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ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

Sanctioning the inclusion of the Purnanatha (five) temple at Tiruvadavayil in the list of-----selected for conservation, approving the proposal to declare it "protected" and calling for the necessary draft notifications and agreements.

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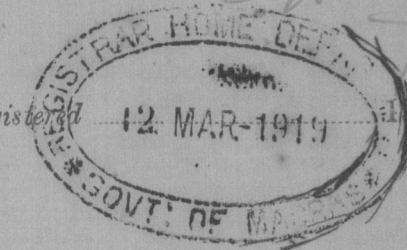
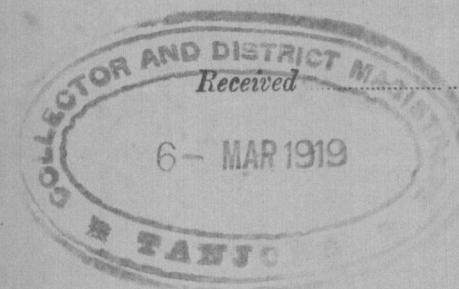
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Subject.

Submitting a report on the Punyanatha Temple at Tiruvada -
vayil in the Nannilam Taluk of the Tanjore district and re-
commending its inclusion in the Standard List of Ancient Monu-
ments selected for conservation.

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ENCLOSURES
No. One.
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URGENT.

No. 153.

Station Madras, Dated the 5th March 1919

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M. S. S. S.
Collector 9.3.19

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

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Surve

Southern Circle.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Madras.

Sir, (Through) The Collector of Tanjore District.

As requested in Government Order No. 1172 Home (Education)
dated 6th September 1918, I have the honour to submit here-
with a report on the Punyanatha (Siva) Temple at Tiruvadavayil
in the Nannilam Taluk of the Tanjore District and to request
that Government may be pleased to have the temple in question
permanently included in the Standard List, declared a Pro-
tected monument and repaired at Government expense so far as
the stone walls of the main building are concerned as these
walls alone are of any archaeological value.

(B)

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

A. H. Longhurst.
Superintendent.

Report on the Punyanātha Temple at Tiruvadavāyil.

Nannilam Taluk, Tanjore District.

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The Punyanātha (Siva) Temple at Tiruvadavāyil is situated at a distance of two miles from Koradacheri railway station on the branch line between Tanjore and Negapatam and is in the Nannilam Taluk of the Tanjore district. Architecturally, the building is unimportant and seriously decayed. It is a stone built Chola temple consisting of a small shrine chamber containing a stone linga, with two small mandapas or halls in front and a little Amman shrine attached to the north-east corner of the main building, the entire structure being covered by a flat roof of the usual kind. Over the shrine chamber is the remains of a decayed dome-shaped brick and plaster tower or stūpi. This portion of the temple and the roofline above the stone cornice is thickly covered with rank vegetation which would have to be completely removed before it could be repaired with new masonry. Inside, the temple contains nothing of archaeological or artistic interest, but on the surface of the outer stone walls of the building are a vast number of important inscriptions worthy of preservation. In his Annual Report for 1917-18, paragraph 19 and pages 89 and 90, the Assistant Archaeological Superintendent for Epigraphy has recorded these inscriptions and considers that they are of sufficient historical importance to require subvention by Government in preserving the temple from further decay. The temple is said to be the property of Tiruvadavāyil village and a few of the leading villagers represent the trustees of the temple. They have no funds to repair the building and in order to preserve the inscriptions the following repairs are required and the cost of the same will have to be met by Government if the work is carried out:-

- (1). Remove the decayed brick and plaster tower or stūpi over the shrine chamber and root out the vegetation growing along the roofline above the stone cornice. Repair the entire roof with new concrete and plaster so as to make the same watertight and proof against the growth of vegetation. There is no necessity to rebuild the stūpi at Government expense as the object of these

proposed repairs is to save the inscribed stone walls only from further decay. The rest of the building contains nothing of archaeological importance and is not worth repairing at Government expense.

(2). Here and there, the outer stone walls are out of plumb and some of the stones are in danger of falling. These should be numbered, removed and refixed in position. Where such stones are missing, new stones should be provided as a constructional necessity so as to bring the cornice to a uniform level all round the roof-line of the building. The new stones need not be ornamented with carving like the old ones. The main outlines of the mouldings alone will be sufficient.

