

34. Letter from Ven. W. Subhuti at Waskaduwa Vihara to W. C. Peppé in Birdpore, dated 4 May 1899

Has not heard from Peppé for a long time. Priest Priest Jinavaravansa has returned to Ceylon and although he has learned much from him still wishes to know from Peppé 'whether the large pieces of relics were in a separate case from the small dust like relics or whether the both of them were intermingled in the same case'. Also wishes to know more about one relic which has some 'transparent substances in the form of loaf sugar'.

Waskaduwa, Kalutara
Ceylon
May 4th 1899

Dear Sir,

I am sorry I could not have heard from you all this while. But I am glad to inform you that the Prince Priest Jinavaravansa has arrived here and doing well. I have learnt much from him about the relics. I think it would be difficult for you to answer the questions put to you in my last.

However I am yet in want of been informed two things with respect to the relics. 1 Whether the large pieces of relics were in a separate case from the small dust like relics or whether the both of them were intermingled in the same case.

2 Of the relics sent to me there is one particular round piece adhere to which there are some transparent substances in the form of loaf sugar. On one side of it there is also something in the form of sandal dust. I wish to know what they are.

If you will kindly make me an explanation of it I shall thank you. Mr Smith also might have made his own opinion on the subject.

I am Sir,

Yours truly

W. Subhuti
High Priest