

SOUTH ARCOT.

No. 1000 on Regr. No. 1000 of 1892.Collector's OFFICE,
Cuddalore
27th July 1892

FROM

M. Hammick Esquire
ag. Collector of SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

J. F. Price Esquire

CHIEF SECRETARY TO

GOVERNMENT,

Public Department, MADRAS.

SIR,

With reference to Rule 3 of the rules under the Indian Treasure Trove Act VI of 1878 printed in Government order dated 7th September 1878 No. 1350 I have the honor to submit the following case for the orders of Government.

2. On 19th August 1891 the marginally noted bronze idols etc were discovered in the course of sinking a well in putta land in the village of Nottaput in the Cuddalore Taluk by one Anthi Reddi and 6 others. These persons produced only a part of the treasure and concealed the rest. They were —

Approximate value

About Rs

10000

1. 2 Bronze idols of Goddess.
2. 1 Swastika ornament with goddess & child

3. 1. Thiruvatchi

4. 1. Large amman

5. 1. Small amman

6. 1. Idol of Swamy

7. 1. Ornaments of the

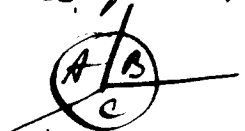
8. 1. Chandrasekharan (a trident with a small idol attached to it)

9. 1. Ornaments

prosecuted under section 20 of the Act and
fined 50 Rs each. I upheld the conviction
on appeal to me.

3. The usual notice was then duly published
in the Gazette. Yesterday was the day fixed
for Enquiry when the finders and owners
of the land appeared before me. None of them
set up any claim to the treasure. There-
upon I have declared the idols etc in question
to be ownerless under section 9 of the Act.

4. The idols were found in a pit which was
being dug by the joint owners of three
different lands, for a well at the point
where these lands met. Thus.



A. B. C.
three separate

lands.
The well was for joint use. It is impossible
to say in whose land the idols were actually
found and I have therefore treated the three
owners of the three adjacent lands as joint
owners and as one of them Audi Reddi has
been disqualified by his criminal conviction
his share lapses to Government; the other two
will receive each $\frac{1}{2}$ of the value of the treasure.

The finders are disqualified from recovering
anything having been tried and convicted.

5. I now request orders of Government
as to the disposal of the treasure. Dr
Thurston who happened to be here was con-
sulted by me and he recommends that
nos 7 and 8 be retained for the museum

and think that the rest may be sold
as of no interest.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

Thurston
For a Collector.

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1892.

Public Department.

From

The Collector,

To

South Arcot.

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Madras.

Dated 27th

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Ref. on Regr. No. of 189.

ENCLOSURE

Subject.

DESPATCHED.
1- AUG 92

Requesting orders of Government as to the disposal of certain treasure discovered in the course of sinking a well in a putta land in the village of Thottaput in the Cuddalore Taluk South Arcot District by one Anthi Reddi and 6 others.

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The treasure must have been kept of the Museum at the time & I don't think further reference is necessary. Order is,

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G. S. S.

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Coll. of S. Arcot
Supt. Govt. Central Museum

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Order 10th Aug 92 No 557

The collector should forward No 72865 furnish the Supt. Govt. Central Museum with a full description of the treasure and ascertain what portion of it is required for the Museum of the treasure. The remainder may be disposed of as recommended by the collector on the expiry of the two months allowed for appeal by Section 9 of the Act.

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To Supt.

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED 18, No. MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO

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ORDINARY, MS. *

<i>Rathi</i> DEPARTMENT.	
G.O., DATED	10-0-92
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