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Authorizing, with remark, the Capt. Arch.  
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sell by auction the old one.

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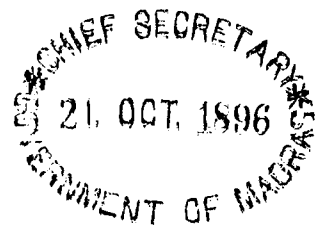
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*For orders. The Finl dept CURRENT No. intimates that the money can be found from general savings if necessary. A new camera seems to be very necessary.*



*From The Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, (Madras.)*

No. 178.

*As to the cost of the new one it must be left to the Supt. He had better have a thoroughly good instrument while it is about it, and it won't do for Govt. to buy second hand.*

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## SUBJECT.

*Requests sanction to the purchase of a new camera, and the sale of the old one. The purchase of a new camera & the sale by auction of the old one are sanctioned. The Supt. shd. not purchase a second hand camera unless he is quite sure that he is getting a thoroughly efficient article at a moderate price.*

*The Supt. Arch. Survey*

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2. With the camera at present in use, it is impossible to do satisfactory work. I have for some time had many complaints regarding it from the Head Draughtsman who has taken the most of the photographs with it. To obviate the necessity of incurring the cost of a new one, recently and at various times, it has to

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tempted to repair it, but it is in such a  
ruined state, that little good has resulted.  
following are a few of the defects found in  
making it,

(1) The tripod is insufficient for the  
work; it sways with the slightest wind and  
the weight of the focussing cloth.

(2) The bellows cloth is rotten, and freely  
admits the light.

(3) The ground glass does not fit the slide,  
and the latter frequently falls down when  
it is being put in.

(4) The swing back will not work, and cannot  
be used.

(5) The two verticals cannot be fitted tightly  
and vertically.

(6) All the slides are cracked and warped.  
They admit light on to the plate, and shake  
the camera when it is attempted to put them  
in. The woodwork generally has been insufficiently  
seasoned to withstand the exposure and ex-  
-tremes of temperature it has necessarily been  
subjected to while in use in different parts of  
Madras.

(7) The lens does not give a clear picture.

Other minor faults are found in  
working.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
your most obedient servant.

*A. H. M.*  
Asst. Comdant.

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