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2nd August 1872.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 17. From the Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Chetterpore, 8th May 1872, No. 677.

REFERRING to paragraph 5 of the Government Order in the Revenue Department, dated 22nd February 1872, No. 326, I have the honour to forward, for the approval of Government, a plan and an estimate, amounting to Rs. 400, for protecting the tablets on the Jogada Naugam Rock, and request an allotment for the prosecution of the work which should be taken in hand at the earliest possible date.

2. The estimate was prepared by Mr. Harris agreeably to instructions issued to him by Captain Beckley, R.E.

REFERRED to the Department Public Works in view to some more appropriate design for the protective work being prepared.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government, R.D.

23rd May 1872.

No. 18. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th July 1872.

Read the following letter from Captain T. BECKLEY, R.E., Executive Engineer on Special Duty, Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Chetterpore, 16th July 1872, No. 105.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the delay in answering your memorandum No. 266, regarding "Asoka's Tablet," is due to my having had to make inquiries regarding stone at a time when the executives were more than usually busy on account of late heavy rains.

2. There is certainly no lamellar stone in the district that can be used as covering slabs for which the limestone and slate of the Ceded Districts are so well adapted, nor is there any stone fit for ornamental brackets. We have only exceedingly hard trap-rock that no one here can chisel, very coarse gneissose-granite that can be worked to on even surface but hardly admits of ornamental work, and a sandstone easy to chisel but far from durable, veined with felspar or quartz, and liable to break off if used as projections; however, we can make the brackets, or obtain them from Cuttack; but covering slabs, if used, must be sent from Madras.

3. I think the design No. 2, a simple bracket and covering slab, the most suitable, as it is the cheapest; and the estimate, Rs. 215, appears sufficient if we can obtain covering slabs at a reasonable cost. The rock-inscription has worn so uncommonly well for 2,300 years that perhaps the best thing to do is to leave it alone. The destruction of the inscription is gradually effected by thin layers of the rock flaking off; the work of cutting holes for brackets is likely to shake the surface-layers, and I doubt the covering proposed having much effect in retarding

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REFERRED to the Revenue Department for further instructions.

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

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1872, No. 1,152.

Miscellaneous.

As it would appear from Captain Beckley's statement that the insertion in the rock of the supports for any protecting roof would very probably increase the damage that the inscriptions have already suffered by causing particles of the stone to flake off, the Governor in Council thinks it best to abandon the design of sheltering the tablets, the necessity for which cannot be very pressing.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 105

Special Executive Engineer's office
Chettipore 16th July 1872.

From Captain J. Beckley R.E.
Executive Engineer in Special
Duty, Bangalore

To The Secretary
to Government D.P.W.

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I have the honour

to be Sir

Yours obed^t Serv^t

J. Michiey Captain R.E.

Executive Engineer Madras

Referred to the Home Dept. for further instructions - 29.7.72

Collected }
29th July 1872 }
M.S. copy to P.W. Dept. des 2nd Aug 1872
S.S.C. Collector of Ganjam

No 1152-2 August 1872.
With order
Referring to the means of protecting the back water in the Ganjam Dist.
No 1152-2 August 1872.
The Secy. Engineer
Official duty
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Detailed
Estimate No 1 of 1872-73
Ganjam District
Berhampoor Taluq
Work. Construction of Protective Works for Table to
Asoka's River on Jagada Nongam Back Ganjam District

Particulars	Number	Measurements			Cubic Contents	Circumference
		Length	Breadth	Depth		
Formation						
Pillars	3	5 3/4	4 1/2	3	232 7/8	
Steps	1	21 3/4	3	1 1/2	97 7/8	
Superstructure						
Pillars	3	5	4 1/2	5 1/2	104 6 1/4	
Arch	1	20	4 1/2	1 1/2	135	
Ditto	1	15	4 1/2	1 1/2	101 1/4	
Packing to do	3	6 1/2	4 1/2	1 1/2	131 15/24	
Face walls	3	14	4 1/2	2 1/4	425 1/4	
Parapet wall	1	45 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	102 3/8	
Steps	1	21	3	10 1/4	645 3/4	
Total Gds of rubble face & face stone in them					2918 1/4	or 108 1/12
Small and large Centurings						2
Excavating foundation etc						
Contingencies & Superintendence						

