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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again Letter, No. 751, Public, dated 7th September 1895.

READ—also the following paper:—

From A. REA, Esq., Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 19th June 1896, No. 120.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 674, Public, dated 7th August 1891, I have the honour to submit a programme of proposed survey operations for the year 1897-98.

2. I would propose to undertake the survey of the most important monuments in the Tinnevely district. There is a large number of recorded remains (*Lists*, pp. 303-316) many of which are of great interest. The number of places which it would be possible to survey will, as usual, depend on the amount of work to be ascertained after inspection. Among the chief remains of interest are the following places:—

Sáttúr (p. 305)	..	..	Some temples and the site of an ancient city.
Sankaranayinárkóvil (306)	..	..	An ancient temple and other remains.
Virasikamani (306)	..	..	Some interesting rock-cut caves.
Kalugumalai (307)	..	..	The celebrated rock-cut caves, monolithic temples, Jaina sculptures, and inscriptions.
Kuttalam (309)	..	..	An ancient sculptured temple, cairns, sepulchral and other remains.
Tenkási (309)	..	..	Ancient temples and other remains.
Tinnevelly (311)	..	..	The great Siva temple.
Azhvár Tirunagari (111)	..	..	An ancient Vishnu temple of great size and architectural interest.
Kayal, Korkai and Marangalam (311-12)	..	..	Ancient sites with interesting remains.
Srivaikuntam (313)	..	..	Several temples and sepulchral remains.
Valavanad Hill (314)	..	..	Extensive sepulchral remains.

There are many others which appear of interest, some of which may be visited should time permit. The most extensive work will probably be that at Tinnevelly.

ORDER—No. 702, Public, dated 4th July 1896.

The programme is approved and will be communicated to the Government of India with reference to paragraph 5 (1) of letter, No. 751, Public, dated 7th September 1895.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 703, Public, dated 4th July 1896.

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, with reference to its No. 1384—27-Arch., dated 11th July 1891, and in continuation of this Government's endorsement, No. 573, Public, dated 20th July 1895.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

cs. Please see pages 303-316
of Secretary's despatch

cs.
24/6/96

The sample

of the survey

has been

examined

and found

to be

Public Dept

C. N. 2030

Note for the H.M.

To the Secy of India
N^o 757 Pubd 7th Sept 1895
it was stated that Tinnevely
was one of the districts not yet
surveyed even in part. Mr
proposed last year that Ching
-put with another district sh
be next taken up, then Cuda
-pah with Nellore & leave
Tinnevely & S. Arcot (has
surveyed) for the last. But
at the same time it was re-
marked that none of the still
untouched districts could
be completely surveyed
under one, and probably
two, seasons, if anything like
a fair representation of the
monuments &c was to be
obtained.

Mr Rea now proposes
to take up at once - the
Tinnevely District. It is full
of archaeological remains and
will certainly require at least
a season to itself. Inscriptions
are to be found in almost
every town & village, esp
-cially in the valley of
Tamsapuram, and other

* Orig. with another current
printed copy sent up

* See Sewell
pp. 356-317

is are numerous, while
 thorough survey of the
 vestiva temple at Timnevel
 line would amply
 repay the time spent on
 it. The programme
 therefore ^{seems to be desirable} ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
 writing me, and may
~~therefore~~, it is submitted,
 be approved. The draft
 order is on the back of the current.

Archaeological
 Survey Operations
1897 - 98

Hon. Mr. H. W. Bliss C.S.

C.A.
 The C.S. has not installed
 the order, but the note
 should it be sent to him
 again please?

Despatch the order

C.S.
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY, (MADRAS.)

Public Dept.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY,

(Madras,)

To

THE Chief Secretary
to the Government
of Madras.

Dated 19

Despd.

Recd. 20

June 1896.

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ENCLOSURE *enc.*

No. 120

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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Subj. *Arch.*

Submits programme of
survey operations for the
year 1897-98.

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The programme
is approved and will be
communicated to the Govt
of India with reference to
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Pubd 7th Sept 1895.

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23.6.96

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25.6.96

2. The Chief Secy. Arch. Survey, dated 16/7/96
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16/7/96
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