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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th October 1872.

No. 87. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 2nd October 1872:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Kommalpad, 23rd September 1872, No. 94.

ADVERTING to G. O. No. 161 of 18th September 1871, I have the honour to submit a plan and sections of the "Lunjadibba" at Bhatteprole, Kistna District, together with copies of two letters from Mr. Assistant Engineer Norris, giving a descriptive account of that structure.

1 Plan.
1 Copy of two letters.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. R. NORRIS, Esq., C.E., Assistant Engineer in charge of 1st or Repally Sub-Range, to the officer in charge Western Delta Range, Kistna District, dated Duggirala, 24th July 1872, No. 388.

IN forwarding a plan of the mound at Bhatteprole, commonly known as Lunjadibba, I have the honour to subjoin a short description of it.

2. It is a relic about which such information as is obtainable has been given by the late Mr. Boswell. It stands on a small piece of high ground outside the village of Bhatteprole, two miles to the west of Vellatoor on the Kistna, and is built entirely of large bricks made of clay and straw roughly mixed and well burnt.

3. The dimensions of these is *about* 1-6×2-0. The height of the present remains is about 14 feet in the highest place, and owing to a great part of it having been demolished for road metal the shape is very irregular, as may be seen by a perusal of the sketch.

4. In area it may be said to contain about 1,700 square yards, and it was, I think, originally of a circular form, judging from the shape of some of the bricks which have been found in it.

5. On the top of the mound and in the centre of it is a circular hole, 6 inches in diameter, which reaches from top to bottom.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the same officer, dated Duggirala, 6th September 1872, No. 529.

IN continuation of my letter No. 388 of 24th June 1872, and in answer to yours of the 30th August, I have the honour to subjoin—

1. That no earthen bank exists around the "Lunjadibba," except that formed by the dust and refuse remaining after the several demolitions which have, from time to time, been made.

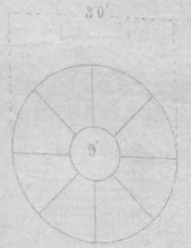
2. The whole structure is one solid mass of brick-work built up in regular courses six inches in depth.

3. On examination of the mound I find I am mistaken in the statement I made in my last letter, namely, that the hole existing at the top is six inches in diameter, for, after a little exhuming, I came upon the hole and found it to be exactly 9 inches across.

4. The mound seems to me to have been originally of the form of a cone with side slopes of one horizontal to two vertical. I was not able, during the short time of my visit, to make any extensive excavations to find out any part of the slopes which had not been damaged, but from measurements of several courses of brick-work I am satisfied that the slope was one to two. If

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I am right as to this, and as the diameter of the frustum at present existing at a height of 18 feet from the base is 48 feet, the height of the original structure would be 48+18, or 66 feet.



5. The entire work seems to have been carefully put together and all the bricks specially moulded to suit the slope. In the first horizontal ring surrounding the hole there are eight bricks as shown in sketch in width one foot and depth six inches. The joints are all of mud, and are, as a rule, about an inch or more thick.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department with reference to the orders in that department No. 1,494, dated 31st August 1871.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 88.

ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1872, No. 1,410.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that copy of these papers be forwarded to General Cunningham.

2. The Government are indebted to Mr. Norris for the attention he has paid to their wishes on the subject of antiquarian relics.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
,, the Director Archæological Survey of India.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

No. 388. 1st or Rapally Sub Range
Camp Duggirala
24th July 1872.

From
The Officer in charge of
1st or Rapally Sub Range.

To The Officer in charge,
Western Delta Range N. Dt.

Sir,

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In area it may be said to contain about 1700 sqre yards, and it was I think originally of a circular form, judging from the shape of some of the bricks which have been found in it.

On the top of the mound and in the centre of it is a circular hole 6" inches in diameter which reaches from top to bottom.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt servt
(Signed) W. R. Morris C.E.
Asst Engineer P.D.

No 529.

Camp Deggirala
6th September 72.

From The Officer in charge
1st Subdivision

To The Officer in charge
Western Delta Range P.D.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 388 of 24/8/72 and in answer to yours of the 30th August, I have the honor to submit

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Sir,
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(Sd.) W. R. Morris C.E.
asst. Engr. No 1 Range
R.D.

/ True Copies /

Superintending Engineer
2nd Div.

Forwarded to the
Revenue Department
with reference to para 5
of G.O. dated 6th August
1873, Dep. 8 11.

W. Smither Lt. R.E.
Secy: to Govt. B.F. & D.

Calcutta
27th August 1873

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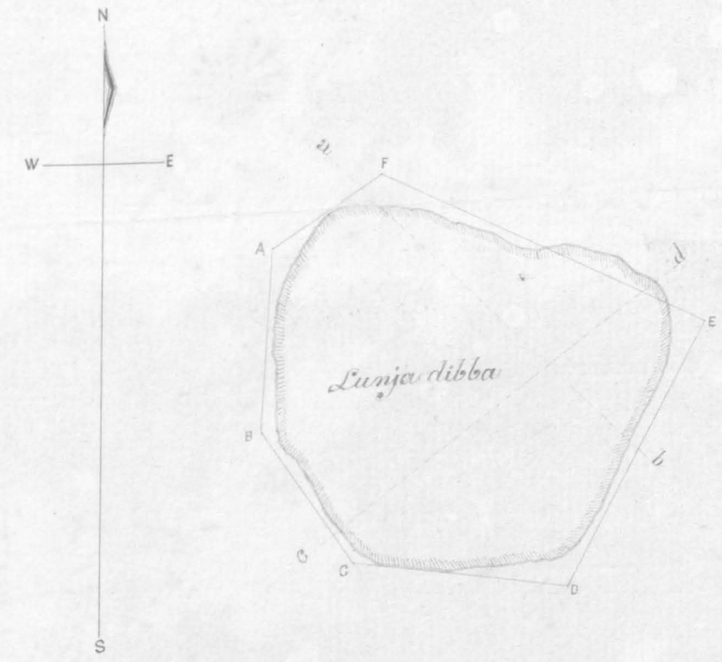
SKETCH

of

LUNJA DIBBA

at

Bhattiproal



Section a b.

Loose earth mound.

Section c d.

Loose earth mound.

Assumed Datum

Scale of 50 to 1

50 0 50 100 150 200 250

(Signed) P. Rammanarain.
Jalug Overseer.

Signed) Wm. R. Norris C.E.
Assistant Engineer

Chébroal
July 1872

Executive Engineer Western Delta K.D.

Enclosure in letter No 94
of 23rd September 1872
from the Offg. Supg.
Engineer 2d Dn. to
the Secretary to Govt.
D. P. W.

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Plan and Section
of "Lunjadibba"
in Battaprole Village
Kistna District

Transferred to the Revenue Departt with reference to the order in that Department dated 31st August 1871.

G. Mackenzie Lt R.E.
Secy: to Govt
P.W.D.

2nd October 1872
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Revenue 1872 Department.
From The Offg Subs. Engr
Nellore
No 3195
To The Secretary to
Govt P.W.D.
Dated 23 September
Received 3rd Oct 1872
No 94
Enclosures 2
Forwarding a Plan and Section of the "Lunjadiletta" at Buttiprole, Kistna District, together with copies of 2 descriptive reports.
Wm Ogden
Transferred
No 1410 11th Oct 72

No. 1410.

Bd. Rad. copy of this letter to be forwarded to Genl. Cunningham.

Refer to me indebted to W. Morris for the attention he has paid to this subject particularly in this.

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1. Director Archaeological Survey of India 23 Oct/72
14. Board of Revenue 19th —— —— 11 Oct 72
21. P.W. Dept —— —— ——