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G.O., No. 1138 - 39 Ry

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Alignment of the C. C. Ry

Ordered that the G of I be informed that similar petitions have previously been read from P. V. Chindan Nambiyar praying for an alteration in the proposed — so as to avoid passing thro' a Hindu Temple and that after a very full enquiry into the circumstances this Govt passed its Order No 137 Ry d/ 4-2-99.

— Informed —

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To,

His Excellency, The Governor in Council,
Fort Saint George
MADRAS.

COLLECTOR
30. SEP. 1898
MALABAR

CHIEF SECRETARY
1st JUN. 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The humble memorial of the undersigned residents of Thiruvangad Amshom Kottayam Taluk.

Most Respectfully Showeth,

Dyvathar matam compound Tiruvangad Amshom, Deshom Kottayam Taluq.

That in the Calicut Cannanore Railway extension the survey for proposed alignment passes through a temple compound (description whereof is given in the margin) in which a shrine is situated.

That the passing of the proposed line through the said compound having in the eyes of the memorialists, met with obstacles of a religious concern, they petitioned to the Executive Engineer of the said line survey to alter the alignment in order that the said compound may be freed from the obstacle it has met.

That the Executive Engineer in disposing of the petition (Enclosure A) viewed that the proposed line does not touch the compound in which the shrine is situated and that therefore the alignment cannot be altered (Enclosure B).

That it is against this view of the Executive Engineer the memorialists appeal on the ground that the view arrived at by the Engineer is incorrect.

That the memorialists humbly beg to submit that the proposed line passes through the compound in question (as seen by the pegs now put up) and that the Engineer might perhaps have based his view on the supposition that, due to the existence of a small bund, which subdivides the compound as between the shrine and the house used by the Uralars the subdivided portion become separate plots, which is however not the case and the Engineer is mistaken.

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That the bund which serves simply as a mark of distinction between the shrine yard and the attached house, is not the boundary limit of the compound in question as supposed by the Engineer and that therefore the passage of the line through the said compound must meet with the religious obstacles cited above, which, if not redressed, will be a grave grievance to the memorialists.

Lastly the Executive Engineer now in charge of the work has altered the first line, and the present line as it stands passes closer to the temple than the previous one.

Your Excellency's most humble memorialists therefore pray that Your Excellency in Council may be pleased to order the proposed alignment to be altered so as to get the compound referred to in the memorial freed from the passage of the Railway line for which act of mercy, Your Excellency's humble memorialists shall as in duty bound.

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Your Excellency's msot humble
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Enclosure A.

A. B. STRANGE Esq.

Engineer in Charge of

CALICUT, CANNANORE EXTENSION,

SURVEY.

The humble petition of the undersigned residents of Tiruvangad Amsom Kottayam Taluq.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

1. That your petitioners understand with great concern that according to the recent survey for the Calicut Cannanore Extension of the Madras Railway it is contemplated that the line should pass through one Dyvathar Madam paramba in Tiruvangad Amsham Kottayam Taluq.

2. That the said paramba, as its name shows, is the seat of a very ancient temple very much venerated by petitioners and other Hindus of the place.

3. That petitioners deem it a matter of great sorrow that the proposed line should take up a portion of the seat of an old and much venerated religious institution.

4. That the petitioners fully believe that if proposed line passes thro' the said paramba the religious feelings of a considerable body of Hindu residents of the locality and neighbouring places would be much wounded.

5. That the proposed line though it does not actually pass through and does not therefore necessitate the removal of the temple building itself, yet the same will run sufficiently near the temple as to pollute it by the presence of low caste people who may travel in the train or may be employed on the line when in course of construction and afterwards for purposes of repairs &c.

6. That petitioners very respectfully request that even if the matter is final as far as you are concerned you may be pleased to place the matter before the proper authorities and have the alignment altered before the line is finally passed for construction.

7. That your petitioners again bring it to your notice that this is a matter in which Hindu religious sentiment is concerned and that laying the line thro' the temple compound will be opposed to the policy of Government hitherto uniformly followed *i. e.* not to wound the religious feelings of any class if it can be possibly avoided.

8. That in the circumstances the petitioners most earnestly request that you will take such steps in the matter as you deem fit and have the course of the line changed so as not to touch the aforesaid temple premises at all.

For which act of kindness your petitioners shall as in duty bound

EVER PRAY,

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Enclosure B.

