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From

The President, Dt. Board,
Madura.

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No. 45

Dated 16th May 1894

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No.

Submitting with reference to para 5(3) of G. O. No. $\frac{442\text{-}L}{19\cdot2\cdot92}$ copies of correspondence on the subject of substituting raw rice ~~for~~ for cooked rice in the Sholavandan Chattram, and proposal to construct a chattram in Madura out of the sources pointed out, for sanction.

(Withdrawn)

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misc:

Order 11/6/94 No. 1095 L

The ~~Local Board's~~ proposals made in the above are sanctioned

V.R. 6/6/94

$\frac{D}{8\cdot6}$ 9/6/94

Note. The Taluk Board seems to have let the proposal drop for 2 years; it can hardly have required so much time to trace the history of the Endowment.

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The Tasik says that the management of the Chuttram is subject to the orders from time to time of the Circar

9/6/94

To The Presᵗ., Distᵗ. Bd., Madura. Desp. 15/6

It is not necessary to say anything at present about the request for Govᵗ. assistance towards the building of the new Chuttram in Madura — But I think the request is a reasonable one under the circs.

11/6/94

Proceedings of the District Board, Madura passed at its meeting held on Monday the 7th May 1894.

Present:—

L. C. Miller Esquire - Ag. Collr. & President.
J. A. Cumming Esqr. - Ag. Sub Collector
R. Fischer Esqr.
G. S. Hickey Esqr.
M. R. Ry. S. Pattabiram Pillai Avl. Dy. Collector
— do — D. S. Krishnasami Aiyar Avl. Asst. Inspr. of Schoo
— Rao Bahadur R. Ramasubbaiyar Avl.
— do — S. Venkatachariar Avargal
— do — N. Krishna Rao Avargal
— do — K. Gurupada Mudaliar Avl.
— do — K. Narasimmachariar Avl.
— do — P. Subbaraya Aiyar Avargal
— do — M. Alagirisami Naidoo Garoo
Saiyid Chandamiah Sahib.

Resolution No. 94

Read G. O. No. 142. L / 7.2.92 stating that a separate report should be made in regard to the Madura Taluk Board's proposal to distribute raw rice instead of cooked rice in the Sholavandan Chattram.

Also letter from the Taluk Board President Madura submitting a detaile report in the matter and proposing to utilise the Chattram funds towards the construction of a new Chattram near Madura Railway station.

Also President's Memo on the subject.

The Board resolves to construct a Choultr near the Railway station out of the present endowment for Sholavandan Choultr The surplus revenue which is estimated at about Rs 2400 a year will be accumulate for the purpose. A Sub Committee will be formed to arrange preliminaries, to select a site and plan and to arrange fo the investment of the fund in Govt. Securitie

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The Sub Committee will consist of

1. The Vice President
2. Honorable Mr R. Ramasubbaiyar.
3. Mr S. Vencatachariar
4. Mr Pattabiram Pillai
5. Mr Alagiriswami Naidoo.

(True Extract)

For President

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No 19

Madura Taluk Board's Office
4th February 1894

From
The President, Taluk Board,
Madura.

To
The President, Dt Board,
Madura.

