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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 674 M

DATED 20th April 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 3114 M of 1895, dated 8th October from ~~the~~ P. P. Matharsa Rowther and others Trichinopoly

Current No. 1012 M of 1896, dated 14th March from the Chairman, M.C. Trichinopoly.

Order. No. 674 Muni d/ 20/4/96

The Government cannot interfere on behalf of the petitioners.

V.R. 9/4/96 W.W.D. 10.4.96 [illegible] 11/4/96.

Note. The conviction of the petitioner was upheld in appeal and a revision petition put in by him in the High Court was disposed of.

Please see Coll. No. 1099 M. in linked file.

Transft to J.D. vide Jud Cur. 1845 [illegible]

Rec. 851 J.D. d/ 15-5-96.

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To the Petitioners ✓

Despd. 24/5/96

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Current No. 744/Rev of 96

From,

The CHAIRMAN
Municipal Council,
TRICHINOPOLY.

COLLECTOR AND MAGISTRATE ... MAR 96 ... TRICHINOPOLY

E.H.C.
Sen 16/3

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 1012 M

To, ~~[illegible]~~ N.S.
The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Local and Municipal
Department,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

Through the Collector
of Trichinopoly

Dated 14th
Despatched 17th March 1896.
Received

CHIEF SECRETARY ... No. 77 27 MAR 1896 ... GOVT. OF MADRAS

Enclosure. /

C. No. 3114 M of 1895 with

Subject.

Reporting on the petition presented by Matharsah Rowther and others praying that the Municipal Council and the Dt. Magistrate may be directed to respite the destruction of the tomb of Syed Akbarally Owlia and its Durgah on the Bird's road.

Ref. Endt. on cur. no 744/Rev of 96

Enclo. one

Submitted.

2. I endorse the Chairman's report. This matter has been under discussion for a very long time back, & I only directed the man's prosecution after the Divisional officer's repeated endeavours to get petitioner to remove the encroachment ~~[illegible]~~ quietly had failed. I had wished if possible to avoid a prosecution fearing that in the eyes of the ignorant a conviction might give petitioner the reputation of a martyr. He proved obstinate however & ditched his permission, & his conviction was upheld in appeal. As that conviction had no effect I ordered a 2nd prosecution & that is now pending. He has gone to the High Court in Revision. This is the encroachment about which the Military authorities [illegible] ~~to which~~ in the correspondence ending with my endorsement to Govt. Ref on cur: no 155/Rev d/ 19th inst. Within the last few weeks he had the audacity to erect a fresh encroachment in the road.

3. He has been doing two sets of acts — (1) taking steps for the erection of a mosque in private land belonging to the Prince of Arcot, without the consent of the latter's agent who — I believe — contemplates taking legal proceedings against him, & (2) encroaching on the public road. It is for this latter he has been prosecuted. The matter may ultimately be [illegible] to come [illegible] serious if he is allowed to go on in this way, & I intend to prosecute him again & again until he removes the encroachment.

4. I unhesitatingly beg to recommend that his petition be dismissed.

Trichinopoly
25.3.96

[illegible]
Collector.

More authoritative report

I beg to add the following

my remarks with reference to the

receipt & statements in the petition

Para 7. It is true that the

T. Ramaswami Aiyar informed me

(the Tahsildar) that he could not enquire

the religious matters of the [illegible]

Mahomedans etc. but the reference

was to the Hindus and not to the

[illegible]

was no doubt.

Para 10. Enquiries [illegible]

of the petition [illegible] report the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

on the account to remove the [illegible]

[illegible] that this [illegible]

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble servant

[illegible]

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1 [illegible]

2 [illegible]

3 [illegible]

4 [illegible]

5 [illegible]

6 [illegible]

7 [illegible]

8 [illegible]

9 [illegible]

10 [illegible]

11 [illegible]

12 [illegible]

13 [illegible]

14 [illegible]

15 [illegible]

16 அய்யம்பெருமாள புலவர

17 [illegible]

19 [illegible]

20 [illegible]

21 [illegible]

22 [illegible]

23 [illegible]

24 [illegible]

25 [illegible]

26 [illegible]

