

26. Letter from Cecil Bental in Bombay to W. C. Peppé in Birdpore, dated 25 November 1898

Long and messy letter, declares himself a friend of Smith travelling in India for 'archaeological work (inscriptions especially) and MSS'. Hopes to visit Birdpore and Lumbini but not unless 'there is a good chance of further discovery'. Has heard from Smith that Peppé is planning to excavate further stupas and that the village of Dhamauli was 'archaeologically promising'. His Calcutta pandit, Haraprasad, is coming with him to Kathmandu and wants him to go to 'Navanagara or Nandagara, an immense mound requiring careful excavation'. Asks if Peppé could indicate on a map where these places might be. Will be in Delhi next week and starts from Segauli for Kathmandu on 18 December, so could put in a visit in the interval. Adds that he had 'little or no practical experience in excavation'. Is with his wife, neither mind 'roughing it' but does not want 'undue risks of fever'.

27. Letter from Majr. And Dr. L. A. Waddell, Medical College, Calcutta, to W. C. Peppé in Birdpore, dated 14 January 1899.

Has been 'deputed by Government to explore Kapilavastu for about 6 weeks and am starting at once'. Has support of Vincent Smith, 'through whose kindness I have in great measure I have been sent', and Dr. Hoey. Hopes to reach Birdpore on 19 January.

28. Last page of a pencilled letter from Dr. L. A. Waddell to W. C. Peppé in Birdpore, undated, quoted here in full

I am told that F. [Dr. A. Führer] went to a place called 'Bikula' some 2 kms to the North of Nigliva, and I am anxious therefore to find whether he has been to the Hadi & Materiya ruins.

I hope you may soon fix Tauliva from the boundary pillars – for I am calculating my places from it. And the point fixed by you for it on the large 1" = 1 mile map does not seem to agree at all with the position you assigned it in your map in your note book – from Pillar 44 to Sagrāwa where F was digging*

I return from here the tiffin basket so kindly sent & with kindest regards to Mrs Peppé & yourself.

Yours sincerely L. A. Waddell

**added in pen in WCP's handwriting:*

The latter placed it further to the East. The Shiva temple of Tauliva has a black spire, the whitewashed spire belongs to the village of Lori ki Kunndan about 1 mile to the S.W.

29. Pencilled plan, with position in relation to Siwalapur

30. Pencilled note from Dr. L. A. Waddell to W. C. Peppé in Birdpore, dated 4 February 1899.

Will be at Chandapore tomorrow and expects to meet Dr. Hoey there. Asks for 'particulars of the ruins at Mahapali [?] near the Mekhra River S. of your house' where there are said to be 'stone images'.