

Public (1896) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

TREASURY TROVE.

Stating that it should be held that Mutru Kumara Pillai, by appearing before the Collector of Tanjore at 4. P.M. on the day on which claimants to certain idols found in the village of Madappuram were invited to attend, complied with the requirements of the notification published under section 5 of Act VI of 1879.

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FEBRUARY.

Treasure Trove.

It is hereby notified that the Madras Government has received from the Collector of Madras a report that on the day on which the above-mentioned treasure was found in the village of Madras, the same was found to be a treasure of the kind mentioned in the Act of 1878.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

From G. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp, Tanjore, 28th November 1895, Ref. on Cur. No. 582-Ver.

I have the honour to report that eight copper idols, a peedam (pedestal) and a tiruvasi (curse over the idol), weighing in all 627 seers of 24 tolas weight and estimated to be worth about Rs. 391-14-0, were found buried in the western corner of the southern enclosure of Sri Travathiswaraswami temple in Madappuram village, Māvavaram taluk of this district, by Muthukumara Pillai, trustee of the temple. The usual notification under section 5 of Act VI of 1878 inviting claimants to appear before the Collector on the 9th September 1895 was published at page 632, Part II, of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 7th May 1895. No one appeared in pursuance of the notice and the treasure was therefore declared ownerless by Mr. Rawson.

2. Muthukumara Pillai appeared at 4 o'clock on the 9th September 1895 and claimed the treasure; but Mr. Rawson rejected his claim on the ground that he forfeited his right under section 6 of the Act.

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MEMORANDUM No. 2965.

Returned to the Collector of Tanjore for favour of explanation in regard to the conflicting statements that no one appeared on the 9th September to lay claim to the treasure and that Muthukumara Pillai appeared at 4 o'clock on that day, which was the day fixed in the *Fort St. George Gazette* notification, in which no hour was specified.

Fort St. George,
12th December 1895.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

From G. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp, Tanjore, 23rd January 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 582-Ver.

In reply to Government Memorandum, Public Department, dated 12th December 1895, No. 2965, I have the honour to state that no hour was specified in the notice as the Act does not require it. The usual office hour being eleven, the party should have attended at that hour and waited till the case was taken up. The hearing into the case commenced by Mr. Rawson at about 2 o'clock that day, 9th September 1895, and closed at 3 o'clock. Muthukumara Pillai appeared late at 4 o'clock. He has therefore forfeited his right.

2. I beg leave here to observe that it does not appear to be very material whether any hour was specified and the Collector is no more bound to wait till the expiry of the day than he is in a magisterial or other case.

Petition from M.R.Ry. M. Muthukumara Pillai, dated 19th December 1895.

From the Collector of Tanjore, dated 5th February 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 582-Ver.

ORDER—No. 235, Public, dated 17th February 1896.

The Government considers that Muthukumara Pillai should be held to have duly appeared in obedience to the notice. The case should be dealt with accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore.
„ all other Collectors.
„ the Petitioner (by memo.).

Referenc.

No. 582 of 1895.

TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp, Tanjore 28th November 1895.

FROM

G. Stokes Esquire,

Ag. Collector,

Tanjore,

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that 8 copper idols, a peddani (pedentari) and a Tiruvāsi (curse over the idol) weighing in all 627 seers of 24 tolas weight and estimated to be worth about Rs 391-14-0 were found buried in the western corner of the Southern enclosure of Sri Iravathiswaraswami temple in Madappuram village, Maipavaram Taluk of this District by Muthukumara Pillai, trustee of the temple. The usual notification under Sec. 5 of Act VII of 1878 inviting claimants to

1st September 1895 was published at
page 632, Part II of the Port St. George
Gazette dated 7th May 1895. No one
appeared in pursuance of the notice
and the treasure was therefore -
declared ownerless by Mr. Rawson -
Vide copy of his order dated 28th October 95.

2. Muthukumara Pillai, appeared
at 4 o'clock on the 9th September 1895,
and claimed the treasure; but Mr.
Rawson rejected his claim on the grounds
that he forfeited his right under
section 6 of the Act.

3. The idols are now lying in my
office and under rule IV of the
rules framed under Sec. 19 of
the Indian Treasure Trove Act, I
solicit the sanction of Government
for selling them after three months
at the Huzur Treasury, Tanjore, in
such lots as may be found convenient.

4. The Superintendent of the Government
Museum

Museum does not require any
of the idols.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Ag. Collector

From
The ap. Collector of
Tanjore

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Public Department,
Madras.