(3). The temple stands in a brick walled enclosure with a gateway facing the east. Around this wall inside is a ruined brick and plaster verandah and between this verandah and the main building is an open space forming a courtyard. This space is under water during the rains and should be provided with proper drainage to allow the surface water to escape. The compound walls, verandahs and gateways and the little shrine abutting on to the outer north-east corner of the temple enclosure, are all very decayed but I do not consider it necessary to repair them at Government expense.

(4). The first thing to be done is to have the temple included in the Standard List of Ancient Monuments; secondly to have it declared a protected monument under the Act if the repairs are to be executed at Government expense; thirdly, to request the Public Works Department to frame an estimate of the cost of the repairs proposed above with a view to saving from further decay the stone walls containing the inscriptions only, as already mentioned above, as the rest of the building is not worth repairing at Government expense.

Madras,
5th March 1919.

A. H. Longhurst,
Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey.

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Memo 522B-1 of 18.3.19

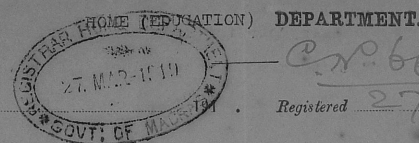
With reference to his letter no 153 dated 11.5.19, recommending the permanent inclusion of the Punyanatha (Siva) temple at Tiruvadavayil in the list of ancient monuments selected for conservation, the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, is requested to furnish in the usual form the necessary particulars for incorporation in the Standard list.

1st reminder to issue after a month
17.3.19

To the Superintendent,
Archaeological Survey (memo only)
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Note

For a precedent, please see memo at p. 4 of Gov. no 29 (1919) of 8.1.19 (M)
17.3.19



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Subject.

Ancient Monuments.

Submitting a statement showing the necessary particulars for the inclusion of the Punyanatha (Siva) Temple at Tiruvadavayil, Nannilam taluk Tanjore district, in the Standard List of -----selected for conservation.

ENCLOSURE	
No.	One.
Nil.	
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No. 1823

Station (Camp) Gingee, Dated the 26th March 1919

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

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey

Southern Circle, Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Government Home (Education) Department Memorandum No. 523 B-1, dated the 18th March 1919, I have the honour to submit herewith a statement showing the necessary particulars for inclusion of the Punyanatha (Siva) Temple at Tiruvadavayil, Nannilam taluk, Tanjore district, in the standard List of Ancient Monuments selected for conservation in the Madras Presidency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A.H. Longhurst.
Superintendent.

Statement showing necessary particulars for inclusion in the
Standard List of Ancient Monuments selected for conservation.

Serial Number.	Taluk.	Locality.	Name of Monument.	Reason for conservation.	Ownership.	Remark
...	Nannilam	Tiruvadavayil	Punyanatha (Siva) Temple.	Historical.	Private	...

(Camp) Gingee

March 1919.

A. H. Longhurst
Superintendent
Archaeological Survey.

p. 1-3 cf

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p. 4 cf

Home (Secy) Dept
L. 522 B- From the Supdt., Archaeological
Survey No 153 of 5. 3. 19
Sent by the Secy of Tanjore No 220/19
of 9. 3. 19
Memo No 522 B-1 of 18. 3. 19
L. 666 B- From the Supdt., Archaeological
Survey No 192 of 25. 3. 19

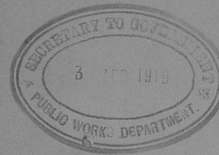
The proposal of the Supdt.,
Archaeological Survey to include the
Punyanatha (Siva temple) in the list of
Ancient monuments selected for conservation
and declare it protected
may be approved. In view of the opinion

Para 19 of the Epigraphical
Report for 1917-18
p. 8-9 of Secy No 1172/18
6.9.18
(Q)

Last sentence of para
1 of the Supdt's report
p. 2 cf

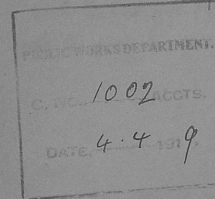
p. 24 of the
pamphlet at Secy
For sample form of
agreement, please see
p. 34 ibid.

of the A. A. S. for Epigraphy that the in-
scriptions on the walls of the temple
are of sufficient historical importance
to justify the subvention of Govt.
in preserving the temple and the fact
that the trustees have no funds to
repair the temple, the Superintendent's
proposal to have it repaired at Govt.
expense may also be approved. In this
case, a draft agreement will have
to be obtained from the trustees of
the temple under Sec. 5 of the
Ancient Monuments Preservation Act.
The Collector may be requested to submit a
draft.



