ART. XV.—*Note on Art. IX., antè pp. 213–274, on Hiouen-Thsang's Journey from Patna to Ballabhi.* By JAMES FERGUSSON, D.C.L., F.R.S.

SINCE the above paper was printed off, it has occurred to me that the Konkanapoura mentioned at page 266 has nothing whatever to do with the Concans now below the Ghâts, as I was inclined to think was possible, but may have been the capital of the Kongadesa or Chera kingdom, which we know, at the period of Hiouen-Thsang's visit, was one of the three great kingdoms occupying the south of the peninsula.¹

The most northern capital of this kingdom we are acquainted with was Tâlakâd, east of Seringapatam; but their dominions extended northward beyond this, as the seventh king of this race, certainly before Hiouen-Thsang's time, ruled over the greater portion of Karnâta; and it is said, "Muganda Pattana, at which the twenty-first and twenty-second kings are said to have resided, was, according to the introductory note, 48 miles north-east from Seringapatam,"²—no great distance from the locality where I have placed Konkanapoura; but their residence at Hiouen-Thsang's time may have been anywhere well within their dominions. There is therefore every probability that the capital of the Konga kingdom in the seventh century may have been at least as far north as I have placed it, but by no power of stretching can it be shown that the permanent dominions of the Cheras extended northward beyond the limit of the present Mysore kingdom. Though, therefore, this identification may not help us much in fixing the site of Konkanapoura, it seems fatal to the idea of Conjeveram being the Kantchipura of the Pilgrim. Any place 2000 *li* north-west from that city would fall beyond the Tungabhadra river, and therefore quite outside the Kongadesa; but starting from Nâgapatam, the route is perfectly intelligible, and may be considered certain within very narrow limits.

¹ Wilson's Mackenzie MSS. i., p. 199, *et seqq.* Dowson, in J.R.A.S., VIII., p. 1, *et seqq.* Taylor, Analysis, Madras Journal, etc.

² J.R.A.S., VIII., p. 14.