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This 8th day of Sukla Paksha in the month of Vaisaka, Thursday, Pushya Nakshathra, Subhayoga, Subhakarana (and hence) auspicious Guru Pushyayoga day, in the year (named Vikari) one thousand and six hundred and forty one of the glorious era of Saliwahana, and during the reign of Srimath Rajathi Raja, Rajaparameswa Vira Pratapa Virasri, Sri Rengarayadeva Maharayala Iyer Avergal, who is holding sway over the earth as Supreme lord, from his diamond throne, in the city of Kanagiri We, Rajasri Viswanathanayan Vigia-Senga-Sokanathanayanar Iyer Avergal, of Kasypa Gotra, Son of Renga Krishna Muthu Virappanayan Avergal, and grand son of Sokanathanayan Avergal, hereby make a gift of the (undermentioned) Charitable feeding institution (Annathana tharma Chuthram) to to Aviruthi Subramonia Somayagiar Avergal of Baradwaja Gotra, and Apasthamba Sutra and Yajur Saka, Son of Yekambarea Somayagiar Avergal, and grandson of Venkataishri Somayagiar Avergal.

For the purpose of maintaining and

and perpetuating the feeding Charity (Annathana Thurma) that we have (already) established in the holy place of Alwartirunagiri in the kingdom of Madura which is under our Sovereignty, We hereby make over to you by way of gift, the following properties — viz — the whole village of Komaneri, in the Nattupuram attached to Alwartirunagiri with all the lands both wet and dry, mangoe and other trees wells &c comprised within the limits of that village: 20 Kotas of land in Kilpidakai consisting of 12 Kotas of Nanja Thirithew, and 8 Kotas of Narasum: 14 Kotas of land in the locality of Alwartirunagiri near the Tenkarai big tank: 30 Kotas of wet land near the Vaikunthaperi tank attached to Sadagopaneri in the locality of Srivaikuntham. 2 Kotas of betel garden, and 10 Kotas of plantain garden and 20 Kotas odai (firewood trees) to the north of them, all in Kilpidagai: One fourth of the palmyrah grove comprised within the limits of Karciyankudal and the Nalli tope situate in the Kusbah Station near the bridge: the mangoe grove to the west of the Canal in Tuthukudi: One Kottah of land in the Vallur tank-bed for growing peas:

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a daily Swathanthram (mainpam) from the temple of 2 Thaligas (Cooked rice) One Thengul (a Cake) and quarter of a measure of ghee; and quarter of a measure of oil; also the proceeds of tax on grain trade; the Choultry with its upper Story and other appertinances; and also the Cash balances there.

We also hereby declare you to be fully entitled to all the 8 kinds of enjoyment, and the ten kinds of ownership over all the properties above mentioned.

And Whereas we have also Solemnly ratified this gift by the Ceremony of pouring holy water into your hands,

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We hereby enjoin you to have a full enjoyment of all the Nunja and Punja lands, and all mangoe and other trees, Topes &c above mentioned, and also Command you to maintain the charity of feeding and to promote the performance of religious Sacrifices, at Alwartirunagiri, you and your heirs for ever shall therefore Continue to enjoy all the properties aforesaid and in return Conduct the Charity of feeding &c there, without interruption from generation to generation on to eternity, as long as the

Sun

Sun and Moon last.

All those that cause obstruction in the conducting of this charity (if Hindus) shall have committed the sin of murdering a Brahmin at Benares. If Mahomedans they shall have committed the sin of killing a hog at Mecca.

That (part of the) earth, alone, which is given over as gift to a Brahmin, acquires the relation of a Sister to all kings alike in this world. She (that part of earth given to a Brahmin) cannot "(for the reason of being a Sister) be either enjoyed (appropriated for private benefit) or levied (taxed) by any body. One earns twice as much Moral Merit (Punyam) by the protection and faithful management of a Charitable Endowment established by another than by himself founding a new institution. And if (instead), any man shortens the usefulness of the charity of others, he loses all the merit of his own charitable gifts.

Of the two meritorious acts ~~that is~~ viz the founding of a charitable institution, and the subsequent faithful

management of that Sacred trust, the maintenance is far more meritorious than the original founding itself.

Oh, thou descendant of Reghu, thou king of kings, I have not heard nor seen during these 1000,000,000 Kalpas one who misappropriated a charity established by himself.