No. 24

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CALICUT, CANNANORE SURVEY
Camp Dharmadham 12—1—98.

M. R. RY.
PUTHIYAVEETTIL CHINDAN NAMBIAR,
&c. &c. &c.
TIRUVENGAD,
Tellicherry.

SIR,

Petition for the alteration of alignment.

With reference to your petition dated 9th January 98, I beg to inform you that, having visited the spot in question, I see no reason why the alignment should be altered, it does not touch the compound in which the shrine is situated, and I will promise to use my influence to keep the Railway fence entirely out side that compound. More I cannot do.

Yours truly,
(Sd) A. B. STRANGE,
Executive Engineer.
(True Copy)

23
P. W. Ry. C. No. 968/98

Form No. 1.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

18/

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Current No. of 189 , dated , from
" " " 189 , " , "
" " " 189 , " , "

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Memorial from the residents of Tiruvangad Amsham Kottayam taluk ~~dated~~

ORDER. No. 781 Ry dated 4/6/98

The memorial read above will be forwarded× to the Collector of Malabar for early report.

× in orig.

4/6/98

To
The Coll. of Malabar
through the Board of Revenue
With memorial in orig.
to be returned with reply

Despatched on 4/6/98

From Madras office

Public Works (1898) Department.

Railway Branch

CURRENT No. 942

Recd 3/8/98

B/

No. 999 Ry dated 5/8/98.

Memorial

From

Chindan Nambiar,
First (Trustee) Eralan of the (temple) Devastanom
of Daivattarmatom
Tellicherry

No.

Order A copy of the memorial will be sent to The Collector of Malabar who is requested to expedite his reply to G.O. No. 781 Ry dt the 4th June 1898.

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Dated 29th July 1898

Received 3rd August 1898.

Registered

Enclosures

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No. 999 Ry / 1 dt 28. 11. 98

4/8/98 R

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JW 28/11/98.

To The Coll. of Malabar through the Board of Revenue.

Despatched on 5/8/98

SUBJECT.

Alignment of the Calicut-Cannanore Ry

Protesting against imperfect report of the Tahsildar in regard to the prayer for slight alteration in the with a view to avoid it to pass thro: a temple compound & requesting to cause a local enquiry by the Collector or Dist officer before passing final orders.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

P.W.D. (Ry. Branch)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS *CHIEF SECRETARY* -1 AUG. 1898

To,

His Excellency

The Governor in Council of

Fort Saint George,

Madras.

May it please your Excellency,

The Humble memorial of Chindan Nambiar first Uralan (Trustee) of the Devastanom (temple of) of Daivattarmatom (name of temple) situated within Tellicherry Municipality,

Most respectfully Showeth,

That on the 30th June '98 a memorial signed by the Uralars of Daivattarmatom and over five hundred inhabitants of Tiruvengad was submitted to your Excellency, praying for an order to cause a slight alteration in the alignment of Railway Extension from Calicut to Cannanore, with a view to avoid-

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the premises of the said Daivattarmatom through which it now passes to the great alarm to the religious feelings of Nayars and the lower classes of Hindus.

That the memorialist and the other Uralars of the said Davastanam who were anxiously awaiting summons from the Thasildar of Kottayam Taluk to whom, it appeared, the subject was referred for enquiry and report, were sadly disappointed to learn that a Report had already been made without giving the Uralars an opportunity to state their case or visiting the shrine to their knowledge or taking evidence from respectable old men of the locality who were eligible to express opinions on matters of the kind. The memorialist begs to point out that among the signatories to the first memorial are the chief priest of the Tirivengad temple and the chief priest of the Brahmins of the locality besides a host of other Brahmins and Nayars of status and substance that permanently reside in the neighbourhood.

The memorialist therefore humbly protest against the imperfect report of the Thasildar and most respectfully request your Excellency to cause a local enquiry by the Collector, Divisional officer or any other responsible officer before passing final orders upon the memorial of the Uralars and inhabitants, and thus redress their grievance. For which act of kindness and charity the memorialist shall as in duty bound.

Ever pray.

29th. July 1899 }
Tellicherry }

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No. 24.

Dharmadham. 12. 1. 98.

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Yours truly,
(sd) A. B. Strange
Executive Engineer

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Public ^works (189 8) Department.

Railway

CURRENT No. 968

From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras.

Order

No. 2116 Misc.

Dated 8th August 1898.