Dated 28th November 95
Received 2
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Reference No. 582/95
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Subject.
Soliciting orders for
selling certain idols
declared to be ownerless

Department.
From
THE COLLECTOR OF
Tanjore,
To
THE
SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT,
Madras.
Dated
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No.

ENCLOSURE SECRET

DEC 1895

Subject.

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of
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of Tanjore for favour of
Explanation in regard
to the conflicting statement
that no one appeared
the 9th Sept to lay claim
to the treasure, that
Muthumara Pillai ap
peared at 4 o'clock on
that day, which was
day fixed in the Fo
St. George Gazette Notice
in which he had
withdrew his claim
Specified.

9/12/95
Chief Secretary

The Colls of Tanjore
withdrew his claim
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Treasure Trove

(1895)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Content Number 9/12/95

From

M. Mathukumar Pillai
Madappuram Village
Mayuram Taluk
Tanjore Dt.

Dated 19.12

Received 21.12

Enclosures 5

No.

SUBJECT.

Praying for an
Order directing the
Collector to deliver
certain idols found
in temple at Mayuram
Village.

P.T.O.

ABSTRACT

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Endorsements N. 11.

Transferred to the Public
Department.

Liberal

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

15 Jan 1896.

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Entt. No. 239.

Reported to the Collector
of Tanjore with a view
to Entt. No. 2965 dtd. 12.12.95

Administrative

Chief Secretary

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For S. G. Gove

31 January 1896

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Refon Cur. No. $\frac{582}{\text{Ver.}}$ of 1895.

Proceedings of the Ag. Collector of
dated 28th October 1895.

Read

(1) Sub-Collector's foot note dated
25th February 1895, Endorsement of
Cur. No. $\frac{637}{\text{Rev.}}$ of 1895, submitting Mr.
Varan Jahsildar's arzi Ref on Ex
Cur. Reg? No. 446 of 1894 dated 9th
February 1895, reporting the discovery
of certain treasure in Madappur
village;

2. This office notification dated
April 1895, requiring claimants to
appear on 9th September 1895,

3. This office memo dated 13th Sept
1895, Ref on Cur No. $\frac{582}{\text{Ver.}}$ of 1895, dated
the Pahi of Mayasaram to

for the Collector;

Mayavaram Tahsildar's arzi dated
4th October 1895, Ex. Cur. No. 1057 of
95 forwarding the treasure;

Petitions dated 9th September 1895
and 14th October 1895 from Muthu-
maru Pillai of Madappuram
requesting that the treasure may
be handed over to him.

Order.

On the day fixed for the hearing,
no one appeared. I postponed issuing
orders, however, as the treasure had
not been received in this office.
It has now been received.

As no one has appeared to lay claim
to the treasure, and as there is no
reason to suppose that it was hidden
in 100 years of the d. of the
reigning, I hereby do to be

S. R.

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From

The Collector
of Tanjore

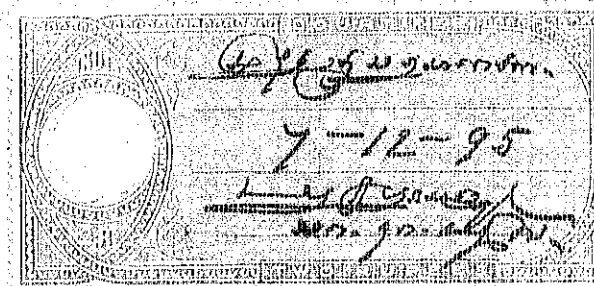
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department
Madras.

Dated 28th November 1895

Ref. on Cur. No. 582 of 1895
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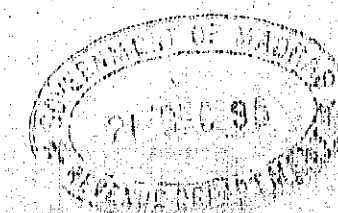
Copy of Mr Rawson's
proceedings declaring
him Treasure owner.



PETITION

18 1895

REVENUE DEPT



To

His Excellency,

The Right Hon'ble BEILBY LAWLEY,

BARON WENLOCK, G. C. I. E.,

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF MATTAPURAM
MUTHUKUMARA PILLAI.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :—

That your Petitioner is a resident of the village of Madappuram being Survey No. 93 in Mayaveram Taluq in the Tanjore District.

2. That your Petitioner is one of the leading men of the said village of Madappuram, and is one of a Committee of management to the temple of Iravatheaswaraswami situate in such village.

3. That your Petitioner has been effecting some repairs to the said temple for the last few years, in the course of which he accidentally discovered on the 22nd day of October 1894, copper idols with pedestals and Tiruvasi, more particularly described in the copy of Collector's Notification, dated 19th April 1895, annexed hereto.