27 T. S. Muthuvelu Pilly son of Sabapathy Pilly Valakuri Trichy.

28 [illegible]

29 [illegible]

30 [illegible]

31 [illegible]

32 [illegible]

33 [illegible]

34 [illegible]

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36 [illegible]

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38 [illegible]

39 [illegible]

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41 [illegible]

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48 [illegible]

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51 [illegible]

52 [illegible]

53 [illegible]

54 [illegible] 55 [illegible]

56 [illegible]

57 [illegible]

58 [illegible]

59 M. Cosmandeen & Sons. [illegible]

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62 [illegible]

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69 [illegible]

70 [illegible]

71 [illegible]

72 [illegible]

73 Mahammad Nathar Hussain Oil Shop Trichinopoly

74 [illegible]

75 [illegible]

76 [illegible]

77 [illegible]

78 [illegible]

79 [illegible]

80 Abdul azeez
4.10-25

81 அப்துல்றஹிம்

82 [illegible]

83 وکیل گماشتا صاحب [illegible]

84 [illegible]

85 [illegible] علی

86 [illegible]

87 محمد عثمان

[illegible]

89 [illegible]

90 [illegible]

91 [illegible]

92 [illegible]

93 [illegible]

94 [illegible]

95 Rhimatulla Shaik

96 [illegible]

97 [illegible]

98 [illegible]

99 [illegible]

100 [illegible]

101 Mohomad Akbar. Striker.

102 [illegible]

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111 [illegible]

112 At Zainoondeen

113 S. a [illegible] Rasak

114 Syed [illegible]

115 [illegible]

116 சையது உமர்

117 [illegible]

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119 [illegible]

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122 [illegible]

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125 [illegible]

126 [illegible]

127 [illegible]

128 [illegible]

129 G. Gulam Mohideen Shaib residing at Trichinopoly

130 عبدالغفور

131 [illegible]

132 [illegible]

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146 [illegible] 147 [illegible]

148 காதர்பாச்சாசாயபு

149 [illegible]

150 Mohamed Ismail Sahib

151 [illegible]

152 [illegible]

153 அபுதுல்காதர்சாயபு

154 [illegible]

155 [illegible]

156 [illegible]

157 فضل الرحمن

158 [illegible]

159 [illegible]

160 [illegible]

161 [illegible]

162 [illegible]

163 [illegible] 164 عبد الر[illegible]

165 [illegible]

166 நன்னாபாசாயபு

167 [illegible]

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177 [illegible]

178 [illegible]

179 [illegible]

180 Mahomed [illegible]

181 [illegible]

182 சேக்அம்மத்சாயபு

183 [illegible]

184 [illegible]

185 சேகமொயிதீன்சாயபு

186 [illegible]

187 [illegible] சாயபு

188 கா. செகநாதய்யர்

189 தா-பி-மகாராசா

190 [illegible]

191 கிஷ்ணபறதந்தியாருகு மசவதி விஜயராம்தின்

192 கலணபிறதத்தி விருதம் நிஜம் சா

193 [illegible]

194 [illegible]

195 [illegible] சாயபு

196 [illegible]

197 நித்தருசாபளி வசசன் சாயபு

198 சோடைட ம. [illegible] சாயபு

199 [illegible]

200 [illegible]

201 [illegible]

202 [illegible]

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205 [illegible] சாயபு

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208 கோட்டை [illegible] அப்துல் [illegible]

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210 [illegible] சாயபு

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215 [illegible] காதர்கான் சாயபு

216 [illegible]

217 [illegible] சாயபு

218 [illegible]

219 محمد اسد الله

220 عمر خان

221 [illegible]

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223 [illegible]

224 கோட்டை அ. ம. செ. [illegible]

225 கோட்டை [illegible]

226 கோட்டை [illegible] சாயபு

227 கோட்டை அலவிமரைக்காயர் பாபு [illegible] சாயபு

228 பு. க. ம. [illegible]

229 [illegible] ராசா

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231 [illegible] சாயபு

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239 عبد الكريم

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285 M. Abdul kareem Sahib - fort

286 گودڑ محمد ایران

287 ~~[illegible]~~

غلام حسین صاحب

288

289 شیخ کریم

290 Naseerattheen Sahib Marchand

291 [illegible]

