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THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

To Government of India, No. 1,001, dated 7th June 1871.

From General Cunningham, dated 9th August 1871, No. 101, forwarded with endorsement, No. 3,831, dated 13th August 1871, Home Department.

Sir,—With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, relating to certain important Buddhist remains at Amravati and other places in the Kistna District, I am directed to forward the accompanying paper containing certain proposals for their exploration with the request that, with the permission of the Governor-General in Council, they may be laid before General Cunningham in view of his opinion being obtained as to the advisability of the proposed explorations.

2. This Government are desirous of seeing the ancient remains in the Kistna District thoroughly explored in a manner that shall be at once complete and exhaustive, and also in conformity with the views of the most eminent authorities on such subjects. They would, therefore, I am to state, be glad to be furnished with General Cunningham's recommendations as to the course it would be best to adopt, and as to the possibility of their obtaining the services of any person possessing a competent knowledge of this branch of Indian archaeology.

3. This Government would be glad if Mr. Sewell's services can be made of use in the matter and his interest in the subject encouraged; but he does not profess to be an expert.

The name of Mr. Burgess of Bombay has on previous occasions been mentioned in connection with this work, but it is not known whether his services can be obtained.

4. But, above all, it would be desirable to secure the services of Lieutenant Cole, R.E., who, it is understood, is about to leave England for a second term of Indian employment, and whose knowledge of, and success in, this branch of archaeology it is not necessary to specify.

I lay the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,

Under-Secretary to Government.

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