Sir,

Referring to the penultimate sentence of para 5 (3) of G.O. No 442.L / 19.2.92, I have the honor to submit the following proposals regarding the substitution of raw rice for cooked rice in the dispensation of Charity in the Sholavandan Chattram. The original proposal which was made at the time of the submission of the Budget for 1892-93 was not favorably recommended to Government, which, however, deferred its opinion on the ground that it should form the subject matter of a separate communication & also required full information regarding the original intention of the donors, to see whether the proposal was consonant with the wishes of the donors. All that can at present be gleaned from the records bearing on the subject is that Ranee Mangammal founded t Charity at Sholavandan for the convenience of travellers and pilgrims passing through the road which was then one of the most important communica with Madura and Rameswaram which attracted people from the remotest parts of India. The endowment to this Charity, which appears to have bee in the shape of lands were resumed by Government which sanctioned in its stead an annual grant of Rs 360, which continues up to date. There is no means of ascertaining in what form according to the intentions of the original donor the Charity should be dispensed, but the only document which throws any light on the subject is the Sadik granted in 1803 by Mr Hardis the then Collector of the District which gives a detailed scale of expenditure for conduct of charity in the several forms according to the requirements of those days. I do not, however consider that it prescribes rigidly any form which should be conformed to without deviation for all time. At any rate it recognises as its main object the feeding of travellers and pilgrims, and it may take any form according to the convenience of travellers whether in the shape of cooked or raw rice. About the year 1850 when the road from Ammayanayakanur to Madura fell into disuse owing to the opening of a new road from Madura to Dindigul via Thathampatti, a portion of the endowment was diverted to Thathampatti which grew in importance and became one of the principal stations. When Karur became connected with Erode by Railway the road from Dindigul via Thathampatti to Madura was used by travellers and pilgrims to Rameswaram. After the Railway was extended to Trichinopoly the Dindigul-Thathampatti road also was disused and the Trichi road was frequented by pilgrims. Even this important road has ceased to be utilised by pilgrims after the Railway was extended t Madura and Madura has risen in importance. About the year 1882 te District Board has in view of the ltered state of circumstances considered at the Charity funds would be better tilised at Madura than in other places nd accordingly transferred a major rtion of the grant to the Kunnathur hattram. Under this arrangement

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Feeding was discontinued for about 2 or 3 years both at Sholavandan and Thathampatti. Subsequently it would appear, on a reference from Government a readjustment of the feeding grant was made between the Sholavandan and Kunnathur Chattram and, in consequence thereof, feeding was resumed at the former Chattram. This is the arrangement that obtains at present. The history of the endowment detailed above shows clearly that Government and District Board have on previous occasions exercised the discretion of transferring the funds to other places and performing the charity according as the requirements of the altered circumstances demanded. This discretion is vested in the authorities as it will be seen from the last clause of the Sadik of 1803 which runs thus — "The affairs of the Chattram will be conducted in accordance with the orders received from time to time from the Circar".

2. The extension of the Railway has rendered the Chattrams at Sholavandan and Thathampatti less useful to travellers than a similar institution in Madura. The Kunnathur Chattram in the town does not afford sufficient accommodation to travellers and pilgrims and the days when such buildings for the use of the public were constructed by private individuals are fast dying out. The want of a proper accommodation for travellers and pilgrims greatly felt in the town of Madura has to be supplied by the Local Board. It is therefore proposed to construct a Chattram near the Railway station at Madura at a cost of Rs 30,000. With a view to meet the cost of the building the Taluk Board have resolved in their resolution No $\frac{55}{13\text{-}3\text{-}93}$ a copy of which is

enclosed, to effect a saving in the Sholavandan
Chattram fund by substituting the distri-
bution of raw rice for cooked rice
and discontinuing the contribution
to the Kunnathur Choultry. The cost of
feeding in Sholavandan Chattram is
also proposed to be reduced from Rs 2½
to one Rupee a day. In view of this
accommodation of a Choultry near
the Railway station, the Municipal
Council of Madura have assented
to the discontinuance of the contribution
to the Kunnathur Chattram. a copy of
their resolution on this subject is
herewith submitted. The Municipality
and the District Board may each
contribute a portion of the cost. It
is also contemplated that a public
subscription may be raised. In
case the proposals meet with the approval
of the District Board and that of
Government the savings that could
be effected by carrying out the
above proposals together with the
contributions and subscriptions
may be utilised for the object in view.
There will also be a saving in the pay
of the cook and the Store-keeper and the
sweeper who may also be dispensed
with in the Sholavandan Chattram. It
is also laid down by the Taluk Board
in its resolution No 119 dated 31st Octr
1893 to relieve the Sholavandan Chattram
funds of the cost of maintenance
of the Sholavandan dispensary, a portion
of which is now paid from the
Chattram funds and to defray
its expenses from the General Funds.
A Memo showing the financial effect
of the arrangement proposed is
appended and it shows that an
annual saving of Rs 2450 may be
effected from the Sholavandan and

and Samayanallur Chattram funds
and presuming that half the estimated
cost may be obtained from public
subscriptions and contributions
from the Municipality and the Dist-
Board, the funds required for the
proposed Chattram building in Madura
may be secured in 6 years.

