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[Despatch Abstract.]

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which, under existing rules, should be
destroyed, the head of the office should
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who will decide whether such plates or
documents are to be destroyed or
forwarded to the Govt. Museum.

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Documents of Archæological Interest.

Directing that whenever copper-plate deeds of grant or other — are found among records which under existing rules should be destroyed, the heads of the office should communicate with the Government Epigraphist, who will decide whether such plates or documents are to be destroyed or forwarded to the Government Museum.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

ORDER—No. 717, Public, dated 2nd June 1898.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that whenever copper-plate deeds of grant or other documents of archæological interest are found among records which should under existing rules be destroyed, the head of the office should communicate with the Government Epigraphist, who will decide whether the plates or documents should be destroyed or be forwarded to the Government Museum.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Government Epigraphist.
 „ Departments of the Secretariat.
 „ all Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.

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Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

CHIEF SECRETARY
20 MAY 1965
GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

From

From
The Government Epigraphist

For Orders

District Judges are under the
 High Court. Under rule (4) of
 the Rules under the Destruction of
 Records Act, iii of 1859 District
 Judges may at their discretion, direct
 the retention, for a longer period or
permanently, of papers which they
 "may consider likely to be useful in
 the future" etc. The question of whether
 judicial records of the kind should be
 forwarded to the Govt. Museum or
 to the Govt. Epigraphist is, it is
 submitted, for Judicial to decide. The
 circular suggested by Dr. Hultsch, as
 far as Public is concerned might issue,
 it is submitted, copper plate parts
 being sent to the Govt. Museum for safe
 custody.

P. T. O.

No. 170

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SUBJECT

Suggesting that Copper plate grants might be exempted from the operation of the Rules regarding destruction of records.

P. T. O.

C.S.

It was obviously not intended
 that records of any
 archaeological interest should
 be destroyed: all that
 has been said is that the
 record rooms of public
 office should not be
 burdened with records which
 are no longer required.
 Submitted then an order
 may issue to all offices
 directing that whenever
 copper plate deeds of grant
 come up for disposal
 under the rules regarding the
 destruction of records the
 head of the office should
 communicate with the
 Superintendent who should
 decide whether the plate
 should be destroyed, or be
 forwarded to the Museum.

The Judges of the H.C. may
 be asked, if they have no
 objection, to issue a
 similar rule.

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 of archaeological interest.
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Madura District Court
 15th February 1898.

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From J. M. Horsfall Esquire
 Ag. District Judge, Madura.

To. Edgar Thurston Esquire
 L. R. C. P., L. S. S., F. R. M. S.
 Superintendent of Government Museum
 Madras.

Sir,

There are copper plates 20 in number - on which deeds
 of grant have been engraved, supposed to have been granted by
 Rajas and others and produced or filed in suits on the file of the
 several courts in this district, lying in the central Record room here.
 They are liable now to be destroyed under the rules, now in force,
 for the destruction of records. I have the honor to request you will
 be good enough to let me know if you would like to see them. If so,
 I shall have them forwarded to you for your inspection and
 disposal.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most Obedient Servant,

(Sd) J. M. Horsfall.
 Ag. District Judge.

(True Copy)

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True Copy

Sd/- Edgar Thurston.
Superintendent
Government Museum

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No. 124

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM,
PANTHEON ROAD, EGMORE,
Madras, February 1898.
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From

EDGAR THURSTON, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT.

CHIEF SECRETARY
20 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Government Epigraphist,
Ootacamund.

SIR,

x 19 plates.

I have the honour to forward, by Railway parcel, through Messrs Richter and Co., a parcel of copper plates received from the District Judge, Madurai, and to enclose herewith, for your information a copy of letter received from him, concerning the plates; and shall be much obliged if you will let me know whether they are of sufficient interest for preservation in the Museum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Sd/- Edgar Thurston

Couper ASV

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Superintendent,
Government Museum.

No. 170

Potacamund,
20 May 1898.

From

Dr. E. Hultzsch,

Government Epigraphist

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to submit a letter from the Superintendent, Government Museum, with an enclosure from which it appears that the rules issued by Government regarding the destruction of public records are liable to be misunderstood and to be applied to ancient copper plate grants. I would suggest that a circular might

True

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ENCLOSURE

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might be issued to all public
offices, exempting Copper
plate grants from the rules
in force and directing heads
of offices to forward such
records, when no longer
required, either to the Government
Museum or to this office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. H. M. S. S.
Epigraphist.

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ORDER No. 717, of 2nd June 1898.

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It is the Govt. Council is pleased to
all officers are directed that when-
ever copper plate deeds of grant or
other documents of archaeological in-
terest ~~are found among records which~~
~~should come up for disposal under the~~
~~rules regarding the destruction of re-~~
~~ords,~~ the head of the office should com-
municate with the Govt. Epigraphist, who
will decide whether the plates or docu-
ments should be destroyed, or be forwarded
to the Govt. Museum.

To
The Govt. Epigraphist
All heads of Depts. under the
Chief Secretary.
Other Depts of the Secretariat.
A-X

LETTER No. 718.

To
the
Hon. Chief Justice of the High
Court of Judicature, Madras.

Honorable Sir,
I am directed to enquire

whether the Honourable the Judges of
the High Court of Judicature, Madras,
have any objection to issue an order re-
garding copper plate deeds of grant or
other documents of archaeological interest
similar to the one a copy of which is
enclosed.

I have etc.

forward copy of
the proceedings of Govt
No 717 of the date
1.6.95 regarding the preservation
of documents of
archaeological interest
which used ordinarily
to be destroyed under the
rules for the destruction
of records, I am to
report that if the
Honble the Judges see no
objection & similar
instructions may be
issued to Judicial
Officers

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