No 2 Range Office
Berhampoor
29th April 1872
Executive Engineer

Abstract
Estimate No 1 of 1872-73
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Perhampoor Taluq

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2	Small & Large Sentries		38	
	Excavating foundation		12	
	For the purpose of the foundation		2 1/2	
	Total Rupees			400

No 29 Range Officer
 Perhampoor
 29 April 1872

[Signature]
 Executive Engineer

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P. W. 2589/72.

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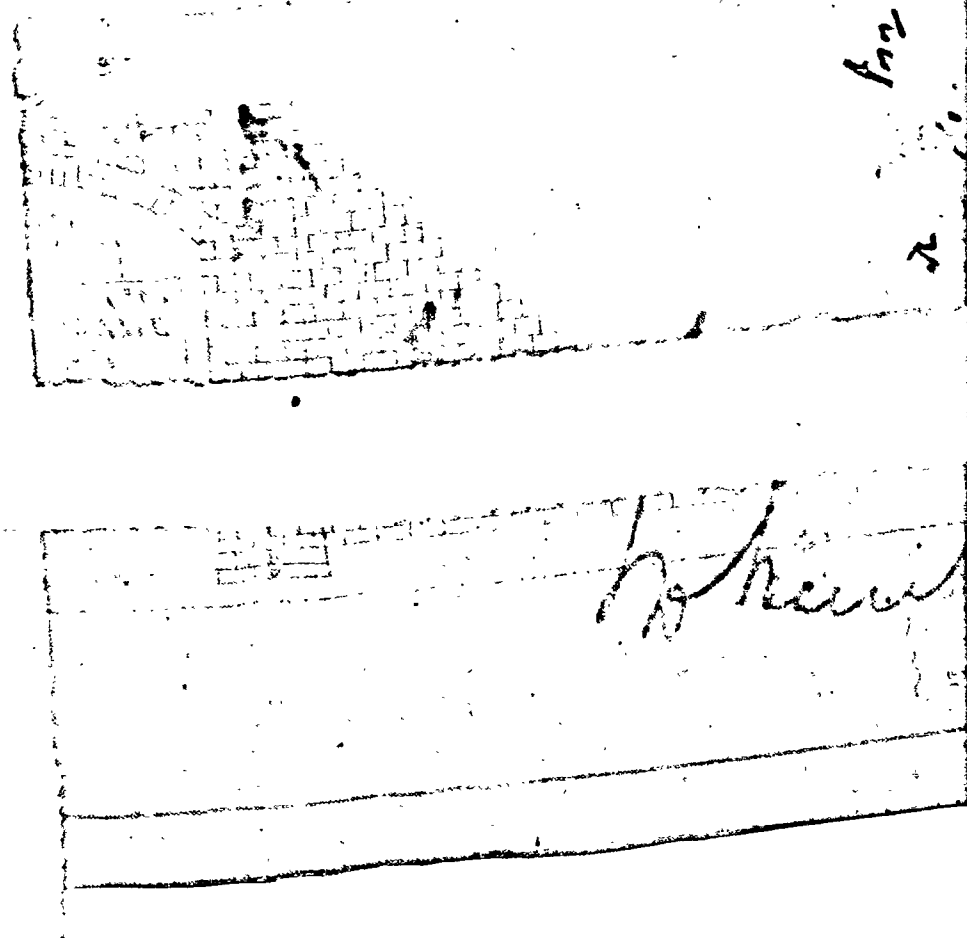
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for protecting the
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be substituted.