3. Provision is made in the next year's
Budget in accordance with the above
proposals in the hope that the Govern-
-ment will be pleased to approve
of them.

Considering that the proposed Chattram
4. is likely to be utilised not only by the
people of this District but also by the
people of the whole Presidency, if
not the whole of India it is the wish
of the Board to apply to Government
for a contribution of a fair share
of the fund for the Chattram. In this
connection I am required to
submit for the consideration
of Government that only a small
sum of Rs 3160 is given by the Government
towards the Sholavandan Chattram
in lieu of the 10 villages which now yield
an average annual income of Rs 15,800
and that the Sholavandan Chattram
has a fair claim upon the liberality
of Government as the Honorable
the Board of Revenue have observed
in paras 10 & 11 of their Proceedings
dated 24th August 1871 No 3657. This
observation by the Board was made
on a letter addressed by the Honorable
R. Arbuthnot, the then Collector of
Madura recommending restoration
of the resumed villages to the Chattram
which was however refused on the
ground that the surplus revenue
remaining after meeting the usual

Charges can be usefully spent in building and maintaining Chattrams where they are really required and in making grants to the travellers' bungalows for the repairs of which Government has refused to grant the usual allowance and in relieving the poor of the District to some extent during famine years and in establishing elementary schools in eligible localities. Accordingly the Board recommended to Government for the sanction of Rs 6000 from Imperial Funds for repairs of certain Chattrams which were then necessary and the Government was pleased to sanction that amount in its order dated 28th February 1872 No 349. Besides this, grants were made for the above reason to the Tirumangalam Sundradoss Chattram in excess of the Tasdik allowance from Imperial Funds on several occasions as detailed in the margin for conduct of charity and repairs.

For Charity	
Annual grant for 6 years from Fasli 1233 to 1238 vide Collector's order of Novr 1839	Rs 579
Do for 13 years from Fasli 1245 to 1257 (Board's Proceedings dated 27th July 1847)	Rs 547
For repairs	
Fasli 1288 Collector's order in 1829	Rs 1247

5. If the Government will be pleased to help the Taluk Board with a liberal contribution, the want of accommodation to the travellers and pilgrims seriously felt in Madura can be supplied in a year or two, and only a few years' savings of the Sholavandan Chattram will be enough for the purpose.

6. A translated copy of the Tasdik and the resolution of the Taluk Board on the subject are enclo herein

Have &c

(Signed) A. Tillainayakam
Presiden

(True copy)

Vice President.

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Proceedings of the Taluq Board, Madura dated 10th April 1893.

Present:-

M. R. Ry. M. Tillainayakam Pillai Avargal B.A
General Charge Dy. Collector & President
" . P. Narayana Aiyar Avargal B.A. B.L
" . M. Venkatarama Aiyar Avargal B.A. B.L
" . Mahalingam Aiyar Avargal
" Aseernatham Pillai Avargal.
" . A. K. Venkatiah Avargal
" . V. S. Krishnasawmy Aiyar Avargal

No. 55. Read:- Opinions of Messrs. L. A. Sawmy Aiyar, Mahalingam Aiyar and P. Narayana Aiyar with reference to resolution No. 62. of 1892 on the following points:-

(a) discontinuance of feeding travellers in Sholavandan Chattram and of the Kunnathur choultry at Madura under the control of the Madura Municipal Council for a short period and the utilization of the savings towards the construction of a chattram near the railway station at Madura

Resolution:-

Resolution:- Resolved that permission of Government be obtained for reducing the expenditure on account of feeding from Rs 2-8-0 to one rupee a day and for substituting distribution of uncooked rice to bonafide travellers, to cooked rice and for utilizing the savings that may be effected out of the Sholavandan Chattram fund along with the savings of the Sarnayanallur Chattram fund for a chattram building near the railway station at Madura the want of which is very much felt.