292 عبد الصمد

293 محمد صالح

294 محی الدین خان

295

296 محمد [illegible]

297 [illegible]

298 محمد [illegible]

محمد [illegible] والہ

299 شیخ

300 محی الدین

301 Mh abdul Rahim Sahib
Clath Merchant

302 [illegible] சாயபு

303 غلام قادر صاحب

304 அப்துல் காதர் சாயபு

305 [illegible]

[illegible]

306

307 Mr. Abdus Satthar

308 [illegible]

309 طاہر حسین صاحب

310 اسمعیل شریف

311 Muhamd Abdul Hafeez Sait
Clath Merchent

312 حسین

313 محمد تقی

314	A.G. Shaik Mohideen Saib Merchant
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318	[illegible]
319	[illegible]
320	[illegible]
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322	[illegible]
323	Abdul [illegible] clock merchant
324	[illegible]
325	[illegible]
326	[illegible]
327	شیخ اسمعیل
328	غلام قادر
329	[illegible]
330	[illegible]
331	[illegible]
332	Usmankhan
333	عبد الحلیم
334	Syed Mohideen padsha
335	میر صالح حسین
336	میر عباس حسین
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338	یوسف خان
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343	[illegible]
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345	محمد ظہیر الدین
346	Abdul Kareem
347	Gulam Dustageer
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357	Abdul kareem
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366 J. Cowsa Moiteen. General Merchant [illegible] 15.12.2[illegible] [illegible]

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383 S. Abdulkolumpsahib

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386 Mohomad Eusuf Saib

387 R. Yousoffkhan

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389 Md Gulam Khader Sahib

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391 G. Abdul Khader Sahib

392 Syed Allee Hussain

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394 Syed Kader Sahib

395 Esmalsharifffsahib

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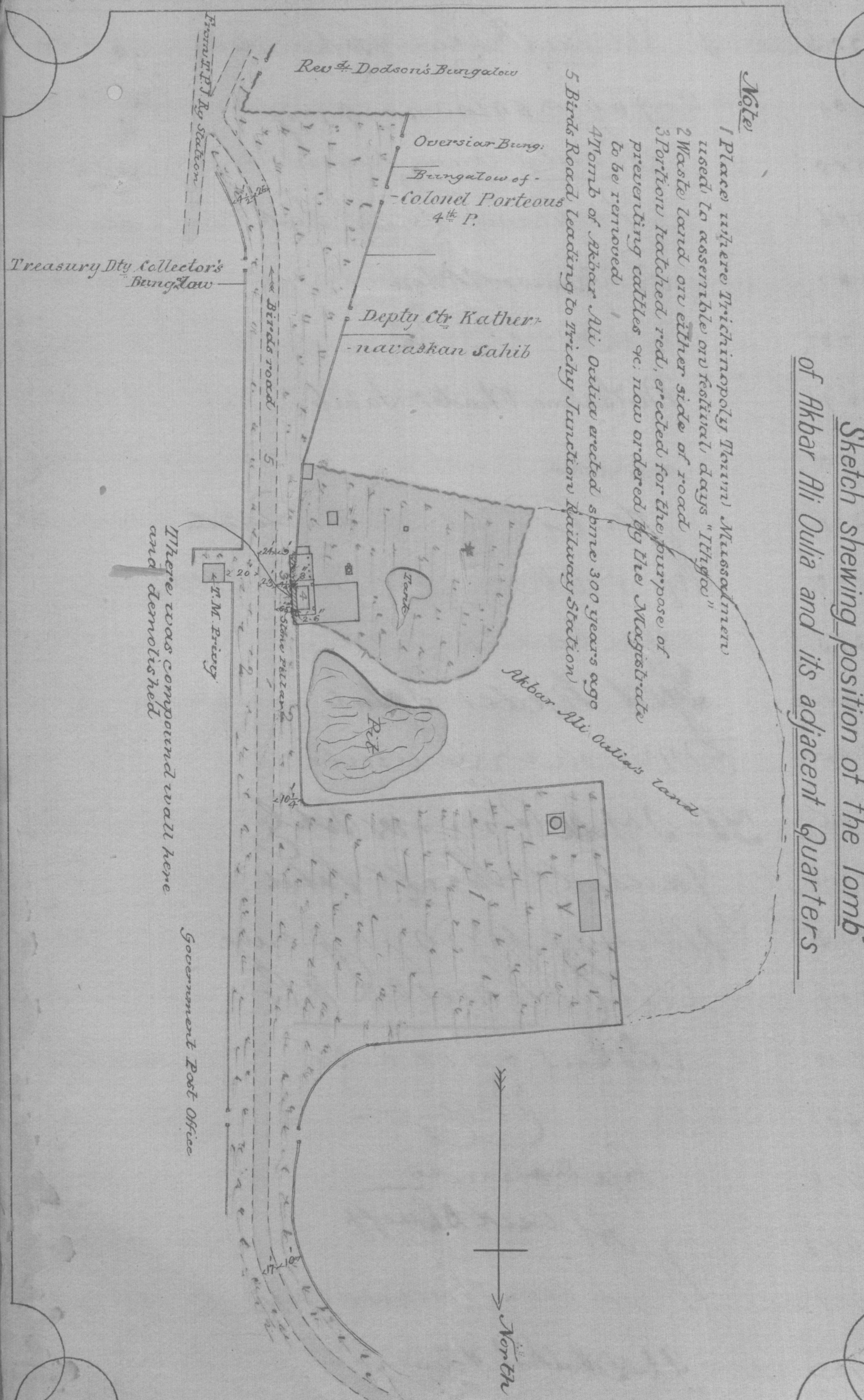
404 Mahomed Nurullah

