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4. Captain Carr will be at liberty to employ the Government Press and Lithographic establishments, including the Survey Department, or to entrust the work to private firms, as he thinks best. Should he find it desirable to visit the Pagodas in order to verify any details of the descriptions or illustrations, he will submit a bill of his expenses for the sanction of Government.

5. The Superintendent of Survey will arrange, in communication with Captain Carr, for the preparation of an accurate survey of the locality and ground-plan of the temples, &c., on such scale as will allow of its being bound up with the volume, or inserted in a pocket in the cover.

6. The papers in question are mainly scattered through the published transactions of the Asiatic Society, and of the local branch of that association styled the "Madras Literary Society," which are now out of print, and with difficulty procurable. This resolution will be communicated to the Local Society's Committee, in the assurance that they will readily concur in the proposed publication.

7. A certain number of copies of the volume will be reserved for sale to the public at such price as may cover the cost of production. The remainder will be distributed to the Indian and Home Governments, and presentation copies will be sent to the Asiatic and Local Societies.

8. The object of Government is to promote the intelligent study and examination of these interesting remains of a bygone age, and as the distance of the locality from any road or town, and the absence of suitable shelter on the spot, greatly deters visitors, the Government direct that a plan and estimate be prepared in the Department Public Works for erecting a public bungalow on the spot to supply this want.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works.
" Captain M. W. Carr.
" the Madras Literary Society Committee.
" the Accountant General.
" the Supervisor Government Press.
" the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

20 April 1868

My dear Hudleston,

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