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[Despatch Abstract.]

Ancient Monuments.

Recording notes relating to the preservation of the
Srisailem temples in the Kurnool district.

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Ancient Monuments.



Preservation of the Srisaillam Temples in the
Kurnool District.

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No. 34

Station Madras, Dated the 12th January 1916

From (Name) A. H. Longhurst, Esq.,

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey

Southern Circle, Madras.

To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras

Public Department, Madras.

S i r,

With reference to paragraph 3. of Government Order

No. 126C, Public, dated the 25th August 1915 concerning the

preservation of the small Siva temple at Patalaganga near

Srisaillam in the Kurnool District, I have the honour to state

that the temple in question is of sufficient architectural

value to be worthy of preservation but there is no reason

why it should be repaired at Government expense for the

reasons

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2/1/3-4 copy reasons stated in my letter No. 38, dated the 11th January

1916, copy of which is submitted herewith for information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. H. Longhurst

Superintendent.

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No. 38

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(Copy) Madras,

Dated 11th January 1916.

From A. H. Longhurst, Esq.,

SUPERINTENDENT,

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT,

Southern Circle, Madras.



To

The Collector of

Kurnool District, K U R N O O L.

Subject.
Conservation of the Srisaillam Temples.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 649 dated the 19th October 1915 concerning the subject cited above, I have the honour to state that after personal inspection of the temple in question I find that the repairs proposed in the estimate amounting to Rs. 6,700/- together with those mentioned in your Inspection Notes, forwarded to this office with your letter No. 385/Genl., dated the 1st June 1915, are necessary and should be undertaken as soon as possible but I see no reason why any portion of the cost of the same should be met by Government.

2. The repairs now required are entirely due to the shameful manner in which the temple has been neglected by those in charge of it.

3. During the large festival held in March and April at Srisaillam during the last three years, a sum of Rs. 8,000/- to Rs. 10,000 was collected each year. Of this amount, it is usual for those in charge, namely the Sankarachary Matham at Pushpagiri in the Cuddapah District, to spend only Rs. 8,000/- on petty repairs, food supplies for the festival and puja expenses. It is, therefore, quite clear that it is unnecessary to carry out any repairs at Government expense.

4. I would suggest that the work be carried out by the

the Public Works Department and the cost of the same
be recovered from the Sankarachary Matham at Pushpagi,
as the temple is of considerable archaeological value.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) A.H. Longhurst.

Superintendent.

(True Copy)

A. H. Longhurst.

Superintendent.

Public Dept.

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Referred to the
Collector of Kurmool for
favour of remarks, with
special reference to the
suggestion of the Supt. Arch.
Survey that the cost of
repairing the temple should
be met entirely from the
temple funds.

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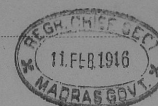
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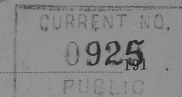
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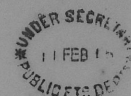
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Reporting on the preservation of the Srisaillam temples in the ---
Kurnool District.



ENCLOSURE

No.

R.C. No. 3938/Genl., of 1915.

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Station K U R N O O L., Dated the 7th February 1916. 191

From (Name) H. G. Stokes, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Kurnool.

To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Public Department, M a d r a s.

Sir,

Replying to Government Memorandum No.307-1 dated 20th January 1916, I have the honour to observe that the Government Archaeologist's letter No.33 dated 11th January 1916 of which a copy was submitted to Government with his letter No.34 dated 12th January 1916--returned--relates to the repairs of all the temples at Srisaillam whereas his letter No.34 above quoted refers only to one, the Siva -- temple mentioned in paragraph 9 of part I of the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent's letter No.379 dated 11th August 1915 to Government.

2. I have not myself been able as yet to visit ---

Grissailam but it has been inspected by my predecessor and more recently by Government Archaeologist himself and I have no doubt that the repairs are urgently required. - These temples however, possess no inams and enjoy no -- beriz deduction and the Government possess no direct -- means of bringing pressure on the authorities of the -- Pushpagiri Mutt who are responsible for the upkeep of these interesting monuments. A temple committee indeed exists who are entitled to take action against the --- trustees or the managers. But, as Government is aware, the machinery set up for the control of the managers of such endowments by Act XX of 1863, is entirely ineffectual and I believe that, so far, the efforts of the --- Government of Madras to induce the Government of India to agree to amend the law in this respect have proved of no effect. It is true that in accordance with custom, fees are collected from pilgrims by the temple authorities and I am at present in communication with the authorities of the Pushpagiri Mutt to ascertain what the --- annual amount of those fees has been and have been awaiting reply since October last. Unless however the temple authorities can be induced to spend money on the repairs of these temples or unless Government can itself find the money for this purpose, the only alternative, so long as the law remains unchanged is to acquiesce in their gradual ruin. I shall report in due course the result of my further communication with the Pushpagiri Mutt authorities. Should these authorities consent to spend money on the temples, I think it would be well for the Archaeological Superintendent to provide a man to superintend the execution of the repairs on the spot, -- leaving on to the Mutt authorities to incur the expenditure and carry out the works under his guidance. I --- think they would probably agree to such an arrangement although they might well demur to giving the execution of repairs entirely into the hands of the Public Works Department

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Department authorities. I find in the past their ---- efforts to get work done through this agency have not been very successful. Unless some skilled archaeological superintendence is provided it is probable that serious mistakes may occur and harm may be done to these temples from the archaeological and artistic stand-point

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H.S/8-2-16.

