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[Despatch Abstract.]

Fairs & festivals

Recording letter from the Cm. Chidambaram subg. information in connection with the report on the Ardra Darsanam festivals held at Chidambaram; and concurring in the Collector's remarks thereon in para. 2 of his Endorsement.

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From

The Collector of South Arcot

No. 497 Mg

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2. The Government Concurs in the Collector's remarks in para: 2 of his Endorsement.

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What ought to be done is to levy a special contribution on ~~festivals~~ temples for sanitary arrangements at festivals & this is what will have to be done some day or other

SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks Chidambaram municipal Chairman's letter reporting on para 3 of G O no 787 M dated 3rd April 1897 recording on the remarks on the Arudra darsanam festival held at Chidambaram.

Pend. to O.

To
The Chairman M.C. Chidambaram
thro the Collr of S Arcot.

Expd. 16/7/97

Translator
Please translate the Tamil letter & petition
soon
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Office
Note this remarks in this case

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Enclosure No. 1.

Copy of petition dated 12th May 97 addressed to the Municipal Chairman and Councillors of Chidambaram by Chandra Sekharadikshitar and others, hereditary pujaris of Sri Sabha Nayaka Swamis ~~[illegible]~~ devastanam.

The petrs. beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Chairman's yadast dated 15th April 1897 No. 27 and the extract from the proceedings of the meeting of the Municipal Council of the 27th March 1897. They beg to state that a meeting of the Dikshitars was held in the Devastanam in which it was resolved to represent to the Municipal Council ~~that the petrs.~~ the ~~[illegible]~~ utter inability of the petrs. to contribute a third or any portion of the ~~expenses~~ sanitary expenses asked for in the above yadast for the following reasons, and the fact of the Devastanam having no property for its maintenance.

The Chidambaram Sri Sabhanayakar Devastanam has no landed income as the Conjiveram & Trinomalai devastanams have.

In this devastanam daily pujas & other ceremonies are carried on out of the proceeds of mere begging.

These.

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these pujas are performed with the help of private devotees who ~~[illegible]~~ endow a portion of their property for the devastanam and appoint their own agents to manage the endowments and keep accounts of the expenses incurred on account of the pujas.

The festivals of Ani & Margali months ~~are not~~ undertaken by private individuals are not now conducted so well as they used to be & the petrs. are not aware whether this is due to want of devotion on the part of these gentlemen or to a decrease in the income ~~for~~ from their endowments or to a general rise in prices

There are no fire works in these festivals as there are in the festivals at Trinomalai and Conjeveram.

A number of other festivals and processions are not carried on ~~the~~ with as much zeal as before.

No property is attached to the temple. The petrs. are the only people who have much concern about the defects above noticed. They have no other means of livelihood

livelihood than the income from the temple. They therefore lease out the income from private endowments and with this lease amount and with certain other special incomes they have been trying to remove the defects referred to above and have thus been maintaining themselves from time immemorial.

During the two festivals in the devastanam there is an abhishekam in the Ayirakkal mantapam. This place is not large enough to hold many people and as many crowd in there the abhishekam is obstructed & people are subjected to much inconvenience. In consideration therefore of the trouble caused to people ~~[illegible]~~ the mantapam expences and a fee of as 1/4 is collected from each individual ~~[illegible]~~ desiring admittance into the enclosure; and those who wish for such admission are ~~[illegible]~~ very few.

The income from the temple should be divided equally among all

all the Dikshitars. The petrs. therefore leased out the right to levy certain fees and divided the lease amount amongst themselves. Now the income from private charitable Endowments has considerably decreased and the petrs. have to spend a good deal in the repair of the temple car and other things attached to the temple. The petrs. therefore have to rent out certain portions of the temple for private bazaars and with this & their other incomes they have to attend to the repairs referred to.

Large crowds of people attend the festivals of the temple and large crowds are fed in chatrams by private gentlemen charitably disposed. That at sight of these things the Councillors & the Colr. should go away with the idea that the temple has a large income without their bestowing a thought on its having no tasdik allowance, is due to the misfortune of the petrs.

With the present income the petrs. ~~[illegible] [illegible]~~ find it difficult to manage the affairs of the temple. It is not therefore possible for them to undertake any portion of the sanitary expenses of the town.

It was with much difficulty that the petrs. made certain sanitary arrangements ~~during the portion~~ within the temple during the festivals of the past Dunmukhi year. In spite of this they are prepared to undertake the expenses of the sanitary arrangements within the temple as the devastanam belongs to them.

For the convenience of the public it has long been the practice to put up lights in certain portions of the temple, the four gates, the Shivaganga &c.