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draft notification declaring the temple 'protected' and a draft agreement under Sec. 5 of the Act.

2. A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to P.W. D. u. o for acceptance. That Dept. will of course frame an estimate of the necessary repairs in the light of the Superintendent's remarks in para (1) (2) & 3 of his report, when the monument is declared protected.

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PWD

P.W.D

D.W.

The draft order may be accepted in this Dept. and the file returned to Home (Edl). No action with reference to the Edl. note at A above is called for at present. After the notification called for from the Collector in para 4 of the draft order is published, the S. E. VII Circle may be asked to prepare an estimate for carrying out the repairs. The Home Dept may however

DW.

With reference to A in the Home (Educ) Dept ^{note} on the previous page, that Dept may be requested to add a para to the draft order ~~to the following effect~~ as below:-

"After the notification declaring the temple 'protected' has been published in the Fort St George Gazette, the P.W.D. will take the necessary action in regard to the execution of repairs thereto in consultation with the Supdt, Archl. Survey."

2. The draft order may otherwise be accepted & the file returned to the Home (Educ) Dept (u.v)

C.R.

9.4.19. In view of the action regarding preparation of estimate for repairs may be taken in P.W.D. even though draft order is silent about it. No draft may be available

J.S. ²⁰
10.4.1919.

Better to add the para at A/ & make provision of P.W.D. quite clear and to ensure early repairs which might otherwise be delayed

Hm. Educat

11.4.19

P.W.U.C. No. 1002
Dated 12.4.19



None (Ed 2)

With reference to the F. W. D. note on the previous page, it is ruled: that if the suggested addition to the draft is considered necessary it may be expedient to provide for the execution of the repairs after the agreement refers to in para 4 of the draft have also been executed. Words to this effect have been ^{concluded in} ~~included~~ to the addition to the draft.

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Sanctioning the inclusion of the Panyanatha (Siva) Temple at Tiruvadavazhi in the list of _____ selected for conservation, approving the proposal to declare it 'protected' and calling for the necessary draft notifications and agreements.

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C. No. 5228 From the Suppl. Archaeological No. 153, dated 5-3-19

C. No. 666B " " ^{III}
Supt., Archaeological Survey, 1922-25 = 3-1919
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Supt. by the Supt. of Tanjore N° 270/19 89-3-19

ORDER

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No. 521, dated 25.4.1919

The Great Sanction the rich-
ness of the Purnyanatha (Siva)
Temple at Tiruvadaravayil in
the Nannilam taluk, Tanjore Dt
in the list of ancient mo-
numents selected for con-
servaion.

2. The particulars furnished by the Superintendent, Archaeological Survey in the Second of his letter read above will be entered in the standard list.

3. The Court approve
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READ AGAIN G.O. No.
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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DUTY.

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to declare the temple
'protected' under Section 3
of the Ancient Monuments Pre-
servation Act/VII of 1904, ~~and~~
~~to be submitted to the~~
The Collector of Tanjore
is requested to submit a draft
notification declaring the temple
'protected', for publication in
The Fort St. George Gazette. A draft
agreement under Sec. 5 of the
Act should also be prepared
in consultation with the Super-
intendent Archaeological Survey and
the local Brit. Pleader and
submitted for the approval
of Govt.

5 After the notification
declaring the temple 'protected'
has been published in the
Fort St. George Gazette &
after the agreement men-
tioned in the preceding para-
graph has been executed, the
P.W.D. will take the necessary
action in regard to the
execution of repairs ~~to the~~
~~the monument~~
in consultation with the Super-
intendent Archaeological Survey.

Collector to be reminded
after two months

28-3-19

To

The Superintendent Archaeo-
logical Survey - Govt.

1. Collector of Tanjore - Govt.

2. P.W.D. - Govt.

3. P.W.D. - Govt. of I & II of III & IV

(with copy of the memo)
A.A.S. for Epigraphy - Govt. of I & II

(of III & IV)

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