Received } 11-8-98
Registered }

Enclosures 3

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. report from the Collector of ~~Madras~~ Malabar regarding the memorial of certain individuals ~~to~~ in the Kottayam Taluk, complaining of the present alignment of the Calicut-Cannanore Railway extension.

To DR
11/8

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

G/R No. 2944/98

Kottayam Taluk Office
Camp Kuthuparamba 30th June 1898.

To
The Sub Collector of Malabar,
Tellicherry.

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Sir,

I beg to report on your endorsement Ref. on C. No. $\frac{703}{H.A98}$ of the 22nd Instant forwarding to me for report the memorial (without date) presented by certain residents of the Tiruvangad Amsam — (that is of Tellicherry) protesting against the passage of the proposed Railway line (from Calicut to Cannanore) through a certain property called the "Dywakar Matam" on the ground that an ancient Hindu temple held in high esteem by the Community is located on the property.

2. The Memorialists say that though the above property (situated at Tellicherry) is apparently divided into two sections, respectively containing the seats of the temple in question and the house used by its Uralars, yet, in fact the two sections together make up the property; and that the passing of the line even through the section containing the Uralar's house is open to objection in a religious point of view, as the line will still be passing too close to the temple so as to pollute it by the presence of low caste people either travelling in the train or working on the line.

3. That the property is made up of the 2

Sections

Sections appears to be true. It is also a fact — as will be seen from the accompanying sketch of the scene — that though the originally surveyed line passed through only the Section B containing the Evalari's house, the now proposed line passes through both the above section and also the other A wherein is located the so called temple — the shortest distance from it to the Eastern extremity of the line being 108 links = 71 ft.

4. Now the question to be determined is only whether under the circumstances stated above, the adoption of the line as it now stands will have in any way the effect of wounding the religious feelings of the general Hindu public at the place or of any section of the Community. I would answer the question in the negative. The following facts will go to show that there is little or no room for the entertainment of any such apprehension.

5. To begin with — The present temple — "very ancient" and "very much venerated" according to the memorialists, though situated at Tellicherry, does not find a place among the numerous (over 30) Hindu temples situated in the different amsams in this Taluk — mentioned in the Malabar Manual —. The inference is obvious. It can hardly be presumed that there was an inadvertent omission in this case.

6. Again. A mere inspection of the so-called temple, will readily convince the observer that it is not a temple at all but only a dwelling house of a respectable Hindu

family.

family. In its architecture it is wanting in all the ordinary requisites of even an ordinary Hindu temple, while on the other hand it answers fully to all the conditions of a dwelling house — It is a "Nalukettu" (having an inner Court yard) house consisting of several small rooms intended for the storage of paddy and for other domestic purposes and a kitchen. It is not likely that any one will, for a moment mistake the building for a temple.

7. Then again — As stated in the Memorial the present temple is called the "Dywathar Matam" which term signifies a "Matam" (house) belonging to Dywathar. As it is the property of the "Erpalachi kavu" devaswam the chief ~~deity~~ deity worshipped in the latter temple being "Dywathar" (Siva in the costume of thiratham). The term "Matam" is hardly applied to any Hindu temple. It generally means a house owned by a Pattar Brahmin. It is also applied to the outhouses attached, as is generally the case, to almost all the respectable Nayar Tarawads, more or less everywhere in the District. These outhouses are intended and used for the purpose of feeding Brahmin travellers and Brahmin husband, if any, in the families concerned and also for the performances by Brahmins of some daily or occasional religious ceremonies for the general prosperity of the Tarawads concerned. Brahmins but no others may live permanently in

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It is often applied to a religious residence (a matt) S their houses but only without their families.

8. The present temple is hardly anything more than such a "Matam" in a social point of view. Brahmins appear to have been permanently living here - for instance Mr. Subbaram ayyer, lately a Submagistrate in the District - but now in jail, when he was formerly a clerk in your office.

9. The whole property on which the "Dywathar Matam" is located is, as already remarked the property of the "Urpalachi Kavu Devaswam" This "Kavu" (temple) which is situated in the Chirakkal Taluk owns large estates at and in the neighbourhood of Tellicherry. The large quantity of paddy collected as rent from these lands is secured in some of the rooms in the building in question to be sold locally at favourable seasons in order to avoid the expense and trouble incidental to the removal of the same to the seat of the above said Devaswam in the Chirakkal Taluk. It is said that the present building ~~is~~ which no doubt is an ancient ~~building~~ one - was mainly built for the above purpose and as above stated, it is still used for that purpose. But it is a fact that in one of the rooms in the building daily poojas are made by an Embrandiri to the Chief and all or some of the minor deities of the above "Urpalachi Kavu". The building can hardly be held to be a temple for the above reason.

