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G.O., No. 743

Dated 15th July 1896.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

TREASURE TROVE.

Sanctioning the sale of the idols, &c., found in the Eravanjeri village in Nannilam taluk, Tanjore district, and the payment of one-fourth of the sale-proceeds to the owner of the place in which they were found.

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From
The Ag Collector.
Tanjore

From *Treasurer* *Tanjore*

THE COLLECTOR OF

Tanjore,

To

THE SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department

Madras
15 MAY 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 8 May 1896

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Requesting Sanction
of Government for
the sale of certain
idols.

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ENCLOSURE.

Subject.

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The Collector of Tanjore

Proceedings of the Collector of Tanjore
Dated 26th February 1896.

Read (1) Head Assistant Collector's Foot-note dated 6.9.95 Ref. on cur. no. $\frac{3927}{\text{Pw}}$ of 1895, submitting the Naunilam Tahildar's arzi dated 31.8.95, Ref. on cur. no. $\frac{3136}{\text{Pw}}$ of 1895 reporting on the discovery of certain treasure at Eppavajerri Village Naunilam Taluk.

(2) This Office notification dated 13.9.95 inviting Claimants to appear on 3.2.96 and (3) Statements made before the Collector on 3.2.96 by Ilaganatha Chetty of Thevanguudi and by Kannusami Naikar of Nattaramangalam. Naunilam Taluk.

Order.

This is a case under the Treasure Trove Act.

The Treasure in question is as follow

	Value
1. Kalugairathanam	15 - "
2. Krishnan	10 - "

3. Krishnan 8
4. do 48-8
5. Amman (Rukmani) 7
6. Stand 2
7. do 2

The Notification relating to the above Treasure, was published in the Fort Saint George Gazette of 24th September 1895

The facts are shortly that about the 14th August 1895 as one Para Indian (Dariah) wife of Thevaragudi, Nannilam Taluk, he found the above Treasure in the land of Muthusami Chetti, or of his brother Chagunada Chetti. Chagunada Chetti was present when the Treasure was found.

No notice, as required by Section 4 of the Act, was given to the Collector in writing by any of the above 3 persons, but the matter being called out, the Treasure was produced on the demand of the Village Magistrate and notice sent by him to the Taluk.

Taluk. Hence these proceedings.

There is no evidence to shew when these idols were buried. The persons examined say that it is believed that they belonged to a Naik, but the oldest man in the village does not remember him or any fact tending to shew that they were buried within the longest living memory. No one claiming through this Naik appears. The weight of the evidence is to shew that these idols were buried more than 100 years ago. I therefore find that these idols were not buried within 100 years, and under Section 9, I declare the Treasure to be ownerless.

Neither Muthusami Chetti nor Para Indian have appeared and claimed this Treasure. Chagunada Chetti and his agent alone appeared. Both Para Indian as finder, Muthusami Chetti as owner of the land, if such, have forfeited their right under Section 6.

Chagunada

Olagonadu Chetti does not claim as
finder but as owner of the land. He
says distinctly the land is his. His claim
is not disputed by the finder and no
argument has been put ^{up} forward
between him and the finder. There is no
evidence that he abetted the omission
to give notice by the finder. Under the
rule laid down in section 12 therefore,
he is entitled to $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the Treasure;
but as this part cannot be conveniently
made over to him, the Treasure will be
sold and $\frac{1}{4}$ th part of the value paid him.

(Signed) G. Stokes.

Collector

/ True copy /

For &g Collector

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In a letter

FROM

as
THE COLLECTOR OF

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TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department
Madras.

Dated 8 May 1896.

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Subject.

Copy of Proceedings
Trove
in Treasure Case.

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TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Camp, Negapatam. 8 May 1896

FROM

H. M. M. Esquire,
as COLLECTOR,

Tanjore,

TO

The Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Public DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose copy
of the Proceedings passed by Mr. Stokes
in Treasure Case No 3 of 1895-96 and
to request the sanction of Government for
the sale of the Treasure in such lot
as may be found convenient and
the payment of one fourth of the sale
proceeds to the owner of the place
in which it was found.

2. The period of two months prescribed for Appeal has already expired and the Superintendent of the Museum does not require any of the Treasure.

I have the honour to be

Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant

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For the Collector

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