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[Despatch Abstract.]

Accepting the recommendation of the Collector of South Arcot that certain copper coins found buried under a mantapam inside the Nataraja temple in Chidambaram be made over to the trustees—

South Arcot

Ref. on Regr. No. 3982 of 1892.
ENG.

CUSTOMS NO. 10
Collectors' Office

Cuddalore 23rd November 1892

From M. Hammick Esquire
Ag Collector of
South Arcot
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department
Madras

Sir,

With reference to Rule 5 of the rules under the Indian Treasure Trove Act VI of 1878 printed in L. O. dated 7th September 1878 No 1350, I have the honor to submit the following case for the orders of Government.

2. On 13th June 1892 a large number of old uncurrent copper coins of the size of single piee valued at about Rs 1000 were found buried under the pavement in a mantapam inside the Nataraja temple in Cuddalore Chidambaram by certain of the properties of the temple acting on behalf of the whole body of temple trustees.

3. The usual notice was then duly published in the Gazette. Yesterday was the

day fixed for inquiry when some of the trustees alone appeared before me. It seemed clear from their statement that the coins in question were placed under the pavement more than one hundred years ago by persons now unknown and probably by the then trustees of the temple. I have therefore declared the coins to be ownerless under Section 9 of the Act.

4 I now request orders of Government for the disposal of the coins. The Superintendent of the Government Central Museum Madras to whom a specimen was sent has & vide his letter informed me that the coins belong to the Chola King Rajaraja and a number of good specimens are available in the museum and that therefore he does not require them.

5 The trustees requested that the coins may be given to them in view to bury them again and put the idol back in its position. I recommended that their prayer may be granted. It seems a custom to bury coins when an idol is put in position inside a temple, and

I have a little doubt that these coins were buried when the Temple idol was originally erected in the temple. Probably there is a superstitious feeling about the removal of the coins, and in concession to that I recommend that the coins be handed back to be buried again.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Alkoon
for Ag Collector

Comdly RSC.

No 612

Government Central Museum
Patheon Road Egmore
Madras 18th July 1892.

From

Dr. H. W. Smith

Officiating Superintendent,
Government Central Museum

To

The Acting Collector of Madras

South Arcot

Cuddalore

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 3342 of the ^{24th} inst, I have the honor to inform you that the coins belong to the Chola King Rajaraja and are met with very frequently in Tamil Districts and to return them by parcel post to your address as they have no value and as a number of good specimens are in the Museum Collection.

I have &c.

(Signed) H. W. Smith

Offg Superintendent

Govt Central Museum

(True copy)

W. H. Smith

for Ag Collector

Comdly. R. S. S.

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Requesting order of
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of certain copper coins valued
at about Rs 1000 found
buried under a mantapam
inside the Katarayathuppi
in Cuddalore (Chidambaram
and found the ownerless
under the treasure stone
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The Collector of South Arcot
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Order 12 Dec 92 A 858
The collector's recom-
mendation is accepted.

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