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Archæology.—The question of having a survey of the site covered by ruins at Hampi and Camalapur, Bellary District, not to be lost sight of, and the removal of the banyan roots, at the cost suggested, sanctioned on certain understanding.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue

21 June 1878

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

7th June 1878, No. 928.

Archæology.

Read the following paper:—

No. 23. *From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., District Engineer of Bellary, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 30th May* 1878, *No.* 1005.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 2127, of the 13th instant, regarding the list of buildings of architectural or historical interest in this district, I have the honor to state that when I was inspecting the Tungabadra Channels recently I took the opportunity of inspecting the buildings at Hampi, Camalapur, Venkatapur, &c., and comparing them with the list published with G.O., No. 2043-W., of the 10th December 1877, I find that the principal buildings are all set down, but there are numerous smaller buildings not entered.

2. The buildings cover such an extensive area that a mere list, unaccompanied by a site-plan, seems to me of little use, especially as there does not appear to be local names for many of the smaller buildings and temples.

3. I see from G.O. (Public Department), No. 281, of the 18th February 1878, that it is proposed to survey the site of these old cities, and I would suggest the postponement of the preparation of a more complete list till the survey is carried out.

4. With regard to the other buildings noticed in the District Manual I will have a list prepared.

5. There is one point I desire to bring to the notice of Government, viz., that some of the buildings at Hampi are being rapidly destroyed by the action of trees of the banyan tribe. In the Pagoda called Heer Uda or (Temple of Pattabhiráma in the printed list) I saw several stones which had been recently displaced from the upper part of the structure by a banyan tree, and the further fall of a large portion is imminent. Are the Government willing to spend any money to prevent similar destruction? It may not be possible where the trees have already attained some size to do much, because the roots find their way at the back of the stone facing, between these stones and the concrete or brickwork of which the body of the walls is usually composed, and cannot be got at. But careful inspection once or twice a year and the removal of any young banyan shoots might result in the preservation of some buildings not yet damaged by the growth of old and larger trees.

6. Please inform me whether this inspection should be made, and whether Government are willing to sanction a small sum, say Rupees 50 to 80, for the removal of young banyan trees. I can hardly form an idea of what it might be necessary to spend, but certainly not very much.

No. 2444.

Transferred to the Public Department.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

6th June 1878.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1878, No. 928.

The question of having a survey of the site covered by these ruins will not be lost sight of.

2. The banyan roots may be removed, at the cost suggested, on the understanding that the work is supervised by the District Engineer himself or a competent subordinate.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.