405 Sheik Mohamed Hussain



Sketch shewing position of the Tomb of Akbar Ali Oulia and its adjacent Quarters

Note

1 Place where Trichinopoly Town Mussalmen used to assemble on festival days "Itiga"
2 Waste land on either side of road
3 Portion hatched red, erected for the purpose of preventing cattles &c: now ordered by the Magistrate to be removed
4 Tomb of Akbar Ali Oulia erected some 300 years ago
5 Birds Road leading to Trichy Junction Railway Station

1/3114 Mo/95

Received 6th-10-95

Mis Case No. 22/95

Duplicate

Notice under Section 143. C.C.P.

To.

Madar Sahib son of
Peer Mahomed Rauter
living in Binnanayakanpolyam.

Whereas you have been convicted of having Convicted mmit a public nuisance punishable under Sections 283 & 290 I.P.C. in C.C No. 631/95 of this court viz: of having narrowed a public road way (Birds Road Cantonment) and thereby caused obstruction to the free passage of the public along that way, as well as annoyance to persons living in the vicinity or having occasion to use that public way, by constructing or putting up so as to be an encroachment a shed, pandal, a tomb etc on part of the above-said Road, and whereas in the above said case this court has found that all that portion of the above-said construction abutting East-ward beyond the limits of the old Compound wall (a portion of which still exists just north of the shed etc) constitutes the above-said encroachment, You are hereby directed under Section 143 of the Code of Criminal procedure not to Continue the above-stated public nuisance caused by the said Encroachment beyond a period of 10 days from the date of receiving this order & you are hereby informed that if the whole of the said encroachment is not removed by you within the said period, you will render yourself liable to be prosecuted for an offence

offence punishable under sections 188 & 291 of the Indian Penal Code.

(Sd.) R.S. Venkatasurma
Town Second Class Magistrate
Trichinopoly

4.10.95

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3114 M

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 26 OCT. 95 TRICHINOPOLY.

R. No. 113.

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

From

P. P. Mather Sahib Rowther & other Muhammadan inhabitants of Trichinopoly

No. 1499

Referred to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, for report, which should be submitted through the Collector.

| By order

Francis.

Ag. Under Secretary

V.R. 21/10/95

Fort St George 21st Oct 1895

No.

Dated 8-10-95

Received 14-10-95

Enclosures /

SUBJECT.

Praying that under the circumstances stated the Distt. Magistrate and the Muni. council of Trichinopoly may be directed to respite the destruction of the tomb of Syed Akbarally Oolia & its Durgah premises in Trichinopoly, till the matter is decided.

