

After a careful examination
 of the correspondence on file
 in relation to the same
 The Department has failed to
 discover any authority from
 the Indian Council or from
 the Department for incurring the
 expenditure the amount of
 which you deem.

The only permission given
 for any expenditure whatever
 was by official letter of the
 17th April 1880 in which you
 were authorized to employ
 "such persons" to excavate in
 the vicinity of the supposed
 spring and endeavor to
 determine whether it is an
 "artificial spring" or not, and
 "to be reported to the
 Department."