Wm. Lammie
For Collector. 9/2/16

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By
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Public Dept.

Don. 307-2884-16

With reference to
his letter R.C. No 3938 gl
dated 7th February 1916,
the Collector of Kurnool
is requested to be so good
as to state when the
further report promised
in regard to the preservation
of the Sisailam temples may
be expected.

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To

The Collector of Kurnool
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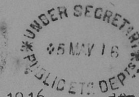
Stating that the further report promised in regard to the preservation of the Srisaillam temples will be submitted after a reply has been received from the Vakil of Pushpagiri Mutt who has been addressed on the subject.

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R.C. No. 397/B&G of 1916.



Station Kurnool, Dated the 1st May 1916.

From (Name) H.G. Stokes, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Kurnool.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Public Department, OOTACAMUND.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 307-2, dated the 8th instant, I have the honour to report that the Vakil of Pushpagiri Mutt was last addressed by me on the 22nd ultimo regarding the allotment to be made for the repairs to the Srisaillam temple and has promised to reply in the current month (May). His final reply -- has not yet been received. He has been reminded to-day. The further report promised by me will be submitted after I hear from the Vakil, but I am not sanguine that it will be possible to induce the Mutt authorities for work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. S. S. S. S.

For Collector.

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For the w.s

Submitted for perusal.

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Subject

Informing the Government that the Vakil of the Pushpagiri Mutt has been requested to induce the - Mattathipati to contribute Rs.7500 towards the repairs of Sri-Sailam temple.

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R.C. No. 397 /B&G of 1916.

Station Kurnool., Dated the 12th June 1916. 191

From (Name) H.G. Stokes, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation).....Collector of Kurnool.....

To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Public Department, OOTACAMUND.

Sir,

In continuation of this office R.C.No.397/B&G of 1916 dated 1st May 1916, I have the honour to report that an indefinite reply has been received from the --- Vakil of the Pushpagiri Mutt to say that some money will be remitted soon for the repairs. I have therefore --- again addressed him to-day to induce the Latathipathi --- to allot at least Rs. 7,500 for the said repairs without further delay. After I hear from him, the final report will be submitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Collector.

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Memo 307-3 30. 8. 16

With reference to
the correspondence ending with
his letter R.C. no 397846/16,
dated the 12th June 1916, the
collector of Kurnool is requested
to state when the final
report in regard to the
preservation of the Srisailem
temples may be expected.

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To

The collector of Kurnool.
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Subject.

Suggesting to Government that the question of repairing temple buildings at Srisaillam may be dropped under the circumstances - stated within.



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R.C. No. 397/B&G of 1916.

Station Kurnool. , Dated the 20th September 1916.

From (Name) H.G. Stokes, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Kurnool.

To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Public Department, OOTACAMUND.

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No. 307-3 -- dated 30th August 1916, I have the honour to state that the Vakil of the Mutt has not sent in a reply to the communications from this office and there is apparently no likelihood of the mutt undertaking the repairs of the temple. As I have already reported there is no inam attached to the temple nor does it enjoy any Tasdik allowance. There is therefore no means of bringing pressure to bear upon the authorities of the temple to carry out the necessary repairs. The Superintendent of Archaeological Department has reported that the buildings which are worth preserving from the architectural point of

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view are in good condition and it is unnecessary to repair at the expense of Government the small shrines which are falling into ruins. I therefore consider that the question may for the present be dropped.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

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For Collector.

H.S/21-9-16.

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With reference
to his letter no 34, dated
the 10th January) 1916, on
the subject of the preservation
of the Srirailam temples in
the ^{Kurnool} ~~Kurnool District~~ district, a
copy of the papers read above
is forwarded to the Suptd,
Arch. Survey, who is requested
to state whether, in the
circumstances stated by the
collector of Kurnool in his
letter R. C. no 397 B & G/16,
dated the 2nd th Sept. 1916,
the question of repairing
the temples may be dropped
for the present.

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To the ^{T24} Light Archaeological Survey
(with copies of
enclosures noted
above)

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Subject.

Stating that the question of repairs to the Temples at Srisaillam, Nandikotkur Taluk, Kurnool district may be dropped for the present.

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No. 723

Station Madras, Dated the 27th October 1916.

30th

From (Name) A. H. Longhurst, Esq.,

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey

Southern Circle.

To the ~~XXXX~~ Secretary to the Government of Madras

Home Department (Miscellaneous)

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government Home Department, Enclosurement No. 307-4, dated the 9th October 1916 concerning the preservation of the Srisaillam Temples in the Kurnool District, I have the honour to state that I agree with the Collector of Kurnool, and the matter may be dropped for the present.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. H. Longhurst
Superintendent.

