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Editor of the 'Journal of Urusvati'
Himalayan Research Institute
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In volume 2 of a recent copy of your Journal, you printed a statement about some discoveries at Harpa, by Colonel A. E. Mahon. In this article, entitled 'Recent Archaeological Discoveries in India', Colonel Mahon mentions a 'Two-wheeled cart with a gabled roof and a driver seated in front'. He further states that according to Sir John Marshall the cart antedates the steal fragment with a picture of a cart found at Ur, which antedates the oldest known wheel in Egypt.

Could you give me some more detailed information about this cart, what it looked like, the form of the wheel, the type of axle, the construction of the underbody and any other information that would help me to make a model of the cart? Also would you be so kind as to send me the proof that Sir Marshall gave, in his statement saying that this cart antedated those mentioned above?

As I am very interested in the history of the wheel, and transportation, this article interests me very much, so much in fact that I should like to make a model of this cart, and so I am writing you for information concerning it.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Louis E. Kleinschmidt

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Dear Sir,

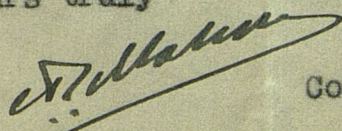
With reference to your letter of December 29th, 1932., to the Editor of our Journal, the following is the account of the cart given in the Archaeological Survey of India 1926-7 (published last year) page 105.-

"Among other objects found, a peculiar interest attaches to a very fragmentary, two-wheeled miniature copper cart (plate XXIII, d) The axle, wheels and the animal which were originally attached to it are missing. The cart is open, front and back, provided with shafts, and relieved on the gabled roof and side walls with lozenge and cross-shaped patterns; the driver is seated in front on a raised seat."

I enclose a very rough sketch of plate XXIII, d., referred to. I am writing to the Archaeological Department on the subject and if I am able to obtain any further information will forward it on to you.

I believe Sir John Marshall has left India or I would have asked him on what he based his assumption that this cart antedates the oldest known wheel in Egypt. Possibly the Archaeological Department will be able to enlighten me on this point also.

Yours truly


(A.E. Mahon)

Colonel