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[Despatch Abstract.]

TREASURE TROVE.

Approving the proposal of the Collector of Malabar regarding the sale of certain treasure discovered in Natuvannur amsam, Karambana-
nad taluk.

Proceedings of the Collector of Malabar
Dated 22 March 1895

Read the following:—

- (1) Letter from the ^{Sub}Collector dated 12 October 1894, Ref on no ²⁶⁹⁶~~2696~~ ⁷⁴ stating that a treasure was found by one Venkateswaran alias Appu Pather in a ruined house in Kunnath Illam Perambur in Natuvannur amsam, Kunnambraud Taluk.
- (2) Records in C.C. 292 of 1894 on the file of the District Magistrate of Quilandi.
- (3) Letter from the Sub Collector dated 12 March 1895 no ³⁸⁰~~380~~ ^{Dis} forwarding the treasure and the vessels in which it was found.

Heard Holangara Illath Parameswararam Nambudiri, owner of Kunnath Illam Perambur.

The notice required by section 5 of Act II of 1884 was, under the rules, forwarded for publication in the following Gazettes:—

Port St. George Gazette
Gazette of India
Calcutta Gazette
Bombay Gazette and the
Malabar District Gazette.

2. The records in calendar case no 292 of 1894 on the file of the 2nd class Magistrate of Quilandi show that one Venkateswaran alias Appu Pattar found a treasure when he dug up the ruins of an old house in Hunnoth Ittam paramba belonging to Kolangara Illath Parameswaran Kambudiri, that he failed to give the notice required by section 4 of Act VI of 1878, that he was convicted under section 20 of the Act and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs 50 or in default to suffer simple imprisonment for 4 weeks.

3. Kolangara Illath Parameswaran Kambudiri, who was examined by me, states that he is the owner of the paramba in which the treasure was found, that Venkateswaran alias Appu Pattar found the treasure under the foundation of a bath-room near the ruined house which was occupied by his Karamavans, that this house was deserted in 964 M.E in the time of Tipu, that it has been in existence for 100 years, that when the members of his tarawad returned after Tipu's expulsion, they built a small house on the remains of the old one and that the new house fell into ruins 50 years ago.

4. It is clear that the treasure must have been hidden more than 100 years ago. It

was probably hidden in A.D 1788, during Tipu Sultan's invasion. Under section 9 of Act VI of 1878, I declare the treasure produced, consisting of 2 copper vessels and 293 gold fanams, to be ownerless.

5. Venkateswaran alias Appu Pattar having failed to give notice of the finding, the share of the treasure to which he would otherwise be entitled shall vest in Her Majesty.

6. The Sub Collector states Kolangara Illath Parameswaran Kambudiri, the owner of the paramba, appears to have been guilty of abetment under section 21 of Act VI of 1878 as he was grossly negligent in giving notice to the authorities and as he would not have complained if he had been able to get from Venkateswaran Pattar a portion of the treasure.

I do not agree with the Sub Collector because Parameswaran Kambudiri has not abetted within the meaning of Section 21 of Act VI of 1878. One-fourth of the treasure will therefore be delivered to him two months after the date or soon after the disposal of the treasure if any, which he may prefer under section 9 of Act VI of 1878.

(Sd.) H. Moberly
Sub Collector
(True copy)

K. S. S. S.
Sub Collector

Ref: on Col No 2060
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Malabar Collectors Office
Camp Kottakkal 6th June 1895

From

H. Mooberry Esquire
Ag Collector of Malabar

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Ootacamund

Sir,

Under rule IV of the rules framed under the Treasure Trove Act, I have the honor to request sanction to sell by public auction 220 Gold fanams worth about Rs 1000 concerned in a Treasure Trove Case disposed of by me.

I propose to sell the fanams in lots of 20 each at the Huzur Treasury in the 1st week of June/95.

2. A copy of my Proceedings dated 1st March 1895 No 530 is submitted. No appeal has been preferred against it.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most obediently

H. Mooberry

Ag Collector

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Order of 17th June 1895 No 4

The collector's
proposal is approved

The collector of Malabar

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The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Public Dept.
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