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[Despatch Abstract.]

Copy to the Govt. Epigraphist letter from the Collector of Chittoor regarding the removal &c of the 1st enclosure of the shrine of the Ekambaramatha temple at Conjeevaram -

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

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

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Bangalore,
23rd October 1893.

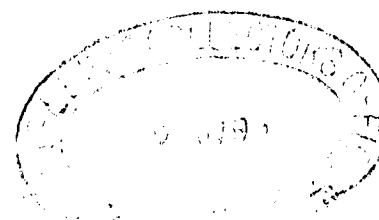
No. 418.

From

Dr. E. Hultsch,

Government Epigraphist,

To



The Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from the Collector of Chingleput, communicated to me with G. O., dated the 5th October 1893, No. 824, Public, I have the honour to submit that the Dharmakarta of the Ekamranatha Temple at Conjeeveram, though agreeing to professional supervision of the intended removal of the first enclosure of the shrine, does not answer paragraph 2 of G. O., dated the 14th August 1893, No. 642, Public, as far as this paragraph refers to the Central shrine itself. As stated in paragraph 13 of my last Final Report, it was originally intended to rebuild this shrine, which, like the first enclosure, is covered with ancient inscriptions. I therefore request that the Government might ask the Collector of Chingleput to ascertain if the Dharmakarta agrees to the supervision of the removal of the shrine ^{itself} or if the shrine has already been removed, and if, in this case, the original arrangement of the inscribed stones has been preserved by marking them in paint before removal, as promised by the Dharmakarta in person to my First Assistant, or by other precautions.

2. As the ~~Oh~~ ~~ahertat~~ states that it is not intended to use the inscribed stones again for building purposes, I would suggest that he might be asked to arrange these stones in their original order in the outermost Court-yard of the Temple, where, as I know from personal inspection, sufficient room for this purpose is available, and where the stones could be conveniently inspected and copied by the officers of the Archaeological Department, and that he might be held responsible for the future preservation of all the inscribed stones in their new situation.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. Herbert

Esq.

DEPARTMENT.

From

The Govt. Epigraphist
Bangalore

No. 418.

Dated 23rd October 1893

Received 24 - do

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Re supervision of the
intended removal of the
first enclosure of the
shrine of the Ekambranatha
Temple at Conjeevaram.

Referred to the Collector
of Chingleput for
further enquiry and
report.

By order /

Asst Secretary

30/10
31/10

Copy to 10/11/93

No.
Encl.

Chingleput District,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
SAIDAPET 24th November 1893.

From

A. G. Eastwood Esq. Engineer,
Ag. Collector of the
Chingleput District.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Madras.

Sir,

In returning herewith endorsement of
Government, G.O. 1927, dated 31st October 1893, on letter from
the Government Epigraphist, G.O. 418, dated 23rd October 1893,
I have the honour to state, that the removal of the
first enclosure of the central shrine of the Ekam-
branatha temple at Conjeevaram was intended
to be commenced on 23rd October 1893, but the Dharm-
makanthan was asked to postpone the work until
a Hindu D.P. Officer could be deputed to super-
-sede the Resident Engineer, Chingleput District,
was asked to depute such an officer for the purpose
but as he stated that no firm orders had been
received by him the Superintendent Engineer, I

circle, has been requested to issue early orders on the subject.

2. As regards the removal of the shrine, itself, the Dharmakarthi states that he has no objection to its supervision by a Hindu D. P. Officer and that it will take a year more to begin repairs to the shrine.

3. According to para 2 of the letter from the Government & Engineer, the Dharmakarthi says that if the inscribed stones after removal are found durable, he may use them for constructing a Mantapam in the outer circuit of the temple, to which Europeans as well as Native officers can have access; but that if they cannot be so used, he is willing to arrange them in a suitable place. He states that as these stones are old and disintegrating, he will not hold himself responsible for their future preservation but that he will take the same care of them as he does with the buildings within the temple premises.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Investing Collector.

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From

The Collector of the
Chingleput District.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Public Dept.

Dated 24th May 1893.
Received

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The collector's reply
will be commd to the
Govt. Epigraphist.

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No.

Enclosure /

SUBJECT.

Reporting on endorsement
of Govt. forwarding letter
from the Govt. Epigraphist
re Supervision of the re-
moval of the Central Shrine
of the Ekambaranatha
Temple at Conjevaram

DETERMINED
Govt. Epigraphist
28/11/93