

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th September 1871.*

No. 143. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George :—

Read the following letter from the Director-General, Archaeological Survey, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated Simla, 9th August 1871, No. 101.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Docket No. 3,311, dated 7th July 1871, requesting an expression of my opinion as to the best method of proceeding with reference to the important Buddhist remains at Amaravati in the Kistna District of the Madras Presidency.

2. As I had already addressed Mr. Boswell, the Collector of the district, whose valuable and interesting report on these ancient remains I had previously perused, I delayed sending you a reply until I should hear from him. I received Mr. Boswell's answer only yesterday. He has been so seriously ill that he has been recommended to proceed to England for one year on Medical Certificate. I had hoped that, with his advice and assistance, some further excavations might have been made in the Dipaldina mound, from which Sir Walter Elliot obtained all the sculptures that form the chief illustrations of Mr. Fergusson's Tree and Serpent Worship, and also in a second mound which Mr. Boswell mentions as being still untouched. Mr. Boswell now tells me that he does not know of any one competent to undertake charge of the excavations this season. Had he remained he would have been glad to have undertaken the work himself under my instructions, and to whom I could have entrusted the operations with full confidence that they would have been carried out with vigour and intelligence.

3. Under all the circumstances I think it most advisable to postpone any operations until Mr. Boswell's return from sick leave. I have no assistant whom I could depute to superintend this work, and without Mr. Boswell's immediate supervision, I could not entrust the excavations to an inexperienced person.

4. The documents received with your letter under reply are herewith returned.

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No. 3,831.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to its letter No. 1,001, dated the 7th June last.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. HOWELL,
Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
Public,
SIMLA, 13th August 1871.

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TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1871, No. 1,577.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to Mr. Boswell.

No. 1,494, will be deferred till his return from sick leave.

2. The excavations contemplated
in the G. O., dated 31st August 1871,

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To J. A. C. Boswell, Esq.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Department of Public Works.

*Your letter under reply are herewith
returned.*

Shanley

Sgt. A. Cunningham

Major General

Col. Genl., Archaeological Survey

No 3831.

*Copy forwarded to the Genl. of
Madras with reference to its letter
No 1001 dated the 7th June last.*

By order

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Chief Secretary

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