10. On reading the names of the several signatories in the Memorial the first thing that strikes one - acquainted with the place and its leading citizens - is the absence among the signatories of the names of the leading Hindu Jenmis of the place as well as of the leading Vakils residing there. This is very significant. Again of the 541 signatories there are very few tax payers. Then again of the rest a number of them appears to be school boys; and moreover the house names in most cases have also been purposely omitted. This itself is very suspicious as suggesting the inference that these persons may not be, after all, the residents of the place. Of the well known persons, amongst the signatories Nos. 1 to 8 are the uralars of the "Urpalachi Kavu" Devaswam - whose newly built house - on the section B. in the sketch, will be affected by the line. Nos. 9, 10 and 11 are related to one another but here also the line passes through the house compound of one of them. These facts will also go to show the groundless character of the present agitation.

11. Considering all the above circumstances of the case, there is, in my opinion little or no reason for any alteration of the line being made in the course of the line in consequence of the present groundless agitation on the part of some persons with ulterior motives.

12 - The records received with the endorsement under report and the sketch of the scene are submitted.

I beg &c
(Sd.) K. Govinda Menon
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(True Copy)

~~No.~~ D 242 / Pub:

(True Copy)

With Copy of the Sketch submitted to Government (through the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue) with reference to G.O. No. 781 Ry dated 4th June 1898.

+ Govt Regr No 950 of '98

2. There is no necessity to alter the present alignment.

3. The memorial is herewith returned

Malabar Collr's Office
Calicut 11th July 1898

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Deputy Collector
~~for~~ ag Collector

11/7/98.

12.7.98

21 / P.W. Ry C No 968/98

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15-7-98.

This has crossed G.O. No. 999 dt. 5.8.98 which forwards a petition complaining about the report. We may await Collector's reply.
13.8.98

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No.211~~8~~6 Misc.,dated 8th August 1898.

Read the following :-

1. Endorsement of F.C.Parsons,Esquire,Ag.Collector of Malabar,D.No.242/Pub.,dated IIth July 1898,and the following ~~Reference~~ thereon No.800,dated 19th July 1898.

Await
JMS
13/8/98

The Collector is requested to return G.O.No.781 Railway,dated 4th June 1898 forwarded to him in original with Government register No.950 of 1898 on ~~the~~ 15th June '98

2. Also letter from F.C.Parsons,Esquire,Ag.Collector of Malabar,No.D.310/Pub.,dated 25th July 1898.

Resolution

The Tahsildar's report forwarded by the Collector with his endorsement read above will be submitted to Government with reference to Government Order (Public Works Department)No.781 (Railway)dated 4th June 1898.

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2. The memorialists who profess to be residents of Tiruvangad Amsom in the Kottayam Taluk complain of the present alignment of the Calicut Cannanore Railway extension on the ground that it passes through the property known as "Dyyathur Matam" compound paramba,which comprises a very ancient Hindu temple.The Tahsildar's report however,makes it clear that the building in question is not a temple,proper and that there is no reason to apprehend that the proximity thereto of the line now adopted will wound the religious feelings of the Hindu Community.The Collector considers that there is no necessity to alter the present alignment and the Board concurs in this view.

