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No. 257.

AHMEDABAD PALACE.

BHOPAL

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My dear Colonel

Some years back, a few relic caskets and other objects, of which a list is herewith enclosed, were taken away by Sir Alexander Cunningham from Sanchi to the British Museum. Sanchi has now got a Museum of its own and I trust you will agree with me in thinking that this Museum has a prior claim on these valuable objects. I should therefore be much obliged if through your kind offices the authorities of the British Museum London could be persuaded to return these articles.

With kindest regards,

*J. S. ...*  
*Stani ...*

It. Colonel,  
Nawabzada Iftikharulmulk.

Enclosure 1.

To  
 It. Colonel C. E. Luard, M.A., I.A.,  
 Political Agent in Bhopal,

P.O. Sehore.  
 Sir Alexander Cunningham visited  
 the Sanchi Top in 1851 and he took

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on Shiloh Lopez published in 1854.  
The office cannot trace any papers  
about his taking away the  
reelies mentioned in the list.

If you approve before going  
to Govt, an enquiry may be made  
from Sir John Marshall about  
these reelies being in British  
Museum and whether in his opinion  
it would be advisable to get  
them (reelies) back.

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List of antiquities from Sanchi in the British Museum London.

1. Bhilsa Topes, Plate XXVII, fig. 5 and p. 336. Bhojpur.
2. " " Plate XXX, fig. 6. Andher. ( In inscription read  $\chi$  for  $\psi$  .
3. " " Plate XXIII, fig. 6. and p. 314. Sonari.
4. " " Plate XXIII, fig. 7. and p. 314 Sonari.
5. " " Plate XXIX, fig. 5. and p. 346. Andher, Tope II.
6. " " Plate XX and p. 288. Sanchi Tope II.
7. " " Plate XXVI, fig. 6. p. 333. Bhojpur.
8. " " Plate XXVI, fig. 7. p. 333. Bhojpur.
9. " " Plate XXIX, fig. 8. Andher II.
10. " " Plate XXIX, 3. p. 347. Andher. II.
11. Inscription on stone slab of box. Plate XX, p.286.  
This is only a slab. It is possible that it was cut away from the box by Cunningham himself. Sanchi. II.
12. Bhilsa Topes, Plate XXVII, fig. 8. p. 338. Bhojpur.
13. " " Plate XX, p.288, No. III. Tope II, Sanchi.
14. Page 288, No.IV. Tope II, Sanchi. Not on page 287 as stated on label.
15. " " Plate XXIV, fig. 3. and p.317. Sonari. II.
16. " " Plate XXV, fig. 9. (not XXII as stated on the label). Satdhara. See fig. 9.
17. " " Plate XXV, fig. 8. p. 325. Satdhara.

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