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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording letter from the Govt. Epigraphist,
suggesting the desirability of amalgamating the
establishment of the Govt. Epigraphist and the
Archaeological Surveyor, and requesting that Dr.
Hultzsch's opinion may be considered before passing
orders.

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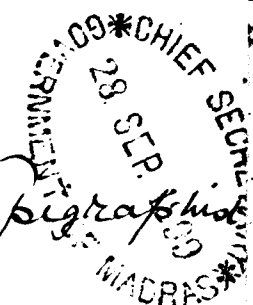
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Requesting that before
sanctioning the Archae-
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proposed Epigraphical
establishment Dr
Hultzsch's opinion
on the feasibility be



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The Government Epigraphist

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The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sign

From para. 10 of the Government of India's Despatch regarding the reorganization of the Archaeological Department (printed in G.O. No. 1019, Public, dated 11th September 1899), it appears that the Archaeological Surveyor of Madras is well equipped with an establishment for collecting inscriptions and coins. I have the honor to submit that, in Madras, where a separate Epigraphical establishment is already maintained at State expense, the ^{other} ~~one~~ directly contemplated by the ^{Government} of ^{Madras} ~~India~~

India will result in two independent establishments doing practically the same work to a certain extent - one under the Government Epigraphist and the other under the Archaeological Surveyor. It is, therefore, suggested that, instead of creating a new establishment under the Archaeological Surveyor, which must naturally be recruited from men who are quite new to Epigraphical as well as to Numismatical work, the grant of Rs 1800 proposed to be allotted for the purpose, may, with advantage, be transferred to the Government Epigraphist, who will then be able to strengthen his present establishment, the members of which can, with a little experience, help materially in collecting coins as well. The expediency of this proposal is emphasised by the fact that the Government Epigraphist's establishment is not sufficiently strong.

strong in point of numbers. In addition to the work of collecting and publishing inscriptions, the search for Sanskrit manuscripts and the publication of Reports on them have of late devolved on the Government Epigraphist as his regular duties. Dr. Hultzsch had, as long ago as 1894, requested Government to sanction the appointment of a fourth assistant on his staff, which was declined owing to financial pressure (G. O. No. 279, Public, dated 25th April 1894). Since then the work of the establishment has gone on increasing and has resulted in the accumulation of arrears referred to in Dr. Hultzsch's letter read in G. O. No. 1212, Public, dated 23rd September 1898.

Dr. Hultzsch has by last mail been informed of this proposal and requested to submit his views thereon to Government directly. I have

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Epigraphist

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The annual report of the Govt. of India to the Secy. of State, printed with No. 1019, Public, dated 11-9-29, contains proposals for the reorganization of the Archaeological Dept. The scheme provides for the division of India & Burma into six Archaeological Circles, with a Surveyor & a small staff in each, & the retention of an Epigraphist in London. In para 10 of the despatch the Govt. of India remarks, -

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circle with two draughtsmen, &
a small travelling establishment
(at a cost of Rs 150 a month) for
the collection of coins & inscriptions.
2. With reference to this point,
the Collector of the Nilgiris, in
charge of the Epigraphists' office,
brings to notice that the arrange-
ment proposed by the Govt. of
India will result in this
Presidency, where there is a
separate Epigraphists' estab-
lishment, in two independent
establishments doing practically
the same work to a certain
extent. He therefore suggests
that the proposed establishment
costing Rs 1500 a year, should
be transferred to the
Epigraphists, who would
then be able to strengthen
his staff, & arrange for the
collection of coins as well
of inscriptions. He states
that Dr. Hultzsch has been
informed of this proposal,
& asked to submit his
views to Govt. direct, the

request that before sanction
is accorded to the Archaeological
Surveyor's estimate, Dr. Hultzsch
should be consulted.
3. No action therefore is
needed - until the receipt
of Dr. Hultzsch's views,
but a few remarks are
necessary with respect to
the suggestion that the
establishment costing Rs.
1500 be transferred from the
Archaeological to the
Epigraphists' Dept.
4. Mr. Rees' present
establishment costs Rs. 3336
a year. In the proposition
submitted to the
G. of I. with letter no 781
dated 7.9.95, certain
proposals for increase to the pay
of the staff were proposed,
& the employment of a
travelling Purvis - on loan
about Rs 50 to Rs 100 per
month was recommended.

to fix the cost of the establishment at Rs. 3960 a year. This is only Rs. 624 a year, or Rs. 52 a month in excess of the present cost. If the pay of the members of the existing staff is to be increased, there will be no margin left for the employment of new staff, or if even a Pandit is engaged, no increase can be given to the staff. It will be seen however that it will be impracticable to transfer Rs. 1500 a year from the Rain establishment to that of the Epidemic. plagues without crippling the former.

5. In para 10 of the despatch to the Secy. of State of the 16 June 1898, the G. B. S. states that the present annual cost of Dr. Hultgren's establishment is Rs. 4,458, & that it is proposed to continue the provision on the same scale. The present actual average annual cost is

however about Rs. 4,000, so that the G. B. S. estimate is below the mark. So far back as 1894, Dr. Hultgren applied for an additional assistant, but in G. O. No. 279, Public, dated 25.4.94, the request was refused on financial grounds. In his letter dated 4th July 1894, Public, dated 23.9.94, Dr. Hultgren brought to notice an accumulation of arrears in his office. It seems probable therefore that the question of increasing his staff will have to be considered, but this must be done without reference to the Rain establishment.

6. With regard to the question of the collection of coins, it may be pointed out that the Secy. of India despatched to the Secy. of State dealt generally with the

In this Prov. where there is
a separate Epigraphist, this
particular duty may be
assigned to that officer, but
it must be done with his
existing staff. If additional
staff is required, the question
must be considered on its
merits, for as above pointed
out, it cannot well be given
at the expense of the Recor-
ding.

2. These points might
perhaps be borne in mind,
when Dr. Halleguel's letter
comes to hand.

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9.10.01 C.S. Karl D. Halleguel
After it is received it is
submitted that there is
nothing to be done. If it
is essentially found desirable
it would be possible, perhaps,
to augment Dr. Halleguel's
staff by adding that of the
Rec., as his letter will have
less work than the Surveyor
or the Clerk. This would be

a question for the future,
& nothing need be done till
Dr. Halleguel has finally sanctioned
the scheme now pending.

At the same time may
be sent to the Secretary.

Yrs.
H. H. H.

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