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[Despatch Abstract.]

TREASURE TROVE.

Sanctioning the grant of an idol found at Mel Bhuvanagiri village, Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot district, to the inhabitants of that village for purposes of worship.

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Subject.

Treasure trove (South Arcot District)

Submitting to Government letter from the Collector of South Arcot requesting sanction for the restoration to the villagers of an idol found in Mel Bhuvanagiri village, Chidambaram Taluk.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

Reference No. 709-17-1

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Station Madras, Dated the 5th March 1917.

From H. R. Pate Esquire, I.C.S.,

Secretary,

Land Revenue.

The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, etc.

Separate Revenue.

The Hon'ble Sir Robert Clegg, K.C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Resolution

Reference.

Read the following letter from M. Aziz-ud-din Sahib

Bahadur, Khan Bahadur, C.I.E., I.S.O., Collector of South

Arcot - to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land

Revenue and Forests, Madras, R.O.C.No.811-Cor. of 1917,

dated 19th February 1917.

A copper and bronze image of Vigneswarar, valued at Rs.70

was discovered beneath the surface in S.No.335 of Mel

Bhuvanagiri village, Chidambaram taluk, by one Ayyakannu Padayachi while removing prickly pear from the site. A notification under Section 5 of the Treasure Trove Act was published in the Fort St. George Gazette inviting claimants to appear before the Collector on the 7th August 1916. A special notice could not be served on the owner of the land personally but was served by affixture on the site as the pattadar Pushpavalli Tayarammal was dead and the whereabouts of her son were not definitely known. On the date of hearing, neither the finder nor the owner appeared in response to the notice. Enquiry showed that the Treasure could not have been hidden within 100 years from the date of finding. It was accordingly declared ownerless and to have become forfeited to Government as the finder had not given the notice required by Section 4 of the Act. The owner too did not appear on the date of hearing. The Superintendent, Government Museum, who was asked to state whether he would like to acquire the idol for the Museum says that it is not required by him.

2. As soon as the image was discovered the villagers - installed it for worship first in the field itself and latterly in the temple of Sri Vedapurisvarar in the same village where it is now under regular worship. They pray that the image may not be taken away from them by Government and that they may be allowed to worship it in their own village. In these circumstances, I

request that the Board may be pleased to sanction the grant of the image to the villagers as they require it for purposes of worship.

Reference.-

Submitted to Government for orders.

Ar. R. K.
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Miscellaneous)

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Treasure Trove.

(Co. No. 808) From the Board of Revenue, d. R., Ref. No 709-17-13 5-3

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The Collector reports that the Supdt., Govt. Museum does not require the idol for the Museum. It is apparently not of any ~~archaeological~~ archaeological value. In the circumstances represented by the Collector, it is submitted that the Govt. may sanction the grant of the image to the villagers for purposes of worship.

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The image is the property of Govt; it is not reported that the image has no archaeological interest or value; apparently it has (it is valued at Rs 70); the fact that the Museum does not require it is no proof to the contrary. To give away to the villagers in such a matter seems to me to be acting against the limitations contained in Mr Stokes' letter 221 D.25.1.10 in G.O. 505 Pnb. of 11.6.10.

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Is this very prudent for selling Treasure Trove by auction? I am no objection to doing this. allowing the villagers to buy it.

22.3.17

Submitted that there are precedents for selling treasure trove by auction sale. Please see the undermentioned papers:-

- ✓ G.O. No. ¹²⁴⁴ ~~1070~~ Pub. g 12-4-95
- " 231 " g 15-2-96
- M " 755 " g 21-7-96
- N " 1070 " g 16-8-97

Under section 12 (b) of the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878, the Collector may sell treasure trove by public auction. Collectors have been empowered to hold auction sales under this section, without reference to the Govt. vide para 3 of G.O. No. 901 Pub. g 22-8-96.

A draft order is ~~being~~ directing the Collector to dispose of the idol by public auction is subd.

Note (The value of Rs 70 put upon the idol is apparently for the ^{same} indicates its price as an article of copper bronze)

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The idol is not of archaeological interest.
It may be given to the villagers for
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