The petrs. ~~have been~~ see that the drain in the east is ~~be~~ cleaned & that the western tower gate & other places are kept ~~clean~~ clean

They

They therefore submit that the affairs of the temple can be carried on properly if the Councillors & the Collr. are pleased not to demand from them any portion of the sanitary expenses of the town.

They pray that the order in the yadast under reply may be cancelled.

(Sd) Chandrasekhara Dikshitar &c.

Cb.
18.6.97

Enclosure No. 2.

Copy of yadast dated 15.6.97 from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram to the Dikshitars of Sri Sabhanayakar's temple.

The Dt. Medical and Sanitary Officer reported that the sanitary arrangements made in the town during the half-yearly festivals of the temple were inadequate, that in consequence of the large gathering of people on these occasions & defective sanitation outbreaks of cholera were probable and suggested that it was necessary that sanitary arrangements similar to those effected in Tiruvannamalai during the festival ~~there~~ there should be made here. Accordingly during the last "Anithiru-manjanam" festival a sum of Rs 695-10-3 was spent in that direction. The L.F. Board was requested to contribute a moiety of this amount. It gave Rs 250 but at the same time pointed out that the grant was only special and should not be understood as a "Mamul". A sum of Rs 542-9-10. was spent during the last Arudra festival. In submitting this years Municipal Budget to Govt. the Colr. remarked that the sum set apart

part for sanitary purposes was in-
sufficient, that as outbreaks of
cholera often occurred in the town
it was necessary to keep the wells &
tanks very clean during festival times,
and that the temple authorities might
be asked to contribute a portion of
these sanitary expenses since they are
in receipt of ~~the~~ large incomes
during festivals ~~times~~. The Govt.
thereupon observed that the Municipality
should take note of the Collr's suggestion.
Accordingly at the meeting held on the
27th ultimo. the Councillors resolved
to ask the temple Dikshitars to under
-take a third of the expenses
referred to. A copy of this resolution
is therefore sent herewith. Any
attempt to lessen the chances of the
spread of epidemics will augment the
number ~~attending~~ of people visiting
the temple during festivals; and as
this result will ~~be~~ ~~than~~ prove
beneficial to the temple authorities
it is believed that they will act
according to the wishes of Govt.

C.V.
17.6.97.

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III. [illegible]

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VI. [illegible]

VII. [illegible]

VIII. [illegible]

X. [illegible]

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XI. [illegible]

XII. [illegible]

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XIV [illegible]

V [illegible]

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(True copy)

M Ramaswami [illegible]
Chairman

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Copy of Petition dated 15 May 1897 No. 234 from the Deekshadars forming the Managing Committee of Sri Sabhanayaka temple Chidambaram to the Municipal Councillors giving details as to how their temple which is unprovided with any Nadir allowance is being maintained and expressing their inability to make any contribution towards the expenses for sanitary arrangements on festival occasions but agreeing to make the necessary sanitary arrangements within the temple premises.

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(Signed) M. Ramaswami Ayyar
Chairman Delegate

[illegible]
[illegible]
15-4-97.

(True copy)

M. Ramaswami
Chairman

Copy of letter No 27/15-4-97 from the Chairman Municipal Council Chidambaram to the Deekshadars of Sree Sabha nayakar temple Chidambaram, Communicating to them with some explanatory details the council's resolution dated 27th March 1897 No 16, asking the temple trustees to contribute one third of the amount expended on account of Sanitary arrangements on occasions of the half yearly festivals, with reference to the latter part of clause (4) para 4 of G.O. No 439 M dated 8th March 1897

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambar passed at their meeting held on Monda the 17th May 1897.

Present

M. R. Ry. M. Ramaswami Iyer avergal. Chairman
„ V. Swaminadha Jagadavallabhar avl.
Mr. G. A. W. Vellons.
M. R. Ry C. N. Sreenivasa Iyer avergal
„ V. Subbaraya Mudaliar avergal
Hazareth Zaul Khan sahib avergal.
M. R. Ry. M. Sambasivami Iyer avergal B.A.
„ V. S. Chidambara chettiar averga
„ H. Varahacharier avergal.
„ Ponnambala pillai avergal.
„ Kandasami mudaliar avergal

Absent 4 Councillors.

XI Read petition No 234 of 1897-98 from the members of Sri Sabhanayaka temple managing Committee expressing their inability to contribute one third portion of the expenditure for carrying out sanitary arrangements on the occasion of the half yearly festivals.

Read also para 3 of G.O. No 75 dated 3rd April 1897.

The temple managing Commiarrangements which may be proposed or ordered by the Sanitary Department and the municipal council to be carried out within the temple premises. This seems to be a fair proposal and the Council considers that under the circumstances detailed in the petition it would not be equitable to call on them to contribute also a portion of the expenses which may be incurred on account of Sanitary arrangements for the rest of the town on festival occasions.

