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Report on the Inspection of the Office of the Assistant Archæological Surveyor, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, at Lucknow, on the 22nd September 1898, by the Hon'ble Mr. V. A. Smith, I.C.S., Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

IN accordance with the orders of the Government of India, contained in Mr. Holderness' demi-official letter dated 5th September 1898, to the address of the Hon'ble Mr. O'ling, and in the official letter No. 2089-6-2, dated the 28th July 1898, from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, to the Secretary to Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Public Works Department, which orders were conveyed to me by endorsement No. 2174E., dated the 6th September 1898, I visited the Lucknow Museum by appointment and examined the papers of Dr. Führer in that officer's presence.

I was instructed to verify the exact stage which the compilation and printing

Abstract Tabular Lists of Antiquities.

- (1) North-Western Provinces and Oudh.
- (2) Panjáb.
- (3) Burma.
- (4) Rájputána and Central India.

of each of the lists marginally noted has reached, and to ascertain when Dr. Führer expects to finish them.

Detailed Lists.

- (5) Panjáb.
 - (6) Burma.
 - (7) Rájputána and Central India.
- Report on Kapilavastu and Nepal Taráí.

I was also desired to arrange that all documents, proofs, photographs, and the like, of which he has possession in his official capacity, should be duly taken over from him before he resigns office.

2. The Government of India will probably be surprised to hear that Dr. Führer has never put pen to paper on any one of the lists in question. All the statements in his letters asserting that the lists were nearly ready, in the press, and so forth, are simply falsehoods. I put each case plainly to Dr. Führer, and he fully admitted the falsity of his statements. It would be tedious and useless to go through the long series of falsehoods in Dr. Führer's correspondence with various Governments about the lists which he was supposed to be printing.

* Annual Progress Report of the Archæological Survey Circle, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, for the year ending 30th June 1894, paragraph 21.

It will suffice to quote one passage of concentrated fiction from an official printed report of his.* This passage is as follows:—

"Small tabular lists, for administrative purposes, of the architectural and archæological remains and buildings in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Rájputána, and Central India, were prepared and sent to the press: similar lists for the Panjáb and Burma are now approaching completion. These lists have been prepared on a uniform plan, in accordance with the orders of the Government of India, in the Revenue and Agricultural Department (Archæology), with a view to the selection of those remains requiring to be preserved and to their being made over definitely and permanently to the Public Works Department for conservation and restoration. The proofs of the large volume *The Monumental Antiquities and Inscriptions in Rájputána and Central India*, similar to that published by me for the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, were being passed through the press, and its issue may be shortly expected. Similar volumes for the Panjáb and Burma are in a more or less advanced stage of progress."

I read this passage to Dr. Führer, and he was compelled to admit that every statement in it is absolutely false. The small tabular lists for the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Rájputána, and Central India were *not* "prepared and sent to press"; they do not exist. Nor are the similar lists for the Panjáb and Burma "approaching completion"; they were never begun. The small tabular lists can only be prepared after the detailed lists have been compiled. The only detailed list in existence is that for the North-Western Provinces and Oudh; but the tabular list even for those Provinces has not been touched.

The statement that the proofs of the large volume on the antiquities of Rájputána and Central India were being passed through the press is an audacious

