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C.S.
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Submitted that the papers
should be printed up as shown
within. I will give something
for permanent record in regard
to this vexed question.

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of 1891, dated 23. June from J. G. P. H. C.

Extract from W. Ward Journal.

Result of the negotiations with the Temple — Authorities papers regarding the Temple — Rules Dispute

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of 1891, dated 29. June from J. G. P. H. C.

Order 11th July 91 No. 1376

Recorded.
(From record)

7 July.

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9 July

at object to the season being and June 15 to September 15.

ch entries shall be allowed to make Magh in the 2 kuttams west of Breachbura 7 and 9 am.

and shall bathe west of the n, from 7 am. to 9 am.

is west to make the above — the

(signed) By the 4 Temple Trustees.

lation — Copy

ued this day — 23 June 1891.

(signed) E. Stevenson

(True copies).

[M. S. Forrest — Col.

Inspector of Police.

91.

For information
Chief Secretary to Government
to the
Forwarded (from Special)
Cantallum Falls Station

Camp



My dear

the enclosure

The Co

now finally

When i

would have

failed to a

the Tahsildar

would be a

D.O.

My dear

me this mo

the Pleader

the parties who have come to me
with the matter, that we
ing to do with the rights of the
say or another and that if
breach of the peace, the
engaged in it on either side
Jail.

Orders issued by the Dy. Magistrate
cluded to keep things in the
and the Tahsildar's orders
se absolutely ultra vires. But
is in such a mess with
counter orders that it will take
to get out official orders.

at the Courtallam Falls I wrote
isam Pillai, the Deputy Collector,
a private note, saying I
to hear there had been a failure
hous, owing, as it seemed true,
people trying to grasp
whereby they came in danger
the privileges they were now
I mentioned that in the
mutual agreement only
es seemed open—either to take
protection leaving Prahmins
ahs, Christians and Musah
enjoy themselves in the
water

water, when and where they pleased—a
course which neither party would like—
or for the Magistrate to intervene only
in case of breach of peace imminent
when such orders as should issue would
be based on ancient usage, which I
point out is not so favorable to the
Temple as the concessions which were
being arranged for.

Though I have written to the Deputy
Collector private, I have no doubt
the ideas will filter out and get to the
temple people and may have some
effect in bringing them to reason.

In haste
Yours sincerely
signed G. S. Forbes

Courtallam Falls.

In continuation of our yadast of 2nd inst.,
we will be glad to make the following
alterations, so as to settle the affair
amicably.

1. We have no objection to have the
time fixed from 7 am. to 9 am.
for the bathing of Europeans.
2. We have no objection to Europeans
taking their servants with them when
going to bathe.

Lutheranainarkoil.

Col. Cox,

Will you kindly forward
to Inspector General?

Courtallam falls question is
settled I am glad to say.

Tenkasi I gave out you
to settle the matter as I had
so, and I mentioned to
that the probable result
that Forbes says in his

I am
Yours Sincerely
signed E. Stevenson

Enclosures.

Camp Vasudevanchur
23rd June 1891.

Stevenson,

your note of the 20th reached
me.

your order of endorsement to
is precisely what I have been
telling

telling me
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28th June

29.6.97

J. S. B. B.

Submitted for payment

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Extr. from St. Ward's Journal
of Travancore & Cochin Survey

1816 31st July.—Left Co
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miles to the north of Pa
a better nature, lined m
village, with an extensiv
from thence to the fall
convenience of those ger
which continues for alm
north-east monsoons. T
though a small one, is v
about two hundred feet;
themselves in bathing w
who are in a sickly state
directions from the wall,
and vegetables of every
almost all the year round
though rather windy and
by no means incommodin
place affords every conve
middle of the day. Re
Travancore.

