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[Despatch Abstract.]

Archaeology

Deletion from list of ancient monuments - Vishnu
Temple at Sriperumbudur and cave on the Panchapattana Hill at
Pallavaram - ordered.

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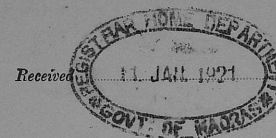
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Subject.

Archaeology---ancient monuments.

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R.O.C. No.13706-20-B/2

Station Saidapet, Dated the 8th January 1921 191

From (Name) H.A.B. VERNON Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Chingleput

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
HOME Department.
Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No.13766-20-B/2 dated 13th December 1920, I have the honour to report that the trustees of No. 322 Vishnu temple at Sriperumbudu and No. 330 cave on the Panchapandana Hill at Pallavaram, Saidapet taluk, marked 'B' in the list received with the letter No. 601 dated 13th November 1920 of the Superintendent of Archaeology, Southern Circle, Madras, are not willing to have the temples included in the list of protected monuments.

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

for Collector

N.A.8/1

Regarding the protection of certain monuments in the Panchapandana Hill at Pallavaram, Saidapet taluk, marked 'B' in the list received with the letter No. 601 dated 13th November 1920 of the Superintendent of Archaeology, Southern Circle, Madras, are not willing to have the temples included in the list of protected monuments.

(in separate file)

Law (En) Dept

[c. 126B]

Endt: No. 126B-1
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Referred to the
S.A.S. for remarks.

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To the S.A.S. (with copy
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Subject ANCIENT MONUMENTS

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Ancient monuments to be declared Protected-- in the Chingleput District.

ENCLOSURES.

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No. 62

Station Madras Dated the 31st January '21

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

(Designation) Superintendent, Archaeological Survey
Southern Circle Madras

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.
Madras

Sir,

With reference to Government Law (Education) Department Endorsement No. 126 E-1, dated the 13th January 1921 concerning the Vishnu Temple at Sriperumbudur and the Panchapandava Hills at Pallavaram, I have the honour to state that in the circumstances reported by the Collector of Chingleput, there is no alternative but to delete the monuments in question from the Standard List of Ancient Monuments. Steps will however be taken to get the monuments photographed and the inscriptions copied.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
A. H. Longhurst
Superintendent.

not ante
in the same manner as the Chingleput was deleted under similar circumstances
22.1.21
21.1.21

Urgent.

Archaeological Survey
Madras 10th February '21.

Ref:- Your telephonic Message dated 9th February 1921.

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Only one copy of the G. O. in question and the list dated 1891 is available in this office which are sent herewith. Kindly return the same as early as possible, since these are required for constant reference.

C. S. Sundaram
Head Clerk

To

The Superintendent

Home (Education) Department

Fort St. George.

Department.

Routine notes (which are not to be (a) sent out of the office or (b) included in the originals or proceedings unless the notes are specially marked for retention or (c) printed).

Subject of file.

Deletion of certain monuments
from the Standard List

[C.351B] From the Supdt., Archl. Survey, No. 62
of 31.1.21

Please put up the G.O.s under
which these monuments came into
the list

Asl.

Dy. Supt.

As.

(1) The cave on the Panchapandaram
hill at Pallavaram.

This was one of those
ancient monuments, the inclusion of
which in the Standard List was
recommended by the then Supdt., Archl.
Survey, in 1891 and was approved by
Govt. in G.O. 378 Public of 13.5.1891 —
vide item (20) on pp. 8-9 of the List of
1891 stitched with that G.O.

(2) Vishnu Temple at Srirangambudam

This was included in the list with
reference to G.O. 913 Pub. of 4.10.16.

