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[Despatch Abstract.]

Museums — Govt. Museum, Madras
— Treasure-trove — Acquisition
of a group of bronzes — sanctioned

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From
Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,
Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Egmore, MADRAS -8.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS -9.

No. 1490/49-3 Ar.

Dated the 5th January 1950.



Subject: Treasure Trove - Tanjore District - Mayuram Taluk
63 Vellalaragaram - Find of idols - Payment -
Additional Funds - Requested -

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I have the honour to address Government for provision of additional funds of Rs 435/- in the revised estimate for the year 1949-'50 for ^{the} acquisition of a very valuable group of bronzes including a fine specimen of Nataraja with full Tiruvasi, concerned in the Treasure-trove find cited. This particular Nataraja is of unique workmanship not represented in our collection and thus has a special archaeological value. The budget allotment under cost of specimens for 1949-'50 was only Rs 1,000/- out of which about Rs 800/- had to be ^{spent} incurred in acquiring some valuable Roman Gold Coins (a single item of Treasure-trove find), thus necessitating the provision of additional funds of Rs 1,200/- under cost of specimens in the revised estimate for 1949-'50, for other Treasure-trove cases and other specimens for the different sections. The acquisition of this group of images now in question was not contemplated at the time of submitting Revised Estimate, as the Collector of Tanjore has only recently passed orders in his proceedings No. RC 426 - 49 - B 5 dated 24-11-'49 (copy enclosed) acquiring this find on behalf of Government for this Museum.

I have therefore to request that Government will be pleased to provide additional funds for Rs 435/- under 36 A Scientific Departments a.A. 5 Other Charges - Cost of Specimens and authorise the Accountant General Madras to admit the expenditure subject to the provision of funds.

Yours faithfully,

A. Aiyappan
Superintendent.
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Copy of Proceedings of the Personal Assistant to the Collector of Tanjore.

Present: Janab Mohamed Abdul Khadir Dalvi, R.C. 426-49 B.5. Dated 24-11-1949.

Subject: Treasure Trove - Mayuram Taluk - No. 63 - Vellalagaram village - R.S. No. 325-10-Patta dry - find of idols - enquiry - acquired - orders passed -

Read: R.C. 11993-48 dated 29-12-1948 from the Tahsildar Mayuram D. Dis. 1052-49 dated 25-3-49 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Mayuram.

This office Rc. 426-49 B.5 dated 20-5-49 and - 11-49. and 5. other connected records.

Order: In my proceedings R.C. 426-49 B.5 dated 24-11-49 the following articles of treasure were declared as ownerless under section 9 of the Treasure Trove Act.

1. Nataraja Vigraham with Tiruvasi (rim) - broken.

2. Sivakamasundari.

3. Sundaramurthy Nayanar and 4. Prathosha Vigraham all

made of an alloy of bronze and copper etc. weighing 145½ seers and valued at Rs. 362/8/0 in all and found by P. Natesa Padyachi and Nagamuthu Servai of Senthangudi in 63 Vellalagaram village, Mayuram Taluk, in R.S. No. 325-10 classed as Patta dry on 25-12-1948 and now deposited in the Sub Treasury at Mayuram for safe custody.

2. The Superintendent, Government Museum Madras has requested that the articles of the find may be acquired on behalf of the Government under section 16 of the Treasure-trove Act. I hereby declare my intention to acquire them accordingly.

3. The value of the materials of the Treasure is 362-8-0 and 1/5 of such value comes to Rs 72-8-0. The Superintendent Government Museum Madras will be requested to place a sum of

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Rs. 435/- (Four hundred and thirty five rupees only) at the disposal of the Treasury Officer, Tanjore towards the cost of the acquisition of the entire treasure.

4. The place of the find is owned patta dry, and belongs to Sri V. Sambasiva Ayyar of Senthangudi village, Mayuram Taluk. The value of the find will therefore be divided between the finders and the owner. Each of the two finders will be allotted 6/16 of the total value of the treasure and the owner of the field, the residue of the value (i.e.) 1/4 Share of the value of the treasure. The amount due to the two finders Rs. 163-2-0 each and Rs. 108-12-0 due to the owner, will be disbursed to them after the expiry of the appeal time of two months from the date of the proceedings under the Treasure Trove Act.