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(Signed) M. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

(True extract)

M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

Extract from the Proceedings of the municipal councillors of Chidambaram passed at their meeting held on Saturday ~~the~~ 27th day of March 1897.

Present

S. W. J. Iver mac Iver Esquire
Ex-officio Chairman

M. R. Ry. M. Ramaswami Iyer avergal.
" C. N. Sreenivasa Iyer avergal.
" Kandasami mudaliar avergal.
" Ponnambala pillai avergal.
Hazareth Zaul khan sahib avergal.
M. R. Ry. V. Swaminadhajatavallabhar al. B.A.
" Vrishabhadhwaja Deekshadar al.
Mr J. A. W. Vellomo.
M. R. Ry. V. Subbaraya mudaliar avergal.

Absent 4 Councillors.

Read G. O. No 439 M dated 8th March 1897 reviewing the Chidambaram municipal budget for 1897-98.

With reference to para 4 of the G. O., the Temple trustees will be asked to contribute one-third of the amount expended for festival arrangements.

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(Signed, S. W. J. I mac Iver
Ex-officio chairman

(True extract;

M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairma

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MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' OFFICE
CHIDAMBARAM

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2132/M

From,

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
CHIDAMBARAM.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Dept.
Fort Saint George

Dated 21st } May 1897.
Received }

No. 90
Encl: four & enclo separately

REFERENCE.

This / Your office letter No.

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of G.O. No. 787 M dated 3rd April 1897 I beg to submit the papers^x noted in the margin and to report that with reference to the latter part of clause (4) of para 4 of G.O. No. 439 M dated 8th March 1897, this municipal council passed a resolution at their meeting held on the 27th March last that the temple trustees will be asked to contribute one-third of the amount expended for festival arrangements

x Copy of the Council's resolution No. 10 dated 27th March 1897
Do of the Chairman's letter to the temple trustees No. $\frac{27}{15.4.97}$
Do of the trustees' petition to the Council No. $\frac{234}{12.5.97}$
Do of the Council's resolution No. 11 dated 17th May 1897.

arrangements

I addressed the temple trustees on the subject on 15th April 1897, and received their reply on the 13th May 1897 to the effect that the temple is not endowed with any tasdik allowance by Government, that the income derived in the temple is hardly sufficient to meet the expenses necessarily incurred by them on account of various purposes connected with the temple and that they are therefore unable to pay any contribution towards the expenses on account of Sanitary arrangements on festival occasions, but that they would, as on the last occasion, undertake to make the necessary Sanitary arrangements within the temple premises. The council has, in a resolution, passed at their meeting held on the 17th Instant, stated that the trustees' proposal seems to be a fair one, and that under the circumstances detailed in their petition, it would not be equitable to call on them to contribute also a portion of the expenses which may be incurred on account of Sanitary arrangements for the rest of the town on festival occasions.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

M Ramaswami
Chairman

C. No 497/897 Eny

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
27 MAY 97
SOUTH ARCOT

Eny 1855/97

From.

The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Chidambaram.

I. McIVER.
26 MAY. 97

To.

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Departments,
Fort St. George.

(Through the Head Assistant Collector and Collector of South Arcot)

Dated 21st
Despatched 22nd } May 1897
Received.

Enclosures four only (separately)
No. 90.

Reporting on para 3 of G O No 787 L. dated 3rd April 1897 recording with remarks reports on the Arudra darisanam festival held at Chidambaram

Submitted.

2 The temple maintains about 250 Dikshitars who auction among themselves the right to levy fees at the festivals and the statement that the temple cannot afford to contribute towards the expenses incurred outside the temple limits for want of funds cannot be believed; nor is it understood why councillors consider that it would be inequitable to call upon the trustees to make ~~sand~~ such a contribution.

26/5/97

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required [illegible]

are [illegible] Rs [illegible]

I have also heard that the rights to levy temple fees were sold for some Rs 1000. That the authorities of a temple like that at Chidambaram of unique importance in the religious world [illegible] should fail to recognise their responsibilities in the matter of contributing properly towards the sanitary expenses of the Municipality is most regrettable

Cuddalore

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Submitted.

2. I am informed that at the last Arudra-Darshanam, each person who wished to witness the Abhishekam was required by the Temple authorities to pay Rs 1.4.0. I have also heard that the right to levy temple fees was sold for some Rs 1000. That the authorities of a temple like that at Chidambaram – of unique importance in the religious world of Southern India – should fail to recognize its responsibilities in the matter of contributing properly towards the Sanitary Expenses of the Municipality is most deplorable.

A. [illegible] Stuart
Collector.

Cuddalore.
31st May 1897.

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