13th June 1817.—E
hamlets over a plain coun
low ground to Shencotay-
branch of a river over a
rivulet to Courtallum, wil
for their accommodations
commended, as also the b
through the season from
part of the season, but ligh
general high; it is also fan
being about it, as well as

ry anoor at 5 A.M. and proceeded by Sheverampett; the roa
indifferent, leading over narrow tank banks, through bed
eral deep rivulets with a stream in them; they take their rise
ns, and are so many arms of the large river which runs some
llamcotta and Ternevelly; from Sheverampett the road is o
ost of the way with trees to Tencashy, a large and populou
e pagoda; crossed over a bridge thrown across a small river
of Courtallum is a beat road, and kept in high order for th
tlemen who come here to enjoy the effects of a mild climate
ost nine months of the year, partaking of the western and
here are large choultries in the neighbourhood; the fall
ry sublime, falling almost perpendicular over the rocks for
the ladies and gentlemen who resort to it very often amuse
der it, which is attended with advantage, especially to those
there are several bungalows built about half a mile in different
that one by Colonel Munro is the most superior; fruit tree
description thrive amazingly well, and green pease is reared
which of itself speaks in favor of the climate, which is mild
is attended generally with slight showers of rain, which is
g and to those persons who take pleasure in walking thi
nience, as the effect of the sun is scarcely felt even in the
ported my arrival to Colonel Munro, the Resident in

arly this morning left Pooliary, and proceeded by a few
try, well cultivated both with dry gram, and paddy in the
an extensive village, streets broad and winding; crossed a
stone bridge, then through an avenue over another large
d but pleasant situation, where several gentlemen have built
ungalows; this place for the salubrity of its climate is highly
athing under the falls. The thermometer in general varying
une to January from 70 to 80; it rains generally through
tly in passing showers, but the wind from the westward is in
ous from its being a place of great antiquity; several pagodas
stone choultries innumerable; weather rain at intervals.

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June 23
1891

Forwarded (deu. Officially)
to the Chief Secretary
Government
24 JUN 91
CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT
C
MUNRO

For Mr. Schmidt

Whereas the
original sent 12.26 of 91
for retention at 804.

I send hereby to you
about what prematurely
the original of the Cons-
tallum falls (p. 1376
of 90). I please
note on following
date of at the

4.1. closed 6 Augt.
Secy of State will be
closed next - Wednesday
Augt. 12th

Ch.
G.S.

Submitted for perusal with extracts
from St. Ward's Journal (1816-17)
showing that the custom of bathing
under the Courtallum falls existed
then
24 June

See - no orders necessary

There is not the slightest doubt that
Singapore has been examined the right
photography in the photo. Eng. in the
morning and up to about 9 a.m. 30 Aug.
for the last 70 or 80 years or there
about longer - that this will be
evolution during last time.
2/7/91

I presume the district magistrate will give
what orders he thinks reasonable 10 July

June to the end of August.

6. An arrangement should be made to keep a clock and strike the gong during the above period in which Europeans have bath, daily, to let know the public.

7. If necessary a temporary hut can be had at the fall only to wear dress. No place can be occupied for easing and shaving.

At the time when Hindus are to have bath urgently during the time of Europeans bathing, they will bathe in the channel in front of the enclosure.

107 E. Stevenson
D. L. Police

True copy

W. A. Stuart Col.
Inspector of Police

Compd 27/5/91

This they have often done before
and they choose a short walk
until take them to the heat
fall sport water.

We have sent in a reply on 2^d of May to your honor's letter of the 23^d of April. Thereupon we consulted with Mr. Durugesam Pillay Special Deputy Collector as asked and we state the following:-

1. It is very necessary to leave the water fall from 5 to 8 am. to the Temple people, for, the religious people and persons attached to the temple and others will make necessary poojah, muntrams &c and have bath early in the morning. We do hereby let your honor know that we the Durmakartas have no objection to Europeans having bath from 8 to 9.30 am.

There are very few of them as a rule - and I never remember this respecting to bathing and bathing just in front of the temple & some distance below the falls

8 o'clock A.M.

