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NOTIFICATION

Under Section 13 of "The Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878," His Grace the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following Rules to regulate proceedings under the said Act:

I. SECTION 4.—When the finder of any treasure has deposited it in the nearest Government Treasury, the Collector may require it to any other Government Treasury.

2ndly.—When the finder of any treasure has not deposited it in any Government Treasury,

or refuses or neglects to give the security required, the Collector may take possession of such treasure and remove it to the nearest, or any, Government Treasury.

II. SECTION 5.—The Collector's Notification requiring claimants to appear, shall be published by him in the English language, in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, through the Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy of such published Notification shall be inserted by the Collector in four consecutive issues of the "District Gazette," in the Vernacular and in English.

Copies of the original Notification shall also be forthwith forwarded by him to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, and the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, for insertion in the *Gazette of India*, the *Orissa Gazette*, and the *Bombay Gazette*, respectively.

The date on which the Notification is first published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* shall be taken to be the date of publication for the purposes of Section 9 (a).

III. SECTION 6.—The Chief Controlling Revenue Authority is the Governor in Council.

IV. SECTION 12 (a).—Whenever the Collector decides to sell any treasure, or any portion thereof, by public auction, he shall take the orders of the Governor in Council as to the time and place of such sale or sales; and as to the lots in which the treasure shall be put up for sale; and shall be guided by the orders received by him from the Governor in Council in the premises.

The purchase-money shall be paid immediately on the lot being knocked down to any purchaser, and if not so paid, the lot shall be immediately put up and resold.

V. SECTION 16.—The Collector shall, whenever he has made a declaration under Section 9 that any treasure is ownerless, and before delivering or dividing the treasure as provided by Sections 10 to 14 of the Act,

take the orders of the Government as to whether he shall declare his intention to acquire such treasure, or any portion thereof, on behalf of the Government, and shall be guided by the orders received by him from the Governor in Council in the premises.

By order of His Grace the Governor in Council,

C. B. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Information received that in looking
Kankani wife residing in Bellala in
pet about two months ago found
buried in one Rayana Rami garden
a drum containing gold & silver
pajodas. discovery of treasure thus
is as follows. This hotay Kankani
little son Kalle Kankani and one Kankani
Venkatachellamma's daughter Gummatta
was were playing in the garden
in the sand on seeing something
like a brass vessel went and told
hotay Kankani wife who at once
dug up the place & took up a
drum which contained nothing
but silver pajodas. She was seen
carrying this away to her hut by
one Balaramthos prammis who
questioned her, & she promised
him 5 half as much money, which

which she failed to do, but sold
some of the copies. These were sold
to a shop. From whom one
has appeared in the market. I purchased
one & handed it to the collector.

14/1/89. W. C. Green
Superintendent

True Copy
W. C. Green
Collector of
Madras.

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Handwritten notes or signatures in the right margin.

14th Sep

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Deposition given as solemn affirmation
taken by Pongam Bouda Swamikal on the
15th January 1901

I am an inhabitant of Allanda
Tenampatt on the 31 day of March
I came back at about 3 o'clock P.M.
while I was engaged in answering
the calls of nature in the plantation
garden of a certain Brahmin in
Allanda Tenampatt, one Vengam
wife of Motta Chakkon who was re-
siding in tiled house in the garden
Came in front of me at a distance
of 25 ft. dug the earth with an imple-
ment, called 'Pari Kuchchi' took
them from the earth & made them
of copper and resembling 'Deekchi'.
The Deekchi was big as a small
pumpkin. While she was going
to her house taking the Deekchi
by covering it with the cloth which
she was ^{then} wearing on her person.

In a letter from
the following
address to the
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
to 25-9-26 January
1901.

J. G. M. No 560/81.

8 Feb 1901/100.

I ran to her and met her at door
of her house. She went into her
the meantime, I caught hold of
the "Deksha" which she was carrying.
I then cut star Pagodas & "Puravahan"
full of the "Deksha". The star Pagodas
were made of gold. They were in size
of double anna pieces. On the one side
of the coin there were something like
dots and on the other side there was
a figure resembling a man. I then
asked Vengammal a share in the
Coins or Star Pagodas formed by her.
She promised me to give a share
in the treasure to enable me to build
a Temple and so on. To that effect
by striking on my head with her hand.
Some time after this, I went again
to Vengammal and asked her for the
promised share in the treasure.
She even then promised to give me a
share. On the following day when I
went to her and demanded her for the
promised share, she came & beat
me

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with a ~~hammer~~ ~~and~~ ~~beat~~ me &
denied every knowledge of the
matter. Thereupon I informed the
whole circumstance to my neighbor
and stars (By the Dr. Collector) I in-
formed ^{the} circumstance to a Police
Constable at Tenampatt & some
ago, I never informed this circum-
stance earlier to the Police with a
hope that Vengammal would give
me a share in the treasure. I
cannot say even on approxima-
tion how many Pagodas was the
Deksha ^{consisting or containing} ~~was full of~~
I know well that the Deksha was
full of star Pagodas, I put my hand
into the vessel & took some of the
Pagodas with my fingers. I then
put the Pagodas again into the vessel
(Deksha). I do not know whether
the vessel had any cover over it
when it was being buried in the earth.
I saw the place where the Deksha
Vengammal discovered the vessel
& found there a hole in the earth.

