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Archæology.

No. 89. *Proceedings of Government, dated 18th February* 1878, *No.* 281.

Some little time since a despatch was received from the Secretary of State suggesting that the Consulting Architect, Mr. Chisholm, should be directed to make drawings of the "Seven Pagodas."

2. It has, however, appeared to the Governor in Council that, with Mr. Chisholm's engagements, it would be hardly possible for him to give the necessary time to make accurate architectural drawings of the many temples and monoliths at the "Seven Pagodas," and that the drawings would be comparatively valueless without accurate survey of the site, while the aid of photography under careful supervision might produce accurate records according to scale of the whole details capable of ready multiplication or of being copied in etching at leisure.

2. The Government accordingly requested Major Sargeaunt, of the Revenue Survey Department, to visit the site, which he did during the holidays. He considers that there would be no difficulty in obtaining by photograph full details to scale of all the temples and monoliths; that the survey would probably occupy a month including such levelling as will be necessary to show the contour of the site and the elevations of the different points; that it would cost 250 or 260 Rupees; that he has at the moment disengaged a competent Surveyor who was going on to the Kistna, but who could be detained to do this.

3. The matter will accordingly be placed in Major Sargeaunt's hands; he is authorized to incur an expense not exceeding about 300 Rupees for the purpose.

4. This survey should be a necessary preliminary to any photographing. If the Surveyor did this work well under the guidance of Major Sargeaunt, he might then be useful for the same process at Bezwada and Hampi, at both of which places like work is desirable.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To Major C. C. Sargeaunt, Revenue Survey.
To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Collector of the Kistna District.
" Collector of the Bellary District.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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To

Major C. C. SURGEAUNT,

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Archæology.—Major Surgeaunt of the Revenue Survey Department requested to undertake the survey of the site of the "Seven Pagodas" preparatory to photographic delineation of the temples, &c., and authorized to incur an expenditure not exceeding about Rupees 200 for the purpose.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue & Supt. Rev. Survey.

22nd Feb/78