This is very peculiar in fact too late as this is Europeans to commence bathing. It allows only 3/4 of an hour for ladies

2. After 9.30 am. the water fall should be left to the temple people as well as Hindu high caste people. 3. Even when the Europeans have bath and afterwards, Pullahs, Pariahs, Shanars, Cobblers, and other low caste people should never be allowed to come to the fall or right to the Falls as Brahmins near to it. !!!

This is a specimen of the H. Europeans should put a stop further and unpractical than to their coming to the falls during season or during the whole day in which festivals take place.

Season time is from the 1st of ... of Europeans has always refrained from bathing at the Falls on New ... and other festive festivals

Camp Sivagiri
17 June 1891.

From E. S. B. Stevenson Esq.
President of the Falls Committee
To The District Magistrate,
Tinnevely.

Sir,
With reference to the Courtallam Falls question, I have, as representative of the Subscribers of the Falls Fund, done my best to bring about an amicable arrangement with the Durmakartas of the Courtallam Temple.

1. The Subscribers are quite willing to give up their claims to the Falls until 6.30 am. or even until 7 am. for the religious devotees, who wish to bathe and perform their Ceremonies at Sunrise.

2. During the season the Sun rises between 5.30 and 6 am.

3. The Subscribers have, according to the usual custom for over 50 years refrained from bathing on certain important feast days.

4. All they ask for is that the bathing pool be reserved for subscribers from 6.30 am. or even 7 until 9.30 am., half this period being

On ordinary days there are not half a dozen of them

being reserved for lady subscribers
and half for gentlemen subscribers.

6. On the 22nd of March I discussed
the matter with Muthia Pillay one
of the 4 Durmakartas and reported
the result of my interview. A copy
of the said report I now enclose
for your information. He promised
to consult his fellow Durmakartas
and to state in writing what they
actually wanted. I waited for
several days but did not hear
from them. I accordingly wrote
to Muthia Pillay the Chief
Darmakarta on the 3rd and 23rd of
April and on the 4th of May I
received the enclosed letter B in
which Muthia Pillay states they
could do nothing and asked me
to arrange with all the respectable
Brahmins of the District as the
temple is common to all.

7. I then consulted Mr Varada
Row, the Head Assistant Magis-
trate and Mr Murugesam Pillay
the special Deputy Magistrate and
they considered the arrangement
proposed by me to be very
reasonable.

8. On the 6th Instant I received
enclosure C. signed by the 4 Durma-
Kartas.

Para. 1

They have quite as much right
to the Falls as the highest
caste Brahmins. The
Brahmins of this caste
people dare not attempt to
keep the lower caste out.

Europeans here have bathed at the
Falls in former days.

Dressing huts have for years been
erected at the foot of the Falls
to the Falls Fund.

Para. 1. has been answered above.
Paras 2 and 3 require no comment
from me regarding the entire
exclusion of low caste people from
the Falls, but I may remark
that, even in the season and at other
times, pariahs do go and bathe
freely.

With reference to the Subscribers
not being allowed to take their
servants with them this cannot
be consented to, for the ladies
require their Ayahs and the
gentlemen their dressing boys
to bring away their wet bathing
costumes.

Para. 4. is consented to.

Para. 5. The season should be from
the 15th of June to the 30th of Sep-
tember.

Para. 6. There is no objection to this.
There is a watch but no fong.

Para. 7. There is no objection to this.

8. The river from the bridge
up to the falls should be kept
free as has already been the
Custom.

9. On consulting the Tahsildar
and Mr Murugesam Pillay re-
garding Exhibit C. they were
very much surprised to hear
the

the contents of it, for, they said the
Darmakartas consented to my hours.

It is now requested that you
will as District Magistrate decide
upon something definite.

I have &c

(signed) E. Stevenson

President of the Falls Committee

(True Copy)

Forwarded to the Inspector General
and Deputy Inspectors of Police,
for information.

(signed) H. W. H. Cox
21.6.91.

/ True Copy /

W. S. Forrest Esq.

Inspector of Police.

June 23rd 1891.