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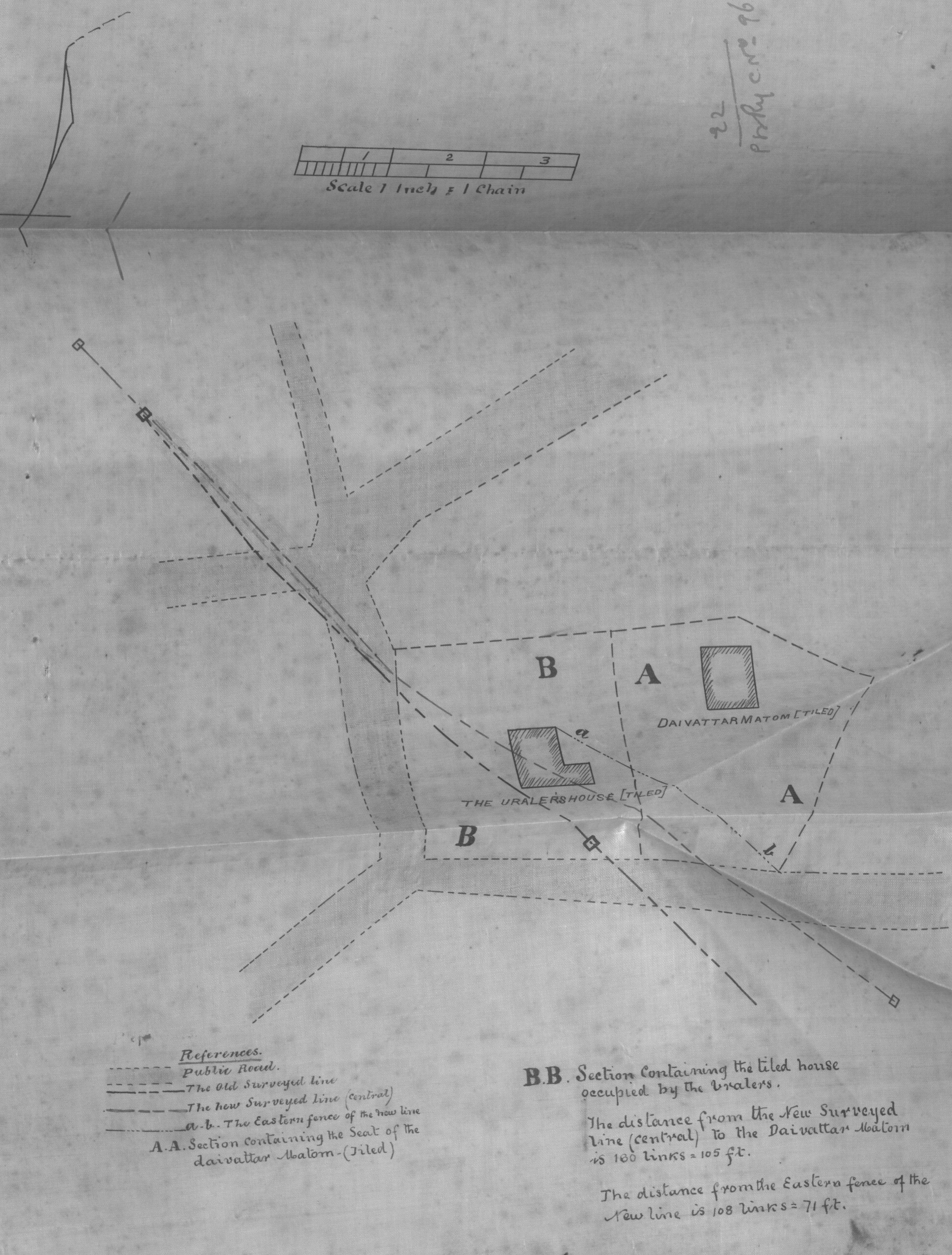

References.

- Public Road.
- The Old Surveyed line
- The new Surveyed line (central)
- a.b. The Eastern fence of the new line

A.A. Section containing the Seat of the daivattar Matom-(Tiled)

B.B. Section containing the tiled house occupied by the Uralers.

The distance from the New Surveyed line (central) to the Daivattar Matom is 160 links = 105 ft.

The distance from the Eastern fence of the New line is 108 links = 71 ft.

(Sd) K. Govinda Menon
Tahr, Kottayam

(True Copy)

For Collector, Malabar.

(True Copy and Extract)

Lionel Davidson

Ag. Secretary

To

The Joint Secretary to Government P.W.D. Railway, with
G.R.No.2944 of 1898 & its 2 enclosures.

Md.R.H.

Public Works (1898) Department. Ry.

Railway

CURRENT No. 1006

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To Coty
Cnla. 22/8

~~Order~~

Await Collector's reply.

From

The Board of Revenue, Land
Revenue, Madras.

Ref No. 186 (Retn)

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
RECEIVED
22 AUG 1898
MADRAS.

Dated 19th August 1898

Received
Registered } 22.8.98

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding to the Collector of Malabar for remarks petition from Ch~~a~~indan Nambiyar, Tellicherry, re. the a~~l~~lign~~e~~ment of the Calicut Cannanore Railway extension.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Office of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue)
Dated 19th August 1898.

Read again Board's Proceedings No.2116, dated 8th August 1898.