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Tq. Bd. res. No. 55
10th April 1893
with the opinions of the 3rd members

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(Sd.) M. Tillainayakam Pillai
President

(True Extract)

M. Tillainayakam Pillai
President
Taluq Board
Madura

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Proceedings of the Taluq Board, Madura dated 9th May 1892

Present:-

M. R. Ry. M. Tillainayakam Pillai Avargal
Rit. Sl. Ch. Dy. Collector & President
" . P. Narayana Aiyar Avargal. B.A. B.L.
" . Syed Ghulam Ali Saheb Avargal.
" . A. K. Venkatiah Avargal
" . V. S. Krishnasawmy Aiyar Avargal
" . L. A. Sawmy Aiyar Avargal
" . Y. Anthoni Pillai Avargal
" . Aseervatham Pillai Avargal.

No. 62. Read the following papers:-

Para 5(3) of G. O. d/19th February 1892 No. 442 L. stating that the proposal to substitute the distribution of raw rice for cooked rice in the Sholavandan Chattram should form the subject of a separate communication containing full information regarding the original intention of the donors.

Also the Dustik of the Sholavandan Chattram.

Letter No 353/31.3.92 of the Chairman Municipal Council Madura forwarding copy of resolution No 145 dated 29th March 1892 of the Municipal Council accepting the proposal made by the Taluq Board in its resolution No 24 d/ 7th March 1892 regarding the discontinuance of the contribution to the Tkunnathur choultry and the utilization of the savings towards the construction of a chattram near the Railway station at Madura.

And also reply from the Hackdar of Sholavandan chattram with reference to Taluq Board Resolution No 25 dated 7th March 1892 regarding the entertainment of a Sanscrit teacher from the Sholavandan chattram fund.

Resolved that a Sub Committee consisting of the following members be appointed with a request to represent

their opinions on the various suggestions.

M. R. Ry. P. Narayana Aiyar Avargal B.A., B.L., L. A. Sawmy Aiyar Avargal Mahalingam Aiyar Avargal and the President.

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(True Extract)

M. Tilleinayagam
President
Taluq Board
Madura.

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Taluq Board resolution No 62
9—5—92
with
Dockets of 1803 and
copy of Municipal
Council Proceedings
No 145 of 29th March 1892

Statement showing the financial effect of the Sholavandan and Samayanallur Chattrams for 12 years commencing from 1894—95 if the proposal is sanctioned

Names of Chattrams	Annual Income	Charges						Saving for		Remarks.
		Establishment	Contingencies	Feeding Charges	Samarathanai at Vandiyur	Public Works	Total	one year	12 years	
Sholavandan and Thattampatty	3,160 a	350	60	367	53	230	1060	2100	25,200	(a) Dustik allowance
Samayanallur	500 b	36	24	30	..	60	150	350	4200	(b) Income from the village endowed to the chattram
	3,660	386	84	397	53	290	1,210	2,450	29,400	(c) Balance expected on 1st April 1894.
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Total amount available.									30,000	

M. Tillainayakam

President, Taluq Board
Madura

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Statement showing
the Financial effect
of the Sholavandan
and Samayanallur
Chattrams.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the
Madura Municipal Council passed
at its meeting held on the 29th March
1892.

Present:—

M. R. Ry. M. Tillanayagam Pillai Avargal B.A.
Rao Bahadur, Chairman.

" . E. Srinivasa Chariar. Councillor
" . Selvaraja Naidugaru "
" . M. Subba Naidugaru. "
" . I. Jambu Chettiar Avargal ".
" . R. Venkateswara Aiyar Avargal ".
" . P. Subbaroya Aiyar Avargal ".
" . J. M. Nallasawmy Pillai Avargal. } ".
" . Streeraman Chettiar Avargal ".