4. That the said Notification was to the effect, that all persons claiming the said idols, should prefer their respective claims before the Collector on the 9th September 1895.

5. That your Petitioner who was the first to intimate the discovery of the said idols to the authorities, attended the Collector's office on the 9th day of September 1895, and personally presented a petition requesting the said idols to be delivered to him as the finder.

6. That on the said 9th day of September 1895, the Collector made enquiries as to the ownership of the discovered treasure, and finally declared it to be ownerless. Your Petitioner would respectfully refer the Honorable Members to the copy of the Collector's order annexed hereto.

7. That having found the treasure to be ownerless, your Petitioner would respectfully urge, that his claim as the finder has the next preference, and that he is entitled to delivery of the treasure under Section 11 of Act VI of 1873.

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8. That your Petitioner, as a faithful devotee of the God of Sri Iravath-
cevaraswami temple, is anxious to place the discovered idols therein, which from
their discovery in the premises of the said temple, possess a peculiar religious
sanctity, and that your Petitioner's persistent appeals were not intended to
secure any benefit to himself, but were the out-come of a desire to improve the
temple, and to secure spiritual benefits to the inhabitants of the said village of
Madappuram.

9. That towards this end, your Petitioner would respectfully ask for an order, directing the delivery of the said idols to him.

For which act of kindness, your Petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

செய்தியை

19th December 1895.

DOCUMENTS ANNEXED.

- I. Copy of Petitioner's letter to Collector, intimating the discovery of the idols.
- II. Copy of Collector's order thereon.
- III. Collector's Notification.
- IV. Collector's final order.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From

The Collector
Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary
to Govt. Public Dept.
Madras

By 5. February 1896.

Agone No. 582
Rev. 1/18

Enclos. 6 (in one 7/16)

Subject

Reporting on the petition
of Muthukumara Pillai
of Madappuram
village, Mayanarum
Taluk, applying for the
delivery of certain lands
to him

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Department.

From

The Collector of

Tanjore,

To

The

Secretary

to Government,

Department,

Madras.

Dated

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ENCLOSURE

Subject

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Ag. 236 1/18 1/2/96

The Collector has received
the petition of Muthukumara Pillai who
holds a piece of land in the village of
Madappuram, Mayanarum Taluk, and
applies for the delivery of certain lands
to him.

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TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp, 5 February 1896

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G. Hicks

From

G. Hicks Esquire,

Collector,

Tanjore,

To

The Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Public DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to the Government Indorsement dated 31st
January 1896, N^o 239, Calling for report on the petition of
one Muthukumara Sawai applying for the delivery of
certain idols. I have the honour to refer Government to my
letter, dated 23rd January 1896, Ref on Cir N^o 582 of 1895,
and to state that I have nothing further to add.

2. The petitioner having forfeited his right by non appearance
and the property having been declared ownerless and there
being before the Collector no other claimant apparently
entitled I presume the property will vest in Government.

and may be sold for the public advantage though the
Act and rules are silent as to this case.

3. The reference and the enclosures are
returned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant -

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To Order

In November last
Collector of Tanjore reported a
certain treasure consisting
principally of eight copper
idols, valued at about 1.
200-100-0, which had been
found in the enclosure of
Kumbh in Chidambaram
by

of the
ownerless
to claim
sanctioning

It is added
Pillai appeared
on the date

claimed the
that Mr. Ravi
that he had

Right under
Act VI of 1878
that any person

as required by the
notification
his right.

In his letter of the

any Mr. Stokes and
although no hour was
fixed in the notice, the
office hour is eleven
Mr. Muthukumara Pillai
had been attended at
11 hour instead of 10
o'clock.

Current N^o 184 is a pe-
tion from Muthukumara
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considered on a
rate in default of the
that the reasonable
any person appear
on the date notified
during the ordinary
hours should be con-
sidered, and not sum-
marily rejected as in
this case

In this particular
instance the idols were found
in the temple compound by
trustees of the temple who
upon compliance with the
provisions of the Act.

All that he desires to
do is to place the idols
in the temple from where
it seems probable they
were at some ^{previous} time removed

In the event of the
Collection proceedings being
upheld orders on para 2nd,
his last letter of the 5th inst
will be necessary

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seen. Dams

Treasure Trove

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✓	Chingleput, Suidapet.	8
✓	Coimbatore.	8
✓	Cuddupah.	8
✓	Ganjam, Chatrapur.	8
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The Collectors of
 The District Magistrates of