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[Despatch Abstract.]

Ancient monuments.-

Approving the proposal of the Superintendent,  
Archaeological Survey, to include the Venkateswara (Vishnu)  
temple at Mangapuram in the Chittoor district in the list of  
----- selected for conservation and to treat it as  
Government property.

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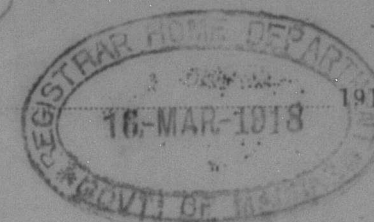
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Ancient Monuments.

Recommending that Venkatesvara Temple at Mangapuram, Chandragiri Taluk, Chittoor district be included in the Standard List of -----selected for conservation.

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Station Madras, Dated the 4th March 1918

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

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey Southern Circle.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir, (Through) The Collector of Chittoor Dt. MADRAS.

I have the honour to request that the Venkatesvara (Vishnu) Temple at Mangapuram in the Chandragiri Taluk of the Chittoor district be included in the Standard List of Ancient Monuments and also declared the property of Government. The temple in question is situated in the village of Mangapuram at a distance of one mile to the north of the town of Chandragiri. It is deserted and reported by the Collector to be ownerless. When I inspected the temple in October last, I found the interior of the building was in use as a godown for cattle manure and the compound was being used as a public latrine, so it is clear that it is no longer used as a place of worship although the object of worship, a huge stone image of Vishnu 9 1/2 feet in height and well carved is intact and in

an excellent state of preservation. Besides this large image there are four smaller stone idols within the building and a well carved figure of Garuda lying in the compound. All these images are well executed and valuable works of art.

2. The inscriptions within the temple show that it was built during the middle of the 16th century during the Vijayanagar period. They mostly record gifts to temple and little of historic interest. The temple is a large handsome building standing within its own courtyard and is in a very fair state of preservation. I would suggest that the temple be declared the property of the Government since it is ownerless and henceforth maintained as an ancient monument at Government expense.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. H. Longhurst.

Superintendent.

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Forwarded with my support. District officers have for some time past desired that this old temple should be preserved at Government expense. My predecessor Mr. A. G. E. Campbell sanctioned expenditure from the discretionary grant in 1913 to clear away prickly pear and bushes, and this proposal has since then been kept back only

- (1) pending inspection by the Superintendent
- (2) pending the admission by the Mahant of Timpat that he has no rights of ownership.

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C.F. started the proposal to include the Venkateswara (Vishnu) temple at Mangapuram in the list of ancient monuments selected for conservation and to treat it as Govt. property and to be approved. For a precedent in which temples ~~were~~ under analogous circumstances <sup>must</sup> be treated

- ⑤ as Govt. property, please see G.O. No. Public. dt. 21st January 1914. The temple having been for long in a neglected condition, it is probable that rights of private user might have been set up - at any rate, Mr. Longhurst reports that the villagers are putting the temple and its premises to all kinds of objectionable use and it may be desirable to ask the Arch. Supdt. to put up a notice board warning people that the monument is Govt. property - please see in this connection the instructions in G.O. No. 630 Public.

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Sanction is accorded to the permanent inclusion in the list of ancient monuments selected for conservation of the Venkateswara (Vishnu) temple at Mangapuram in the Chittoor district.

2 The Govt. also approve the proposal of the Secy to the Archaeological Survey to treat the temple as Govt. property.

3 The necessary notices

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