To,
The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Trichinopoly

| With endorsement

17/10. Ari/10.

No. 17
17.3.96.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY 14th March 1896.

TREASURY DEPUTY COLLECTOR 18 MAR 96 TRICHINOPOLY.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1012 M

FROM, M.R.Ry P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avl
Dy Collector & CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council,
TRICHINOPOLY.

TO,
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

Through the Collector of Trichinopoly.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the Report called for in your Endorsement No 1499 dated 21st October 1895 on Government (Municipal Depart.) Petition No 3114 herewith returned.

2. Briefly stated the facts are these. One Mathursah Rowther was a Police Constable and was dismissed. In the absence of any honest means of livelihood, he hit on the plan of plying playing on the wits of a few ignorant Mohamedans and began to run a Durgah or mosque. For his purpose he found a neglected and apparently forgotten tomb handy. He began with a thatched shed and developed its proportions slowly.

But when he came to encroach on the adjacent public road — called Bird's road — in the Cantonment and to erect a more pretentious because substantial building with a flag-staff attached, it attracted the attention of the Military officers, who at once communicated with the Municipal and Revenue authorities. Action was taken by both. The then Chairman M.R.Ry S.T. Rangaswami Aiyer inspected the spot and on being satisfied of its being a clear encroachment, ordered his prosecution. In due course, he was tried by the 2d Class Magistrate of Trichinopoly, found guilty and sentenced to a fine of Rs 100. He appealed, but the finding and sentence was confirmed. The encroachment was not however removed.

3. In September 1895, the Divisional officer assumed charge of the Chairmanship and a notice was served on Matharsah Rowthen to remove the encroachment. Matharsah Rowthen becoming afraid that in the exercise of his dual functions as Divisional officer and Chairman, he might demolish the structure, got up the petition which is the subject of this report. Several of the signatures are fictitious and a few of the signatories repudiate the signatures.

4. The encroachment still continues and I have now imposed a prohibitory assessment. Independently of this, a second prosecution has been launched against Matharsah Rowthen and is in progress.

5. As regards the Durgah being "primeval" and the interred man having been a "sage" and a "venerable" one, my enquiries among Mohamedans show that it is all a pretence adopted to buttress up the fictitious importance conferred on the tomb by the Rowthen. But as to this matter, the Collector may be able to give a

more authoritative report.

6. I beg to add the following remarks with reference to the specific statements in the petition.

Para 7. It is true that Mr I. T. Rungaswami Aiyar "informed him (the Colonel) that he could not infringe the religious notions of the fanatical Mohamedans" &c. But the reference was to the Morgue and not to the encroachment, about which there was no doubt.

Para 10. Exposes the real cause of the petition under report. The Divisional officer (Mr Kadhir Navaz Kan Sahib Kan Bahadur) himself a Mohamedan does not believe in the Durgah or its sacredness — as also did not his predecessor Mr Syed Kadhir Batcha Sahib. He had a notice served on the accused to remove the encroachment, and did nothing more.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt servant,
[illegible]
Dy Collector & Chairman/3

Encl II

There is no durgah, no old buildings or roofs

the old buildings and roofs of the Durgah, but he (the Durmakartha) was unable to do so without the expressed permission of the community at large.

Community has nothing to do with it

8. That in this state of things, the Durmakartha was charged by the Police and placed before the Town 2nd class Magistrate under S. S. 283&290 of the Indian Penal Code, who considered the evidence adduced for prosecution in the light of the observations made by the District and Deputy Magistrates, and convicted him and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 100 on 21—9—95, notwithstanding strong documentary proofs in favor of the defence. The Durmakurtha who was thus punished is a poor man appointed by the Mohomedans and has no authority to demolish the Durgah and tomb as ordered by the Deputy Magistrate.

No one appointed him & he requires no authority from any one

9. Having had some clue to a conspiracy touching this Durgah was going on in the circle of high officials, we submitted a Mazur on memorialists 10—5—95, to the District Magistrate protesting against the removal of the tomb and the buildings of the Durgah. This was 4 months prior to the prosecution of the Durmakartha, but this mazur was not taken notice of.