No. 145. Read footnote from the President, Taluq Board, Madura communicating resolution No. 24 for discontinuing the Sholavandan Chattram contribution for feeding travellers in the Kunnathur Chattram and for utilizing the same towards the construction of a Chattram building near Madura Railway Station.

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The majority accept the roposal.

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(True Extract)

(Sd) M. Tillainayagam Pillai
Chairman

(True copy)

M. Tillainayagam Pillai
President
Taluq Board
Madura

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(Translation of the Dustik of Sholavandan Chattram, from Marathi, framed by Mr. Hardis, Collector of Madura, in 1803.)

Dustik.

Name. Akrajath Mangammal Chattram.

Situation. Sholavandan, Dindigal Cutchery
Madura division

		Pón	Panam
Date of ~~the~~ Dustik.	Fasli 1213.		
Reckoning of a year.	From the beginning of the month of Audi to the end of Aani		
Amount of Dustik.		1789 –	5

Details of expenditure for the above amount

For one day

	Pón	Panam
3 Kalams of paddy for rice at 5 panams a kalam.	1 –	5
Dholl	0 –	1¾
Tamarind	0 –	1
Salt	0 –	5/8
Chillies	0 –	3/8
Ghee	0 –	1¼
Lampoil	0 –	3/8
Curd	0 –	3/4
Mustard and Vendiam	0 –	3/8

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Betel leaves and nut - - -	o - 3/4.
Sandal - - - - - - -	o - 1/8
Plantain leaves - -	o - 1/2
Vegetables - - -	o - 1/2
Gingely oil - - - -	o - 1/4
Firewood - - - -	o - 1 1/4
Chunam - - - -	o - 1/8
	2 - 5.

Pon - Panam.

For one year. 2 - 5 × 365 = 912 - 5

Other Sundry Charities.

Samarathanai at Vandiyur during the Kallalagar festival } 25 - o.

Cost of maintenance of Watersheds from the month of Masi to the end of Vaigasi.

For Brahmins.

Curd at one panam a day.	} 3 - o.	
Lime and Salt &c at 1/4 panam a day	} o - 7 1/2	
Water distributor for one month	} 1 - 5	5 - 2 1/2

For Sudras.

Horsegram for kanji -	1 - 5	
Rice - - - - -	1 - 5	
Salt - - - - -	o - 2 1/2	
2 Pandarams for distributing kanji - - -	} 2 - o	5 - 2 1/2

Total for one month - - 937 - 5

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Brought forward. 937 - 5

2 Watersheds for 4 months at 10 - 5 a month } - - 42 - o

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Servants.

1. Superintendent (Hackdar).	Soobaroya Sastrial at 20 Pon a month	240 - o.
1. Nirisanda (Hindoo)	Vasudeva Row at 5 Pon a month	} 90 - o
1. do. (Tamil)	Sankaranarayana Aiyar at 2 1/2 a month	
1. Maniem.	Venkataramana Aiyah at 25 panam a month	30 - o.
2. Cooks.	Ramayyam and Venkataramana Aiyam at 3 Pon a month	36 - o
2. Water-carriers.	Venkataramana Aiyam and Koopa Aiyam at 3 Pon a month -	36 - o
1. Athiapagam (Reciter of Vedas.)	Ramamaheswara Sastrial at 15 panams a month	18 - o
1 - Peon -		12 - o
1 - Storekeeper -	Kollakailasam at 1 1/2 Pon a month	18 - o
1. Gardener -	Veerabadram at 1 1/2 Pon a month	18 - o
1. Sweeper	Pappi - - - -	6 - o
Total for 13 servants - - -		504 - o

Contingencies at 5 Panams a month } . 6 - o

carried over 1489 . o

Brought forward	1489-5
Sennakesava Perumal devastanam at Mallangimaras per dastik.	300-0
Total . . .	1789-5

1. Provision is made as detailed above which should be distributed to travellers — Brahmins, Fakirs Byragis and Pandarams — at the above moyin or rates.