NOTES.

Patulaganga
Preservation of the *Sisailam* temple
at *Sisailam*, *Kurnool* Dist.

Previous to

Es. 754 Puli. d/ 2.9.04
" 17 Puli. d/ 18.6.06
" 311 Puli. d/ 5.3.13
" 1260 Puli. d/ 28.8.18

Public Dept.

Preservation of the Patalaganga Temple
at Sisailam, Kurnool district.
From the Supt. Arch. Survey, No. 11.1.16
To the C.M. of Kurnool, No. 307-18, 20.1.16
From the Do. Do., No. 3938/15-77.2.16

U.S.

The C.F. relates to the question
of the preservation of the Patalaganga
temple at Sisailam in the Kurnool
district, noticed in the Epigraphical
report for 1914-15 - vide para 9 of
the report at page 4 of S.O. 1260 Pubd.
25.8.15 and para 3 of the SO - at p. 118.

The Supt. Arch. Survey
considers that the temple is worthy
of preservation but that the cost of
repairs should be recovered from
the Pushpagiri Mutt which levies
fees from pilgrims visiting the
temple. The C.M. of Kurnool is in
correspondence with the Mutt authorities
as to the amount of fees collected by them
from pilgrims ~~by the Mutt~~, and promises
a further report. He is of opinion that,
whether the cost of the repairs is borne by
the Mutt or by the Govt, the work should not
be left to be done by the

H.1-4 C.F. Cf. 307.

Page 5 C.F.

H.6-8 C.F. Cf. 925

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H.7-8 C.F.

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P.W. Dept ^{entirely} ~~and~~ that it should
be supervised by an Officer deputed
by the Supt. Arch. Survey.

3. For orders whether the C.M.'s
further report may be awaited,
before Mr Longhurst & P.W.D.
are consulted as to the actual
carrying out of ~~the~~ repairs.

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S.O.

We may await the collector's further
report. Mr Stokes describes the condition
of the laws on the subject partly accurately. It
will probably be difficult to induce the
temple authorities to spend any money on repairs.
The S.O. is personally acquainted with
the temples.

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H. M.

I have already reported to the Board the

unsatisfactory state of the law in connection with the Ahobalam Mutt. I have also seen the Srisaillam temples and have myself seen carefully through the original estimates on the spot. I consider that practically all the repairs in the estimate are necessary and should be done as soon as possible. If they are deferred until the law is amended or until the Mutt agree to divert to this object their fees ^{levied} on pilgrims there may be nothing left to repair. I believe that Govt. do intend to amend the law and would suggest that the repairs should be done now by Govt. and that a claim for reimbursement from the temple funds should be made when such funds are placed under better control. Perhaps the legal advisers of Govt. might be consulted as to the method by which this object might be secured.

Mr. Longhurst's estimate of the pilgrims' ^{proceeds of}

fees is, I think, far short of the actual. My information ^{was} was that about 15,000 pilgrims on the average go to Srisaillam every Sivaratri alone, that a fee of 4 annas is levied on each pilgrim, that every person who enters the temple pays 1 Re. and every person breaking a cocoanut inside the temple pays 4 annas.

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I would put the average amount of fees levied at
 Re 15,000 - 20,000. In 1914, I believe the collection
 of fees was farmed out to a contractor for ^{Re}20,000.

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we must wait & see whether the Matt authorities
can be induced to provide the nec^y funds. I
do not think the course suggested by W Vernon
at A is practicable, or at any rate that no such
claim w^d be enforceable at law

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The further report promised by the collector has not yet been received. Draft reminder submitted for approval.

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Submitted for perusal.

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C.P.K 5.5.16.

From the collector of Kuvool R.C. No 397 046/16
dated the 12th June 1916

T.C.N. 20.6.16
C.D.K. 20.6.16

Submitted for perusal.

Swedish burial report

Registrar's remarks in the Success List

When is this promised

C.R. 20.8.16.

For the Registrar

Please see the Collector's

last reply) at p 11 C.R. He may perhaps
be asked now when the final report may
be expected. A draft memo is submitted
for approval.

C.R.

29.8.16.

M.H.

Issued as Memo No 307-3 Pab 2 Re 30 August 1916

From the collector of Kurnool R.C. no

397 B4 G of 1916 Re 20th September 1916For the Regr

Submitted that the
remarks of the Engr, Dykes Currey,
may be invited whether in the
circumstances stated by the Collector of
Kurnool the question of repairing the
small stones may be dropped. A
draft encl is submitted for approval

C.R.

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[3882 Ed.] from the Supdt., Arch. Survey

No. 723.21 the 22nd Oct. 1916

Both the Collector

and Mr. Longhurst agree that the question of the preservation of the Sanskrit manuscripts and the Vishnu list may be dropped for the present.

I have drafted a resolution regarding the papers is submitted.

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relating to the preservation
of the Saisailewan temples in the
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