Md. Abdul Khadir,
Personal Assistant to the Collector.
Sd/- x x x x x x x
Huzur Head Clerk

Copy to (1) xxxxxxxxxxxx
(2) xxxxxxxxxxxx
(3) to the Superintendent, Government Museum Madras for information and necessary action.

RM The treasure will be sent to him separately by Insured Parcel "To Pay" by the Sub Try. Officer, Mayuram. He is requested to place a sum of Rs 435/- at the Huzur Treasury Tanjore to the credit of Treasury Officer, Tanjore at a very early date.

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(5) xxxxxxxxxxxx

"True Copy"

Government Museum,
Egmore, MADRAS-8. Dated Jan. 1950. *A. Aiyappan*
Superintendent.

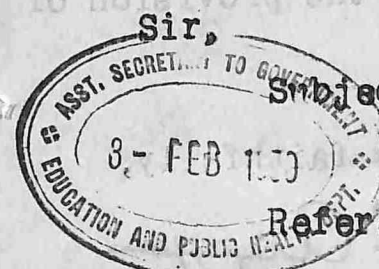
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Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,
Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Egmore, MADRAS-8.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George MADRAS - 9.

No. 1913/49-6 Ar

Dated the 1st February 1950.

Sir,



Subject: Treasure-trove - Arantangi Taluk - Inam Mariyur village R.S. No. 155/8 - Dry Samudayam find of idols - Acquisition - finds - requested.

Reference: My letter No. 1490/49-3 Ar dated the 6th Jan. 1950.

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not read. In continuation of my letter cited above I have the honour to state that in his proceedings No. Rc.12731/49B5 dated the 30th December 1949 since received from the Collector of Tanjore, we are notified that a very valuable and comparatively a large group of bronzes of Nataraja and other exquisite bronzes are acquired on behalf of Government for this Museum. The total value of compensation payable under the Treasure-trove act comes to Rs 2,263-1-0 which the Collector has required me to place at the disposal of the Treasury Officer, Tanjore.

I have to add that the acquisition of this find within this financial year was not foreseen at the time of submitting the Revised Estimate for the year. The whole group is such an important find that will greatly enrich the art section of this Museum. I have therefore to request that Government will be pleased to provide for additional funds of

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Museums- Government Museum, Madras- ~~Treasure~~- ~~Trove~~-
Acquisition of a group of bronzes- Sanctioned.

Ref: From the S.G.M. No.1490/49-3 Ar., dated 5-1-50.
" " 1913/49-6 Ar. " 1-2-50.

ORDER/MS. 551 EDN. DATED 21-2-50

The Government sanction the acquisition of the group of
bronzes, including the specimen of Nataraja, mentioned in
the S.G.M.'s letter cited, at a cost of Rs. ²²⁶³455/- (Rupees ^{two}four
~~thousand, two~~ ^{hundred and thirty five} only), as it is considered essential
for the Museum.

2. The expenditure is debitable to "36. Scientific Departments
a. A. Museums- 5- Other charges- Cost of specimens".

3. The A.G. is requested to admit the expenditure in audit
pending provision of funds. The S.G.M. is requested to
include the amount of Rs. ~~455/-~~ in the consolidated proposals for
re-appropriations, surrenders etc., due from him by ~~25-2-1950~~.

To the S.G.M. *Deputy Secy to Govt*
" " A.G. thro' Fin. *21/2/50*
" " Fin(B.G.) with extract
of Finance Depts
notes
one s/c. *21/2/50*

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Rs 2,263-1-0 under 36 A Scientific Departments. a.A.5 - Other
charges - cost of specimens and authorise the Accountant General,
Madras to admit the expenditure subject to the provision of
funds.

Yours faithfully,
P. Aiyappan
Superintendent.

No. 1913/49-7 Ar dated the 1st February 1950.
Copy for information to the Collector of Tanjore.

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Treasure — ~~those~~ ^{those} ~~and~~ ^{of a group of bronzes}
Acquisition — ~~Sanctioned~~

PP. 1-30.7.

Ref: From the S. G. M., No.
1490/49-3 Ar., dated, 5-1-50.

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Edn., dated,

The Govt. sanction the acquisition of the ^{group of} bronzes, including the specimen of Nataraja, mentioned in the S. G. M.'s letter cited, at a cost of Rs. 435/- (~~four~~ ^{four} hundred and thirty five only), as it is considered essential for the Museum. The A. G. is requested to admit the expenditure, pending provision of funds.