He who misappropriates the lands given by himself, or by others for charitable purposes, is made to born as worm and rot in dung over and over again for sixty thousand years

(True Translation)

Alwartirunagiri
Munoffice
15th June 1889

(Signed), S Ramaswamy
Chairman.

(True copy)

W. J. Holm
President
Tuticorin Taluk Board

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Enclosure to letter No. 190/2.7.89
from the President Taluk Boar
Tuticorin

No. 190 Tuticorin Taluk Board's office.
Dated 2nd July 1889.

Local & Municipal De
CURRENT No. 2597 L

From,

W. C. Holmes Esquire,
President
Taluk Board
Tuticorin.

To.

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Departmen
(through the President District Board)

Sir,

With reference to para 2 (8) of G.O dated 30th January 1889 No. 268/L, enquiring of the authority sanctioning the entertainmen of Sanskrit teachers in the Govindappaiyen Chuttram at Alwartirunagiri, I have the honor to inform you that at the instance of the Alwartirunagiri Union, provision for Sanskrit teachers was made as one of the ways of utilizing the balance in favour of the institution.

2. From a translation of the Telug

Telugu shashanam attached to the Institution, it would appear that the entertainment of the establishment proposed, would be in furtherance of on the objects of the original donor of the Chuttram as promoting "the performance of religious sacrifices." The Chairman of the Alwartirunagiri Union has taken statements from some of the very old inhabitants of the town of Alwartirunagiri, and it appears from them that until recently Sastries were employed to teach Vedas in the Chuttram and were paid from the funds of the Chuttram.

3. In these circumstances, I request that Government will be pleased to sanction the entertainment of two Sanskrit teachers in the Chuttram on Rs 5 per month each.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

P.L.

W. L. Holmes
President

No 217 1889 8

Tuticorin Taluk Board's office.

From,

W. C. Holmes Esquire
President.
Taluk Board
Tuticorin

To Chief
The Secretary to Government.
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Submitting application for the entertainment of Sanskrit teachers in the Govindappayen's Chattry at Alwartirunagari

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 2597 L

From

The President District Board
Tinnevelly.

No. 71

Dated 6th July 1889
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SUBJECT.

Requesting the sanction of Government for the entertainment of 2 Sanskrit teachers on Rs 5 each per mensem, in Govindappien's Choultry at Alwartirunagari.

For

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 2597 L

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From the President, District Board, Tinnevelly.

FOR ORDERS.

A sum of Rs 120 having been provided in the current year's budget for the pay of two Sanskrit teachers employed in Govindappien's Chuttrum at Alwartirunagari, the President of the District Board was requested to quote the authority sanctioning their entertainment – vide para 2(8) of G.O dated 30th January 1889 No 268 L.

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The President of the Tuticorin Taluk Board now states in reply that the provision was made by the Taluk Board at the instance of the Alvarterunagari Union Panchayat as one of the ways of utilizing the balance in favour of the Chuttrum, and that the entertainment of the proposed teachers would be in furtherance of one of the objects of the original donor, viz. "promoting the performance of religious sacrifices".

From the statements taken from

Some

Some of the old inhabitants of the place, it appears that until recently Sastries were employed to teach the Vedas in the Chuttrum.

2. In the case of the Rajah's Chuttrums in the Tanjore District, the grants were originally provided for the distribution of prepared food to the poor and to the masses generally, but it was subsequently held that the education of the Children of the indigent classes

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and the gratuitous distribution of medicines to the poor were not in anyway inconsistent with the original intentions of the donors, and it was accordingly decided that the surplus balances in favour of these Chuttrums could be utilized in developing and extending the establishment of Schools and dispensaries — vide G.O dated 14th October 1868 No. 2632 Revenue. Following this precedent it is submitted that

that the entertainment of the two Sanskrit teachers in the present case may be sanctioned

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~~Ms.~~ It seems very doubtful whether the employment of Sanscrit teachers in the Chuttram is within the meaning or intention of the grant but as it appears to be an arrangement which has been in force for a considerable time it is submitted that it may be accepted.

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Entertainment of Sanskrit teachers for
[illegible] Chattram, Alwar Tirunagari
Tinnevelly District

FOR ORDERS.

14th

CS Order d/ 6 Sep: /89 No 1952 L.mi

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The entertainment of
the teachers referred to
is sanctioned

(For orders)

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To
The President Dist Board,
Tinnevelly

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