The hole was as deep as a cubit
and diameter was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ spans.
I never informed this circumstance on
the first day to the husband of the
woman. He told me on the following
day that he will positively get me
a share in the Treasure Trove and
make me build a pagoda. I have even
inquired among the people of
Vengannal whether they had any
lost the earth (the objects in the
were plantain trees &c. but none

(signed) George B. Salmeston

Read out to the entire
in Tamil, the language that he
understands & acknowledged by
him to be correct.

Signed: A. S. Landman
 Secy of C. M.

(True copy)

W. W. W. W. W.

Col C. M. 2-1-19

In a letter from
the collector of
Madras to the
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
No 25 of 26 January
1887

July 1887 No 560/87

In July 1887/88

Confidential

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Letter No 2.

From

The Dy. Deputy Collector
of Madras

To

The Dy. Collector of
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your letter

dated 26th January 1887, No 36, dated 1st March 1887.

I beg to submit the depositions
taken by me from the witnesses

in the Treasure Trove Case referred
to me for preliminary enquiry and

report. The evidence of the first

Witness is very important. He de-

poses to his having seen actually

accused removing a copper vessel

dug out from the earth and to his

having caught hold of the vessel

and found therein full of silver

pagodas. He further states that the

accused promised him at this time
to give him a share in the Treasure
Trove

Trove but discovered him ultimately
The second Witness is a young child
of female sex. She simply states
that the accused removed a certain
vessel which she dug out from the
earth. The fourth Witness evidence
supports the statement of 1st Wh
-up that the accused promised
to give him a share in the Treasure
Trove. The evidence of the other
Witnesses go to prove that the ac-
cused had sold 3 star pagodas
to 6 Witnesses and that the latter
sold them then and there to 3rd
Witness in the presence of the
accused. In my opinion this is
a prima facie case for the pro-
secution.

2. I never examined the ac-
cused as stated already in my
letter, dated 1st, dated 15th last by
reason that I was directed to
enquire into the case. Confiden-
tially. I had no time to examine
the Witnesses produced before
me by the Police Inspector Mr. Gurn
A sub-inspector for a day, and

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a Head Constable throughout the
enquiry were present conducting
the prosecution. The accused
Vengannickabau will have to be
examined to close the case.

3. The star pagoda received
with your endorsement under re-
ply is herewith returned.

Madras Deputy Collector, I have the honor to be
Your most obedt. Servant
24 January 1881
[Signed] A. Sudarshan
Ag. Deputy Collector

(True Copy)
J. J. M. M.
Acting Collector of Madras
Madras Collector's Office
25 January 1881.

No. 84
From The Acting Collector of
Madras
To The Acting Dy. Collector of
Madras
Sir,
In reply to your letter

of yesterday's date Extra No 2, I have
the honor to observe that your
enquiries were only intended for
preliminary and confidential and
you were of course quite right
in not taking any statement from
the party suspected.

2 I agree with you
in considering that a prima facie
case under Section 20, Act VI
of 1878 has been made out and
request that you will at once
take proceedings before the Magis-
trate having jurisdiction, putting
in with your complaint - a bill
of the intruder - and applying for
a search warrant, to secure the
treasure from being fraudulently
misappropriated meantime should
the Police be able to give you
any information as to its probable
present whereabouts. You

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You should make the
application at once, but I have
also reported the matter to the
Board of Revenue, in case it is
considered necessary to have
legal assistance in conducting
the prosecution.

The owner of the house
has deputed Mr. Dennis Bitter
Agent of the High Court to state
his interests in the matter and does
not object to his being informed
of what has passed hitherto.

I remain
[Signed] R. W. Bullock
of Secretary
(The Copy) Madras.

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Submitted to the Board
of Revenue for information
and approval together with
copy of the original information
laid

Laid by the Police Inspector under
orders from the Commissioners of
Police.

2 Orders are solicited
as to whether a Vakil should be
retained.

3 The Account given by
the man Pooyan Balamootoo
is not in the Collector's opinion
the real truth, but it seems clear
that some treasure was found,
and has been partly misappropri-
ated and the interests of Govern-
ment should be protected.

4 The value of the "treasure
trove" is ~~announced~~ ~~announced~~ as a lakh,
but a tenth of this is probably
nearer the mark, and above the
real value judging by the state-
ments of the said Balamootoo,
Copy of which is enclosed.

Madras Collector's office } W. W. Ashmole
26 January 1801 } Sd/- Collector
of Madras

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Y^{rs} aw.
Ernest Barclay
Government Solicitor
Madras

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The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Sir,
i. With reference to your docket received yesterday and dated 2nd instant N^o 216. and made up of proceedings of the Board of Revenue. dated 28th January last I understand that the woman Tengamah was prosecuted at the Egmore Police Court on the 3rd instant and was fined Rupees 25/-, in default, to one month's imprisonment.

2. The papers were not received by me in time to enable me to communicate with the Acting Collector of Madras in view of my conducting the prosecution.

3. I return the papers which accompanied your docket and

I am Sir

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant

Wm Barclay
Government Printer

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These papers will be forwarded to the York. Editor who will find himself in connection with the Egyptian. Under a new to com. directing the necessary publication, the result of which should be reported to the Cause. fr. J. C. Jackson
24 Feb 61. [unclear]

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From
The Government Secretaries
Madras.

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No. 56.

Dated 5 February 1881.
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No. 262

Noting that the paper with
with docket No. 216 of 1880 is not
not recd. in time to enable him
to communicate with the Acting
Collector of Madras to enquire the
prosecution regarding the discovery
of Treasure Trove.

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K. J. S. 197

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