To
The S. G. M.
The A. G. (thru' Fin.)

Rs. 435/-
25/1/50

To ^{b/c of file} ~~for~~ ^{with extract of fin.} ~~dept. is note.~~

The S.G.M. is requested to include the amount of Rs. 435/- in the consolidated proposal for appropriations, surpluses etc. due from him by explained by the S. G. M. in his letter 15-2-1950.

1. The expenditure is debitable to
2. Scientific expenditure - A. A. Museum.
3. Other charges - Ex. G. specimens
4. The A.G. is requested to admit the expenditure in audit pending provision of funds.

In the circumstances for the acquisition of the find may be accepted. May be sent to Rev. for formal and Fin. for acceptance, ^{for the draft} Fin. may be requested to provide additional funds for the purpose, as suggested by the S. G. M.



Rs. 435/-
25/1/50

Rev
Finance

Rev. Dept

For letter in the F.E., and the draft order also

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may be perused and the file ~~may be~~ passed on to Finance.

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The draft order as amplified in pencil may be amplified.

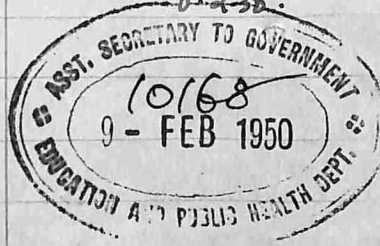
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2. A para. may be added as indicated in pencil ~~add funds required~~. E.P.H. may be requested to ~~send to Finance~~ on receipt from the S.G.M., the ~~amount in this file into account~~ consolidated proposals due in this dept. on or before 20-2-50. On receipt of the consolidated proposals, necessary reappropriation of funds will be made in Finance.

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Fin. no. 7670/EB-1



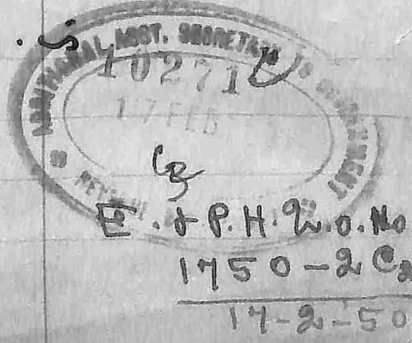
A clean copy of the draft order on page 1 ante, as amplified by Finance, is kept below. Please see the of written communication from the S.G.M. on pages 4-5 & 7, requesting for the provision of a larger sum of money of ~~Rs. 124~~ Rs. 2,263-1-0 for acquiring a further group of valuable bronzes of Nataraja since stated to have been acquired by the collector of Tanjore for the Museum. The proposal of the S.G.M. for a provision of Rs. 2,263-1-0 for the acquisition of the treasure-trove may be supported in this dept. May be sent to Rev. and Finance for acceptance.

Angus A. M. H. S. M. S.

My mind to express is

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Rev/Fin



To As:

Rev Dept

This dept. last saw the file on pp. 1-2 ante. Subsequent notes of Finance and E.P.H. depts on p. 2 above (revised) and the draft order below may be perused and the file passed on to Fin.

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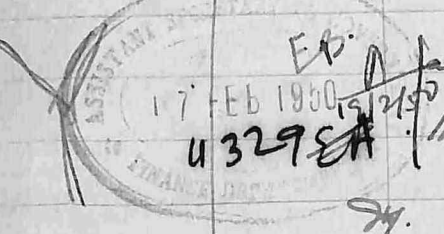
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[Previous Fin. note on p. 2 ante.]

The further notes of the E.P.H. and Rev. depts. on p.p. 2-3 above may be perused. In the circumstances stated therein, the revised draft order below may be amplified.



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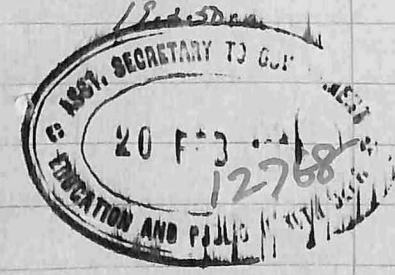
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Rev. Fin (B. G.)

Fin. no. 11329/EB-1





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