2. A person should be fed only for a day and if he stays for the next day, he should not be fed

3. Those of the travellers, having no relatives, who fall sick and are unable to proceed with the journey and stay at the chattram should be fed.

4. Paddy fixed for a day is 3 kalams or 90 measures of rice which should be given to 180 persons at 2 persons a measure.

Of this, deducting things for the 13 servants of the chattram enumerated above, the balance should be given to 167 travellers including the patients mentioned above. If the number of travellers is below 167, only those who have come should be fed. and if it exceeds, they should be fed from the surplus things remaining up to the previous day.

5. No expenditure should be incurred in excess of the above Thittam and the residents of the place should not be fed.

6. Only travellers resorting to the chattram should be fed and a Chitta showing the place of their starting and that of their destination with the names of the persons should be maintained.

tained. A monthly account of receipts and charges should be sent to the Taluk office.

7. Receipts should be obtained in duplicate on payment of salaries to the servants of the Chattram, one to be retained for preservation with the chattram records and the other to be sent to the Taluq office with the monthly account.

8. None of the servants should be dismissed without obtaining previous sanction.

9. These rules are laid down for conduct of charity as detailed above; but the affairs of the Chattram should be conducted according to the orders received from time to time from the "Sirkar".

17th September 1803.

(True Translation)

W. Williams

(Presi. Secy. to Board)

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Translated copy
of
The dastik
of
1803

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No 45

Madura District Board office
16th May 1894

Local & Municipal Dep
CURRENT No. 1393 L

From
J. C. Miller Esquire,
President District Board,
Madura.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Depat,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to para 5 (3) of G.O. No 442 L / 19.2.92 ordering that the proposal to substitute raw rice instead of cooked rice in the Sholavandan Chattram should form the subject of a separate communication and that information as to whether the substitution was consonant with the intention of the donor of the Charity should be furnished, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the President of the Madura Taluk Board, wherein he reports that there are no papers to throw light on the intention of the donor, that all that can be said is that Ranee Mangammal founded the Charity at Sholavandan for feeding travellers and pilgrims when that place was one of the principal halting stations on the high road to Rameswaram. The document regulating the scale of expenditure is the Dasdik of 1803 of Collector Mr Hurdis, by the terms of which both cooked and raw rice are permitted to be used. The President reports also that under the last clause of the Dasdik, viz, the affairs of the chattram will be conducted in accordance with the orders received from time to time from the Sircar, deviations in the conduct of the Charity were made on former occasions and that the proposal is, therefore, allowable. I think he is right. With this report the President now submits proposals which were not detailed in the Budget report for 189

for the Construction of a Choultry in
Madura in the name of Ranee Mangammal
the Founder of the Charity for the following
reasons:—

1) Sholavandan has almost ceased to be
a halting place for travellers and
pilgrims and the object of the donor
would be better served by a
Choultry in Madura - the chief halting
place of pilgrims to Rameswaram.

2) Sominathar Choultry in Madura does
not afford sufficient accommodation
for the halting of the large number of
travellers and pilgrims enroute to
Rameswaram.

3) The want of a Choultry for halting
in Madura is very much felt by
travellers and pilgrims and the Local
Fund Board should find one in their
interests.

4. The District Board has accepted
this proposal (vide copy of resolution No 94/17-5-94
enclosed), but prefers not to rely with the
President Taluk Board, on subscriptions
or grants, but to construct the Chattram
from the annual saving of Rs 2450,
which the Taluk Board President says he
can effect out of the expenditure of
the Sholavandan Chattram (vide his state-
ment put up). A Sub Committee has
accordingly been appointed by the Board
to arrange preliminaries such as invest-
ment of the surplus fund in Government
Securities, selection of sites &c.

I solicit that Government may be
pleased to accord its sanction to the
proposals.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

President

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