

9. Draft of certification note from W. C. Peppé to Pandit Misra, Collector of Basti, written after 21 February 1898

Written on a narrow oblong scrap of Government notepaper, apparently on the reverse of a note from the Officiating Collector, a draft in pencil in Peppé's writing certifying that 'these two jars' contain all the ashes found in the Piprahwas stupa with notes of witnesses. The end of the official letter is in ink:

Attention to this office no549dy 21.2.98 and requests a very early reply of the same.

Ramashankar Offg Collector [Pandit Rama Shankar Misra, Collector of Basti District]
Written on the reverse is what appears to be a draft in pencil in W. C. Peppé's writing:

I hereby certify that these two jars contain all the bones and wood & dust that were found in the different urns and lying loose in the coffer excavated by me in the stupa at Piprawah on the B. E. B D N W P [ie Birdpore Estate, Basti District, North Western Provinces].

This coffer was opened by me in the presence of Allen B Peppé M. of the G.N.R. & of Mr SW. A.S. then asst to Mr B on the N. E. (*written beside this is another name*) Madame Del. Franchesc Tosco P.

These bones wood dust etc have been kept in these jars under our mixed [?] care & they have not been tampered with in any way. No one has been allowed to see them except in my presence & I have every confidence in saying they are exactly as they were unearthed by me.