This was sent to Dy Magte in connection [illegible] & [illegible] was not to be [illegible] by him [illegible] 23/3

10. The Deputy Magistrate who is against the existence of the Durgah, has now become a Chairman of the Municipality, and we learn that he intends removing the Durgah and the tomb in his new capacity, before we could seek redress in the local criminal and civil tribunals. He further intends to oppress the poor and innocent Durmakartha with further prosecutions for every day's retention of the Durgah buildings under Section 263 of act No. IV of 1884 (Madras District Municipality's Act.)

11. From the accompanying sketch it would appear that the above primeval tomb cannot in any way make any encroachment upon a road which the Municipality has made recently, at this place the road is 23 feet broad, while the breadth allowed for such roads in the D. P. W. code is only 18 feet moreover the compound walls of the surrounding bungalows occupied by European gentlemen are nearer to the road than the premises of the tomb itself.

12. That the local authorities seldom interfere with tombs as above. If they do so in any isolated cases, the Government are ever generous to put down the practise with a high hand. The tombs in the middle of the road as in Coimbatur, Trichinopoly and in some other places will prove this fact.

They have nothing to complain against the general

13. That the memorialists further respectfully submit, that the funatical Mussalmen hold injury done to a tomb as one that is done to their souls. We apprehend therefore that serious riots and the consequential prosecutions of several innocent persons would result, the pregudices in favor of repression being the characteristic of the executive.

14. Under these circumstances, the memorialists most respectfully pray your Excellency in Council will in favor of a few miserable specimens of wretched and starving humanity, direct the District Magistrate and the Municipality to respite the destruction of the tomb of the most venerable Syed Akberally Owlia and its Durgah premises pertaining thereto, till the matter is decided either by your Excellency in Council or by a properly constituted tribunal here, and the conviction of the said poor innocent Durmakartha is quashed.

Name invented by them

For this act of charity and justice, the memorialists shall as in duty bound ever pray.

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Trichinopoly, 8th October, 1895.

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL,
MADRAS.

The humble memorial of the undersigned Mohomedan community of Trichinopoly.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That on the west of Bird's Road in Trichinopoly Cantonment, there exists a primeval Durgah over the tomb of Syed Akbaraly Oulia, this venerable sage having been intered therein some three hundred years ago.

2. The road on the east of the said Durgah came into existence only 50 years ago when Mr. Bird was collector of Trichinopoly and it has been called by his name ever since.

3. Before the construction of this Road, the premises on the east and also those on the other three sides of the Durgah entirely belonged to the said Durgah, the same having been gifted by the Prince of Arcot, purposely for the sittings of Mussalmen at the time of their prayers during their Ithga and other religious festivals.

There was or is no Durgah at all the land never attached to any Durgah

4. Although a portion of the premises on the east of the Durgah was taken over by the authority and utilized for making the Road, yet they are even now occupied invariably by Mohomedans who assemble at the Durgah for their sittings and prayers on all their festivals every year.

people comes there only twice a year [illegible] of the Shed

5. Colonel Porteous of the 4th Pioneer at Trichinopoly who resides in the vicinity of the Durgah, happened one day to drive his carriage along this Bird's road, when the Mohomedans were at prayers there on account of Ithga festival, and the Colonel had in consequence to divert his carriage through another road. This incident annoyed him and he therefore fell to writing to the District Magistrate asking him to remove the Durgah with its tomb at once.

but this had drawn notice long before he came to this station

6. That after due enquiry into the details of the origin of the Durgah and its tomb within, the District Magistrate was not at first inclined to take any steps in compliance with the request of the Colonel.

No trouble in this

7. Finding his exertions with the District Magistrate proved of no avail, the Colonel addressed the Chairman of the Municipal Council stating that the said tomb and Durgah encroached on the public road and that they should be removed altogether, but he (the Chairman) finding no reason to comply with the request of the Colonel, informed him that he could not infringe the religious notions of the fanatical Mohomedans and that the Durgah and tomb were not an encroachment on the road, and he further referred the case to the District Magistrate, who allowed his Deputy to take steps for the removal of some portion of the Durgah at least. However unjust the solicitation of the Colonel may be, the Deputy Magistrate directed the present Durmakartha of the Durgah to remove the tomb and certain portion of

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