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G.O., No. 56

Dated 11th Jan. 1896.

[Despatch Abstract.]

TREASURE TROVE.

Permitting the Collector of Tanjore to sell, after the lapse of three months, certain idols found in a field and declared to be ownerless.

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

TANJORE,

TO

THE SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

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ENCLOSURE

Subject.

From

The Collector
of Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Public Department
Madras.

Dated 17th December 1895

Ref on no 931

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The Collector's re-
- commendation in para 2
of his letter is approved

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Soliciting the orders
of Government for the
Sale of Certain Treasure
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To the Collecting Tanjore

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TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

CAMP, 17th December 1895.

FROM

G. Stokes Esquire,

Ag. Collector,

TANJORE,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Public Department,

MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that seven copper idols weighing in all 253 seers and estimated to be worth about Rs 253, came before me for disposal under the Treasure Trove Act. The usual notification under Section 5 of the Act inviting claimants to appear before the Collector on the 15th November 1895 was published at page 731 of Part II of the Fort St. George Gazette dated 11th June 1895. Five of the idols were declared to be ownerless and the remaining two ordered to be returned,

to

to the person from whose possession they were taken - Vide Copy of my order dated 15th November 1895.

2. The five idols which were declared to be ownerless, are now lying in my office and under Rule IV of the rules framed under Sec: 19 of the Indian Treasure Trove Act, I solicit the sanction of Government for selling them after three months at the Huzur Treasury, Tanjore, in such lots as may be found convenient.

3. The Superintendent of the Government Museum does not require any of the idols.

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

For Ag: Collector

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OR

Ref. on Cur. No: 931 of 1895
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Proceedings of the Collector of Tanjore

Dated 15th November 1895

Read

(1) Head Assistant Collector's Footnote dated 30th March 1895, Endorsement on Cur. No: 1461 of 1895, Submitting Hanni-
Rev.

Jahsildar's arzi reporting on the discovery of some treasure at Kulikkara Hannilam Taluk, and this office Reference thereon to the Tahsildar directing him to report the value of each of the idols referred to.

(2) Hannilam Tahsildar's statement dated 7th May 1895, Ref. on Cur. No: 268 of 1895 showing the weight and the estimated value of each of the idols.
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3. Head Assistant Collector's Footnote dated 21st May 1895, Endorsement on No: 2200 of 1895, Submitting Kudavasal
Rev.

Deputy Tahsildar's arzi No: 105 dated 13th

May

May 1895, reporting further on the above:
 1) This office notification dated 3rd June 1895 inviting claimants to appear on 15th November 1895; and
 2) Statements made before the Collector on 15th November 1895 by Ponnusami Asari, Subramania Pillai, Naga Pillai and Packiria Pillai of Tiruvalur, Negapattinam Taluk, and by Samu Pillai of Pallavaram, Negapattinam Taluk.

Order.

This is a case under the Treasure Trove Act; and the requisite notification under Sec: 5 has been published - Vide Fort St. George Gazette dated 11th June 1895, page 731 (Part II.). In this case, there are 7 idols involved as shown in the

Gopalamerthi
Gopala Amman.
Do Do.
Srinivasa Perumal
Do Amman
Do Do
Aiyannar.

Margin. Nos. 2 to 6 were found in the backyard of one Appathurai Asari, who is now dead but whose house is in the possession of his son Thiagaraja

Pathan

Pathan. The story of these idols is that they were found by one Para Suppan under a straw stack in his field two years before the present case arose and were given by him to his master, Souriraja Mudali. This man is dead, but his widow says that her husband before his death, gave them to the above Asari in whose backyard they were dug up by the Deputy Tahsildar, Kudavassal. Then it is plain that these five idols are treasure-trove and as no one has appeared to claim them, I declare under Sec: 6 that the said Thiagaraja Pathan and all others having any claim to the treasure otherwise, have forfeited their right; and under Sec: 8, I declare such idols to be ownerless. In regard to the two idols, Nos. 1 and 7, the story is as follows: - The Deputy Tahsildar having information that some other idols besides the five first above-mentioned, had been sent to one Samu Asari of Tiruvalur, he

Had inquiries made, in consequence of which
the house of one Packiria Pillai was searched
where the idols were found. They were found
in the Koodam of his house and were not
buried. There is nothing to shew that these
idols are Treasure-Trove. They are claimed
by one Ponnusami Asari as made by him
and pledged to one Packiria Pillai. His
story is supported by Packiria Pillai and
others and there is nothing to rebut it.

Under these circumstances, these two idols,
Nos: 1 and 7, will be returned to Packiria
Pillai from whose possession they were
taken.

(Signed) G. Stokes
Ag. Collector

(True Copy)

For Ag. Collector.

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ENCLOSURE No. I

In a letter

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

Tanjore

TO

THE *Chief Secretary*
to Government
Public Department
Madras

Dated *17th* December 1895.

Reference No. *981*
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the Treasure monies.

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