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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Suptt: Archaeological
Survey, Madras, that his proposal
for the entertainment of a
photographer in his office cannot
be sanctioned in view of the
uncertain future of the Suptt.

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From

The Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey,
(Madras)

No. 144.

H.M. van
In Orders

Whether Mr. Rex may be
told that the whole question of
archaeology and Epigraphy
is now under considera-
-tion, and ^{that} until a decision
has been arrived at on the
general question the
present proposal must
lie over. Attention is soli-

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Bentley then to end the line
for extra expenditure of
this kind

Requests sanction to
the employment of a
photographer in this
Office

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Where in the world did this
Reaching from? His English is
very peculiar

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Archaeological Survey, (Madras.)

Bangalore,

14th August 1897.

No. 144.

From

A. REA, ESQUIRE,

SUPERINTENDENT, ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY,

(MADRAS,)

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras,

SIR,

I have the honour to request that Government might be pleased to sanction the employment of a professional photographer in this office. I think a suitable man could be had on Rs 100 to 150.

2. Previously, the work was done by one, who had had some professional experience as a photographer, and could also, when not so engaged, do some draughtsman's work. But even then, the salary was not sufficient to secure a really good man.

3. The work has latterly been done by the Head Draughtsman, who at present has only a salary of Rs 60. He has been trained

as a draughtsman; but has no professional experience as a photographer, and has learned all he has been able to acquire of it since he came to this office. He has had to do his ordinary work in addition to it. He has never been able to invariably turn out the work of a first class photographer.

4. Photographic work, in connection with the Survey in Madras, is very much different to what it is in Northern India. At the latter, any European or other officer can generally have access to almost any, or any part of, a building. In Madras, there are certainly cases, with deserted buildings for instance, where this is so also. But in Hindu temples, with which most of the work is connected, the case is entirely otherwise. The exterior portion, into which a non-Hindu is permitted to go, is of small extent, and generally much less interesting for photographic work, than that in the interior. Into that, none but a Hindu can have access.

5. Where the exterior work is of sufficient interest, it would often be possible to take many pictures of it, by anyone, if that were the only object in view. But for archaeological purposes, the photographs should not be unduly multiplied, and can only be proportional to the much more important measured work. They should be evenly distributed throughout the entire building, so as to show the various details, characteristics or styles of the different parts.

6. Some buildings present but a blank wall on the exterior, with all the architectural work inside. Many temples are closely surrounded by houses of residents, and, to get particular views, a position for the Camera has often to be taken up on roofs, or in other parts, where none but a caste man would be tolerated. Various instances of the kind, constantly occur; and the work could never be smoothly carried out by any other.

7. This principle has been recognized in the archaeological survey of Mysore, where the conditions of work are similar to those prevailing in Madras. There, a Hindu photographer is employed on Rs 150, with a personal assistant and peon wholly engaged on this work.

8. It would therefore be desirable that a properly qualified Hindu photographer should be employed on a sufficient salary. He would, by his caste, have access to any and all parts of buildings. The salaries paid to all of the draughtsmen are exceptionally low, and any of the pay of the posts would prove unattractive to a good photographer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. C. S.
Superintendent.

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This

The Supt, Archae-
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be informed that as
the ^{origin of the} ~~question~~ ^{and}
of Archaeology ^{and}
Epigraphy ^{is now}
under consideration,
and that until a
decision has been
arrived at on the
general question
his present proposal
cannot be entertained.
It is further observed
that ⁱⁿ the ^{existing condition of} ~~present state~~
of finance ^{and} ~~it is not~~
~~permissible to~~ ^{permissible} ~~to~~
permit of any extra
expenditure of the
kind ^{proposed} ~~is~~ ^{impossible} ~~at~~ ^{the} ~~present~~
^{the question} ~~is~~ ^{the question}

Note

Inth up to the H.M.'s remark
on W. Rea's English it
is understood that that
gentleman hails from
Glasgow and was
brought in by Dr. Burgess

C.S.
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