Read also the following:-

Public Works Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following:--

Memorial from Chindan Nambiar, first Uralan of the Devastanam of Daivattarmatom, Tellicherry, dated 29th July 1898.

Order thereon, No.999 Ry., dated 5th August 1898

A copy of the memorial will be sent to the Collector of Malabar who is requested to expedite his reply to G.O.No.781 -- Ry., dated 4th June 1898.

(signed) F. J. E. Spring
Joint Secretary.

(Rly)

Reference No.126, dated 19th August 1898.

Forwarded to the Collector of Malabar for remarks.

2. The report already submitted by him was forwarded to Government with Board's Resolution No.2116, dated 8th August -- 1898.

Lionel Davidson
Ag. Secretary.

To the Collr. of Malabar with memorial & with copy of B.P.No.2116
dated 8th August 1898

Copy to the Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D. (Railway Branch).

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P. W. D. (Railway Branch).
~~Financial~~ (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1100

CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS
RECEIVED
21 SEP. 1898
MADRAS.

From the Board of Revenue,
(Land Revenue), Madras.

Order

No. 138. $\frac{\text{R.M.}}{\text{O}}$ d. 28/9/98 P. P. 605

Forwarded accordingly

No. 2358 Routine

Dated 20th September 1898.

Received
Registered } 21-9-98

Enclosures

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Despatched on 28/9/98

To
The Collr. of Malabar

Enclo:
Of the memorial referred to

SUBJECT.

Requesting Government to forward direct to the Collector of Malabar the original memorial from the residents of Tiruvengod amsom, Kottayam Taluk, complaining of the present alignment of the Calicut Cannanore Railway extension.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No 2358 Routine, dated 20th September 1898.

Read- letter from F.C.Parsons Esquire, I.C.S, acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Madras, Ref. on C.No 1085/B&G -'98, dated 10th September 1898, requesting to be furnished with the original Memorial of certain residents of Tiruvangad, Tellichery, regarding the alignment of the Calicut Cannanore Railway.

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RESOLUTION:- The Board requests that the original memorial from the residents of Tiruvangad amsom, Kottayam Taluk, which was returned to Government with Reference No flag M 2116 dated 8th August 1898 may be forwarded direct to the Collector of Malabar, who asks for it in connection with the second memorial dated the 29th July 1898 which has been sent to him for remarks with Board's Reference No flag Q 126 dated 19th August '98, communicating flag R G.O. 999 (Railway) dated 5th August '98.

(True Extract).

Lionel Davidson

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, P.W.D, (Railway Branch)

To the Collector of Malabar.

M.S.N.

P.W.D.

~~Public~~ (1899) Department.

Railway Branch

CURRENT No. 157.

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS RYS.
RECEIVED
30 JAN. 1899

From The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras.

Order

No. 355 Mis.

Dated 27th January '99.

Received } 30. 1. 99

Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government the report called for from the Collector of Malabar on the memorial presented to H.E. the Governor in Council re: the alignment of the Madras Railway Extension from Calicut to Cannanore.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 1632 D / D. 98

Malabar Sub Collector's office
Tellicherry, 11th December 1898

To
The Collector of Malabar
Calicut

Sir,

Adverting to your endorsement Ref on 1085/1849, dated 26th August 98 I have the honor to state that I personally inspected the "Dywatar matam" and compound this morning and I entirely agree with the views laid down in the report already made by the Tahsildar. The matam is in no sense an ancient temple and old and much venerated religious institution as alleged.

2. I called on the Uralars to produce any evidence they wished to prove their contentions and fixed the hearing for yesterday. The result was that five Uralars tendered themselves as witnesses, no independent and reliable evidence was forthcoming. The Uralars have no documents any evidence to produce to prove that the place was a much venerated shrine and one held in reverence by a large number of Hindus. Had the Matam been what it is represented by the Uralars to be, there would inevitably be plenty of documents forthcoming. The five Uralars examined ~~were~~ are persons of no particular position judging by the petty amount of Land Revenue which those of them pay (and) who pay any at all. All the witnesses could say

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

To.

M. J. Murphy Esquire
Acting Sub Collector
Malabar
Tellicherry.

Most honoured & Respected Sir,

We the undersigned petitioners, having come to understand that the present Railway line selected & confirmed is objected to by the uralans of the Urpisikavu Devasam on the ground that Devathar mattam is a temple & as such cannot be disturbed with, humbly beg to put forward the following few lines to your kind and favourable consideration.

