

Public (189 *f*) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1166

Dated 15 - 9 - 98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Permitting Mr. Alan Daly to continue the search for treasure supposed to be imbedded under the Cholampuri Rock (Mihingpuri Dist) on the understanding that the Col^l will proceed under the Treasure Trove Act if any treasure be found.

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BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 4847.

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Please obtain from R.D. ✓
+ put up originals of G.Os 965
of 51 + 1878 of 80 which haven't
yet ret'd by R. - see abstracts

Current - 1st 2319.

Encl. R no. 1147
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From The Board of Revenue
Land Revenue
Madras.

Ref: No. 103 (Ptn).

Dated 6: July 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of Government,
with the Board's remarks, an
application from Mr. Allan Daly
for permission to search for certain
treasure supposed to be imbedded
in two caves under the Cholamparai
rock. Trichinopoly District

Ref. No. PC. Pat. G.O. 1873/20 Rev.
+ 955 Rev. 1873/20 Rev.
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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
		General Record papers	
			7.15/7/98
	1503	Revenue	10.10.81
	954	Revenue	11.8.80

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Rev. 27-5-80:1878 min

11-8-80:954 ogf.

6-4-81:965 min

10-10-81:1503 ogf.

The ogfs of these sent to the Rev. Dept. on 15/7/98 are not yet returned to R. S. C. & Docket to put up.

K.L.
26/7/98

Current No 2319

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE),

Madras, dated 6: July 1898.

READ— endorsement of R. H. Shipley Esquire, Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, Endorsement on Current No. 1266 of 98, dated 13: June 1898.

Reference No. 103 (Petr) dated 6: July 1898.

Submitted for the orders of Government with reference to the correspondence ending with Government Order No. 1503 Revenue, dated 10th October 1881.

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2. In April 1880, the Collector of Trichinopoly reported that an inscription had been discovered which tended to show that 4000 chests containing gold lay imbedded in two caves, underneath the Cholamparai rock near Uraiyur, a suburb of Trichinopoly, by the side of the Kodamurti river, and enquired whether Government was willing to undertake a search for the treasure at its own cost allowing a share to the finders of the inscription or whether it would leave the enterprise and the greater part of the profits it might yield to private individuals. Government ordered a search to be made by the Collector at a cost not exceeding Rs. 1000 (Vide

D G.O. Nos. 1878 Revenue dated 27: May 1880 and
A 954 Revenue, dated 11: August 1880). Early in 1881, the finders of the inscription presented a petition to

is the Collector asking for permission to search for the treasure under the conditions of the Treasure Trove Act; and the Collector submitted it with a strong recommendation as the discovery of any treasure was highly problematical and if any were actually found, the Government could still have a share in it. The Government was, however, not prepared to accept the offer of the petitioner as it was more a purpose of archaeological investigation than profit that was contemplated and added that the law relating to Treasure Trove did not seem applicable to the case presumably because the treasure had not actually been found (G.O. No. 965 Revenue, dated 6: April 1881). A search was subsequently made as originally directed by Government; and the Collector's report on the unsuccessful result thereof was recorded in G.O. No. 1503 Revenue dated 10: October 1881. B

3. In his petition received with the Collector's endorsement read above, Mr. Gilhan Daly requested permission to continue the search and enquire what share of the treasure, if any be found, will be claimed by Government, taking into consideration the costliness of the undertaking and the securities of the prospects. The Collector merely recommends the application.

4. The Board considers that the permission asked for by the applicant may be granted and requests that the Government will reconsider the direction implied in para 2 of G.O. 965, dated 6: April 1881, that the search for the treasure should not be left to private enterprises. The treasure must first be "trove" before the Treasure Trove Act can apply to the case; and if the petitioner should succeed in finding any treasure, the Collector can deal with it under the Act, i.e., give him three-fourths of

of the find under Section 12 thereof, unless Government thinks fit to enter into a special agreement with the applicant in regard to the division of the treasure.

David Davidson

Ag. Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government R.D.
with a letter in origl. to be ret^d

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2319
1888.

SUBJECT.

3. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

1. THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

2. THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

A request to search for supposed
treasure in the Trichinopoly District.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Allan Daly of Lincoln's Inn,
practising ^{as} Advocate of the High
Court, Madras, asks for permission to
search for the 4,000 chests of gold
supposed to be ^{in these} ~~embodied~~ in two caves
under the Cholamparai Rock, Trichinopoly
District.

2. Up to 1881 searches for this
treasure were conducted by Govt. with-
out success(vide G.O.No.954,Rev.,dated
11th August 1880, flag A, and G.O.No.1503
Rev., dated 10th October 1881, flag F).

3. The Collector's recommendation
of Mr. Daly's request is supported by
the Board, and Govt. is requested to re-
consider para.2 of G.O.No.965,Rev.,d/
6th April 1881 (flag C), which the Board
considers a prohibition of search for
the treasure by private enterprise.The
Board adds that the supposed
treasure cannot be dealt with under the
Indian Treasure Trove Act VI of 1878
until

until it is found. It recommends that if Mr. Daly is given permission to search he should be given under section 12 of the Act three-fourths of any treasure he may find, unless Govt. ^{considers} it desirable to enter into a special agreement with him ~~regarding any treasure he may find.~~

A draft order is submitted below for approval.

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8/5/98

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10/18/98

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated 6th april

1898, No. 965 Rev.

Again G.O., dated

39, No.

Current No. 2319 of 1898, dated

6th July, from Board of Rev.

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ORDER. No. 1166, of 15th September 1898

His ~~board~~ ^{the} Govt. agrees with the Board of Revenue and according resolves, in supervision of para C of G.O. No. 965 Rev. of 6th april 1898, to accord permission to Mr. Daly to continue the search, on the understanding that the Collector will proceed under the Treasure Trove Act in the event of any treasure being found.

AK
17/8/98

AK 11.8.98

8.9.98
11.9.98

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8/5/98

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To *Dy. Secy* 20.9.98
The B^d of Rev (9)
with encl. ret'd.

Note

Please see the current - which is
ear & full & gives a succinct history
the search in pursuance of the
description indicating treasure in
caves underneath the Cholamparai
rock near Uraiyur. In view of the
poor results of the search which
was undertaken at Govt expense.
vide G.O. No. 1503 Rev. dt 10 Oct 1881 - B
and the extremely problematical
nature of any of future undertakings
seems hardly worth while to
enter into any special contracts
with Mr. Dely. As proposed, and to
by the Board in pursuance of the current
to Treasure Trove Act, cannot apply before
the treasure is "discovered" and the Collr.
can deal with it under the Act, if it
found for - it is not in the report
of the Board of passed 22nd Nov 1881.

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