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 (3) ஆதரங் குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் _____

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28TH NOVEMBER 1894,

LEGISLATIVE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From M.R.Ry. A. SANKARIAH, P.F.H.S., to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Triplicane, 21st November 1894.

I beg to submit a few facts and arguments in support of the wise policy of the Government of India not to sanction any unnecessary legislative interference with Hindu religious endowments.

1. The creation of committees by the Act XX of 1863 was itself, I humbly think, a mistake, because the relation of Government to temples is the same as its relation to mosques and churches, and that relationship is founded on the duty of affording protection and patronage *as Government* in order to secure the religious and heart-felt loyalty of its subjects of all creeds and races. The committees cannot represent the Government in that respect and cannot by any Act acquire powers of appointment and management which the Government never had or could have.

2. The temples are built and endowed for the worship of consecrated idols and for the benefit of the founders and the worshippers. And it follows that those who do not respect the religious principles and arrangements of temple-building and temple-worship and are not distinguished as pious worshippers and liberal patrons should abstain from meddling with the religious institutions and endowments. None but pious patrons should be trustees or serve in committees. I am not sure that the Madras Government has selected such pious patrons to draft the Amendment Bill.

3. Now that temple committees have been somehow created, they should depend upon their own pious patronage, character and conduct to influence the election of trustees of good conduct and character. The discreditable state of things in the temples of Jambukesvaram, Srirangam and Lalgudi, in the Trichinopoly district, is, for instance, partly due to the quarrels and high-handed interferences of the committee members. There is no guarantee at present that the members of the committees care for the worship and the worshipping public more devoutly or more honestly than the trustees. Both the committees and the trustees are to be elected under the provisions of the Act by the worshippers, but too often the judge is obliged to fill up vacancies in the committee which the remaining members of the committee have neglected to fill up by election.

4. The agitation for greater powers to committees proceeds chiefly from gentlemen whose education has placed them out of touch with the orthodox worshippers, who would eliminate the dancing, &c., from the temples although they are inseparably associated with the presence of even their living gods in Indralokam, Vishnulokam and Sivalokam, and who would not hesitate to divert religious endowments for their own secular objects outside the temples, as in inducing the new Tambiran of Tiruváduthurai Mutt to make a donation of two thousand rupees to the Congress!

5. If the committees, under the existing Act, honestly, earnestly and piously use their powers of inspection and of calling for accounts and reports, if only they possess the confidence and support of the worshippers, they should be able without much difficulty to detect cases of theft and misappropriation by the trustees and prove them before the courts.

மதுரைப் பிரிவு -1

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செய்யுள்ளவருக்கு எடுத்துக்

கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள்.

செய்யுள்ளிரு முடிந்த நாள்.

25/11/09

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28TH NOVEMBER

No. 122, LEGISLATIVE.

6. The amendment required
abolishing the interference of the
ecclesiastical authority to whom the

of 1863 should be in the direction of
of substituting in his place the superior
of the temple are in allegiance.

ORDER—dated 28th November 1894

No. 122, Legislative.

Communicated to the Hindu Religious Endowments Committee.

(True Extract.)

A. BUTTERWORTH,
Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President, Hindu Religious Endowments Committee.

Govt. of (1894) Madras.
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G.O., 28th November 1894, No. 122.

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Hindu Religious Endowments.

Communicating to the Hindu Religious Endowments Committee letter from M.R. By A. Sankar-
iah, Madras, in support of the policy of legis-
lative non-interference with —.



To the Chief Secretary

Sir.

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To the President,

The Religious Endowment Commission

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Act IX of 1866, in relation of
abolishing the office of the
and of substituting in his place the
ecclesiastical Authority, to whom the priests
of the Temple are in allegiance.

They, however, in this,
Your humble and obedient servant,
A. San Kariak P. H. H.
Triplicane, Madras,
2nd November 1874.

Current No. 213

DEPARTMENT.

APR.
A. Sankaral
P. F. S.

No.

Date 2/11

Received 22/11

Enclosures 23/11

SUBJECT.

Submitting certain facts
and arguments in support
of the policy that there
need be no unnecessary
legislative interference
with 'Hindu Religious
Endowments'

C.S. Order 28th March 1894 No 122.

Communicated to
the Hindu Religious Endowments
Committee

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To the President,
Hindu Religious Endowments Committee
MS

despatch 29-11-94
with 3 enclosures

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N. 7 of 1894.

To
The Rt. Hon.
the S. of S. for India
Right Honorable Sir,
We have the honor
to transmit for your in-
formation copies of a
Bill ~~to repeal the Madras Act~~
~~of 1890 (No. 1 of 1890)~~
to repeal Madras Act
I of 1890 (An Act to make
provision for the levy of
duties on tobacco brought
into the City of Madras),
which it is proposed to
introduce into the Madras
Legislative Council.
2. It will be seen from
the Statement of Objects &
Reasons which accompany
the Bill that it has been
found impossible to render
the Act effective & its
early repeal is advisable
for reasons set out in
the Proceedings of this
Govt. of 30 Dec. 1894, N.
1583, Mr. L. & Mr. The duty
has been reduced to a
nominal ~~figure~~ sum with
effect from the 15th of
Jan. 1895, in order to allow of
the refund referred to in
the Act, the repeal should
have effect from the 15th
March 1895.
This being so

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Will the hon. Mr. P. please
take charge of this Bill?

Certainly J
H. J.

into the Madras reg

Government of M^r George
Legislative Dept

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To the R^t Hon^{ble} the Secretary
of State for India

Dated 26th November 1894

Transmitting for information
a copy of a Bill to amend the
Act of 1890 (The City of Madras Tobacco
Duties Act) which is proposed to be introduced
into the Madras Legislative Council

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