The Statement that Devathar matta is a temple cannot hold good since it does not come within the definition of ~~a~~ the word temple. which must necessarily contain within it an idol or a group of idols either natural or artificial of stone, brass or any other metal, and which must have the pomps & festivities, & processions accompanied with drum-beating & blowing of trumpets which are invariably observed and carried out in almost all the Hindu s in Malabar & in other districts of the Presidency of Madras. In the absence of all these, Devathar Mattam is must be considered. not as a temple, but only as a private house (of course built by the Uralans at the expense of the Urpasikavu Devasom) set apart to preserve the paddy and other produce E.g. Cocoanuts &c, accruing from the aforesaid devasom lands & paramba situated within this jurisdiction & in this part of Tellichery.

If this, the so-called temple can be considered a temple in the strict sense & definition of the word temple, then every Brahmin house in Tiruvangad & every out-house belonging to rich nayar & other tarwads (E.g. Kukkal, Chingoran Keloth, Akkaravit, Pattath, & many others), where separate houses are built for religious purpose, such as performing puja of small idols by Brahmins, feeding Brahmins, & celebrating great feasts, these, & these houses also, where either Brahmins only reside or which are entirely left vacant, must be considered as temples, and cannot be disturbed with on the ground that they are temples, the very plea on which the

the Uralans seem to object to the present line selected & confirmed by the Ex. Engineers &c. The petitioners shall be prepared to prove that gentries from distant quarters, the friends of the Uralans have used, used & still use at times, the Mattam as a regular private house contrary to the definition of the word temple. Lower Caste people, menses females, all these pass through the yard of the Mattam which would not have occurred if it was a temple.

The very fact, that the house which is only a few yards distant from Devathar Mattam belongs to one of the Uralans of the Devasom, ~~proves~~ and the fact that the line selected demolishes his house, prove that the plea is only for his own interest, & that it is not on public ground for the reasons given above.

Within the precincts of a Hindu temple no others than Brahmins are allowed to reside

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two, & only these two, go by the name of mattam
Malabar in which sense the Devathar mattam is
taken and not as a public temple which
med as Ambalam, Kshethram &c.

The building itself is not constructed
ording to the rules and principles required
the erection of a temple. On the contrary it is
ilt according to the rules laid down for the
ction of ordinary and private houses.

On a clear and personal examination
the inner apartments of the house, it can be
dently found out to your honor's entire
isfaction that there are no idols &c, (if
uch Virtue in it") the Iralans have not
emeditatingly planted one on the ground
inside. A big granary or Pathayam can very well
be

be seen, & there the paddy, coc nuts &c
referred to above are stored ipe.

Taking these into your kind and favourable consideration, we, the undersigned hope that the present line selected and confirmed, will not be in any way altered.

We beg to remain
Most honoured & Respected Sir
your most obedient Servants.

5th Dec: 1898
Tellicherry

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2. S Krishna Rao.
3. Subba [illegible] Pattar
4. [illegible] C. Sankaran
5. [illegible] Ram
6. [illegible] Harigan Putter.
7. Vasudevan V. [illegible] Charan Putter.
8. K.R. Anantanarayana Aiyar
9. C.R. Venkiteswara Aiyar
10. [illegible]
11. [illegible]
12. Mankotte Krishnankutti. [illegible] Kuttikaran
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was that the place was in existence before their time — Some of them being over 70 years of age. It is ~~[illegible]~~ absurd to use the ordinary words for a temple such as Ambalam, Kshethram, in connection with this building. It is really a place for the storage of paddy and also for the performance of private puja for the prosperity of the tarawads of those concerned. It is also a place where brahmins may dwell temporarily and perform puja. It was once graced by the presence of Subbaramier

3 I enclose a petition received by this mornings' Tappal sent no doubt by some unfriendly neighbours of the Walars. It however sums up neatly the arguments against the Walars' position. It points out that if this matam is to be regarded as a temple, there will be many similar objections from Tiruvangad and it will be difficult to secure an unobjectionable alignment for the Railway through that aristocratic locality. In many of the larger tarwad houses belonging to well-known families there is a building set apart for private worship and these people would have a similar claim to have the Railway removed to a distance from their houses.

4 I see no sufficient reason to recommend any alteration in the alignment

I have &c.
(Signed) M. J. Murphy,
a.s. Sub Collector.

B&G 98

With the petition of the 5th instant, submitted to the Board with reference to B. Reference No. 126 Petn. dated 19th August 9

and with an expression of concurrence in Sub Collector's remarks.

