style of architecture (G.O., dated 9th January 1891, No. 17 Public) were to be included. None of the places personally inspected in Coorg, nor any of which there are any records, merits the latter description, or is of sufficient importance to have money expended on its conservation. From my own observations of the general character of the remains; from inquiries from resident officials and others; and from any records on the subject, I am led to conclude that the places visited during my tour represent a fair sample of the remains all over the province; and that there are no known ancient

buildings of architectural note in Coorg, worthy of being placed in a classified list for conservation expenditure. The great majority of the remains are prehistoric, or monumental slabs of later date, of a certain interest archaeologically - and of which it seemed desirable there should be a complete list seeing that any references to the remains hitherto published, are of the most fragmentary description - but they do not stand in need of, or, are they of sufficient importance, to deserve conservation. This was indicated in my report noted in above para 2.

5. In Madras, there are large numbers of varied styles of monuments of great archaeological and architectural interest, of all ages, dating from the earliest times, from which it is possible to prepare a Classified list. In Coorg, the case is altogether exceptional. There are numbers of remains possessing some interest, but none of special note. There are prehistoric and other slabs as above noted, in no need of repair. The temples are generally largely composed of mud and thatch, or, if of stone, with an absence of architectural features. The only buildings with any pretence to architecture are the Rajas' palaces, and they are modern.

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6. Under these circumstances, I would respectfully submit in accordance with para 4 (b) of Resolution of the Government of India No. $\frac{12}{28}$ arch dated 24th August 1891, that though there are many remains in Coorg, as the List shows, yet they are of rude construction; and in the absence of any known monument of special architectural or archaeological note, there is at present no material with which to make the second classification recorded in the Resolution quoted.

7. Mr. Sewell's Lists for Madras have proved of the greatest possible service; and should the List for Coorg be placed in the hands of official and non-official residents, it might serve the same purpose of bringing to light any remains of exceptional interest; should any such exist.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. M. R.
Superintendent.

Public Department

Case No. 226.

Order: 8, 4 Feb. '95, No. 85

The Government of India will be addressed. Mr. Rea should have brought the matter prominently to notice when he applied for a No. for the List.

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To

The Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey

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M.S.

Letter 8, 4 Feb. '95, No. 86

To The Secretary

to the Govt. of India
Dept. of Revenue and
Agriculture
Sir,

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M.S.

With reference to the remarks in your letter No. 5066 of the 14th Decem. last, I am directed to

to forward copy
of a letter from the
Superintendent, an
Archaeological Survey
in which he explains
how it was that the
lists of remains in
Coorg which were
furnished by the
local officials were
published as a
number of the
Archaeological Survey
Series.

2. Mr. Pea is
correct in saying
that whereas he
intended to spend
three months in
Coorg this Govt.
permitted him to
be there for one month
only. It was not
possible to spare
his services longer
from the really
important work
which calls for
attention in this
Presidency. It
through

through archaeological
inspection of Coorg
would take considerably
more than three
months, and would
probably not repay
the expenditure
incurred.

3. In the circumstances
stated by Mr. Pea
I am to enquire
whether the Govt.
of India will
desire a new list
to be prepared.

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