Mr. Baldie, could
don't help design
something from
the pencil sketch
here with result -
It should not be
too highly finished
ed, so as not to
be out of keeping
with the natural
rock. - The stone
slabs about 8 feet
long, and 1 to 1 1/2 ft
wide, overlapping
each other, and
supported by three
brackets let into the
rock would be best.

G.W.W.



—Rock—

A

21.3

5

Plan

17

5

10.6

4.6

B

—Plan & Details—

— of —

Protective Work for Tablets Asoko's Edict

— on —

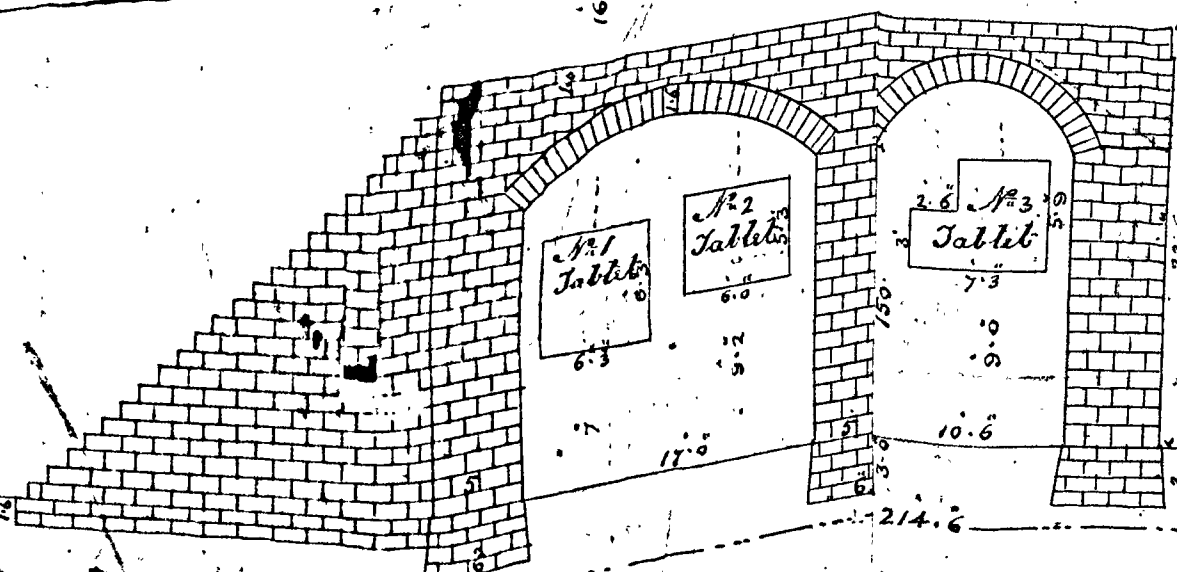
—Jogada Nougam Rock—

—Ganjam District—

Scale 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to an inch

—Section thro^o A, B.—

—Top of the Rock 9.99+ Mean Sea—



No. 2 Range Office
Berhampore.
30 April 1872

L. K. Kaur
Executive Engineer

No 266

Memorandum

In forwarding
to Captain Beebe
revised designs, with
estimates for protecting
the Tablets on the
Jogada Tongam
rock, the undersigned
has the honor to request
that Officer to be good
enough to report whether
such work can be ex-
ecuted on the spot and
if so at what cost
for

for each design -

Signed J. W. Walker

• Secy to ~~Genl~~ J. W.

Sabab 31st May, 1872.

From
The Acting Collector
of
Gaya
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Rangoon
Madr.

P. 21
1872 Dept.
From
The Acting Collector
of
Gaya
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Rangoon
Madr.
Date 8 May 1872
Recd 20th "
Recd 25 May 1872

2 Enc
Forwards a plan &
Estimate for Rs. 400
for protecting the Tablets
in the Jagada Hongam
Rock requests an
allotment for the
protection of the
work at the earliest
possible date -
Reported

Approved by the S. D. M. in view of
the more efficient assignment
of the work being performed.
23 May 1872
J. H. M. S. M.
for S. D. M.