(S)

Sd/-

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10.2.21

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I do not understand why the fact that the owner declines to enter into an agreement should be a reason for deleting a monument from the standard list. Entry in that list does not necessarily involve expenditure

Roh

11/2/21

Encl. 1

As

under present standing orders, all ancient monuments included in the standard list should be inspected annually by officers of the P.W.D.; and the Superintending Engineers should send up a report to the Supdt, Archl. Survey, showing the date on which each monument was inspected, the officer who inspected it, its condition, any measures of conservation carried out during the year and any further measures that are considered necessary - vide

papers VI and VIII on p. 32 of the list at (B).

It has also been the practice for the P.W.D. to spend money for the repairs of these monuments, even though they have not been notified as 'protected' under the Act. But in future, only those monuments which are declared 'protected' under the Act will be under the control of the Archl. Dept. and conserved from superficial guards. There is

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Therefore no objection to removing the two temples in question from the standard list; ~~moreover~~ ^{moreover} their retention might produce the erroneous impression that they continue under the control of the Archl. Dept.

~~is no objection to~~

~~Further~~ ^{Further}, in accordance with the recent instructions of the Govt. of India, the list of ancient monuments in charge of the Archl. Dept. ~~should~~ ^{should} be restricted in future to protected monuments only -

(Z)

CVV
12.2.21

But this is not a "list" of ancient monuments in charge of the Archl. Dept., +

I gather that it is the only list we have of monuments considered worthy of conservation.

Ask Mr Longhurst to speak to me about it next time he is in Madras

Roh
16/2/21

B

AS.

WCS

* Issued as G. 260 EN (N)
18.2.21

For order whether the draft order below may issue.

2. With reference to portion B of the Secy's note on p. 2 supra, a draft D.O. to Mr. Longhurst is submitted :-

D.O. No. 355 B-1
18/2/21

p. 3 of
G. 260 (N)
18.2.21

(N)

I am directed to invite a reference to your official letter no. 62 of 31.1.21, in which you suggest the deletion of two private monuments in the Chingleput Dt. from the Standard List, as the owners ^{having} are not wishing to have them declared protected under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904. The Govt. ^{have accepted your} ~~consider whether~~ ^{are not certain that} suggestion but they ~~doubt whether~~ the fact that the owner declines to enter into an agreement should be a reason for deleting a monument from the Standard List, as entry in that list does not necessarily involve expenditure ~~and~~ and the list is only a list of monuments considered worthy of conservation.

shall be glad if you ⁴10 can explain
to inform you that the Finance
the point - to me
Secretary would like to speak to
you on this question the next
time you are in Madras.

Yours

RtL

17/2/21

A. H. Longhurst Esq.,
S.A.S.

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Hours minutes.
TELEPHONIC MESSAGE.

From

The Head Clerk Archaeological
Survey Department

To

R. A. Graham, Esq., I.C.S.

Reference your D.O. no. 355-B-1 ⁴⁴³⁻⁴ ~~Initiated~~
dated 18.2.21 Mr Longhurst is now
in Madras and he will stay here only
for a few days. Can he call at the
Secretariat some time to-morrow

i.e., 19-3-21

RH
18/3/21

Secy.

Submitted for orders.

* Telephoned accordingly

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18-3-21

Secy

For reference

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* Certainly

RH

19/3/21

Mr Longhurst tells me that a
new list, in considerable detail,
is being made of monuments
selected for protection. Monuments
not so selected will not be
included in the list. The old list

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of monuments for conservation
will be of no further use except
as a record. There will however
be no question of "deleting" items
from that list

He agrees that there is no
particular reason for including
the cinder heap near Kundatini
in the list of protected monuments,
though there is some risk that
local ryots & others will dig it
up & use the bone ash as manure

RtLr
19/3/21

The lease of the building now
occupied as an office expires in
Sept- 1921. The arrangements
for moving the office to Boty
must be completed before that

A

Suppe
Mr. despatch
w.s. note below &
return intact.
Civ
21/3/21

As

With reference to A above,
a draft no. note to the P.W.D. is
submitted.

CtLr
21/3/21

ED. no. 807 B-2
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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH INFO.

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