(Signed) G. W. Dance
~~for~~ Collector

Malabar Collector's
Office,
Dated 23-12-98

(True copy)

L.W. Swamikannu
28 JAN 1899
for Ag Secretary.

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was that the place was in existence before their

(Signed) H. J. Murphy,
as Sub Collector.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No. 355 misc, dated 27th January '99

Read again Board's Proceedings no ~~Ristme~~, dated 20th September '98

Read also endorsement of the Board Revenue, Settlement Department, dated August 1898 transferring to the Land Revenue Department G. O. P. W. D. Railway Branch no. 999 Ry. dated 5th August '98; and thereon, no 126 Pet dated 19th August '98.

Read also letter from G. W. Dance Esq. ~~the~~ Collector of Malabar, dated 23rd December 98; and Reference thereon no. 5 (Pet) dated 7th January '99.

Read also letter from G. W. Dance Esqre, ~~the~~ Collector of Malabar, dated 10th January 99 Ref. on C. No. 1085 Bd. G. of 98.

Resolution

The

sub collector's report forwarded
Collector's endorsement Reference
$\frac{95}{49}$ dated 23rd December 98 will be
d to Government with reference to
no. 999 R Railway dated 5th August

The Collector concurs in the opinion
ub Collector who, on personal
ction found the mattam in question
a place used for the storage of paddy
also for the performance of private
ship designed to ensure the prosperity
he Tarwards concerned. It is neither
ancient temple, nor a sacred religious
titution as alleged. There are several
ch places set apart for private
rship, and the Board agrees with the
llector in considering that it is un-
sirable to interfere on behalf of the
petitioners

(Signed) H. J. Murphy
Ag Sub Collector.

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petitioners, more especially as it would be very difficult to secure an ~~afflign-ment~~ alignment altogether free from objections such as those urged.

3 The Counterpetition received by the Sub Collector on this subject is also submitted herewith.

(True Extract)

L. D. Swamikannu

28 JAN 1899

for Ag Secretary.

To

the Joint Secretary to Govern-
ment, Public Works Department
Railway Branch, with 2 memorials
returned and one petition and
copy of Collector's endorsement & Sub
Collector's letter.

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Form No. 1.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 4th June 1898, No. 781 Ry

Again G.O., dated 6th August 1898, No. 999 Ry

Petty Current No. 968 of 1898, dated 11.8.98, from the Board of Revenue

" " " 157 " 1899, " 30.1.99, " do

" " " 189 , " , "

No 137 Ry d/ 4/2/99

Does the re alignment recently decided on affect this temple ? 2/2/99

ORDER.

In the petitions read above certain residents of the Tiruvangad Amsham (i.e. of Tellicherry) complain that the present alignment of the Calicut Cannanore Railway passes through a property called the "Dywathar(one) Matam" which is alleged to contain a very ancient Hindu temple held in high esteem by the community.

2. The Tahsildar's report as well as that of the Sub-Collector of Malabar who made a personal inspection of the place, show that the building in question is in no sense an ancient temple

or a sacred religious institution, but ~~merely~~ a place used for the storage of paddy and for the performance of private worship similar to many others in the locality which are set apart by the owners for religious purposes.

3. For these reasons and more especially as it would be very difficult to secure an alignment altogether free from objections such as those now urged by the Memorialists, His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to sanction the alteration in the alignment ~~[illegible]~~ prayed for by the Petitioners [illegible].

for R
2/2/99

To Chindan Nambiar & other residents of Tiruvangad Amsham Kottayam taluk. Through the Collector of Malabar.

Despatched on 6/2/99

2-2-99

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Public Works (1899) Department.

Railway Branch

CURRENT No. 601

H.E. for approval, with reference to report since obtained from the Agent on his officers.

B/

No. 641. Ry dated 6/6/99

From the Govt. of India

Order

2.S.H.
5.6.99

Recorded with reference to G.O. No. 137 Ry. 4-2-99. flag I

No. 678. R.C

Dated the 18th April 1899.

Received " 26th "

Registered 28.4.99

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27/5/99

SUBJECT.

Calicut-Cannanore Ry.

Forwarding for disposal a petition dy 5/3/99 from P.V. Chindan Nambiar, praying for an alteration in the proposed alignment of the — so as to avoid passing thro: ~~an[illegible]~~ Hindu temple.

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No.	Date.

Recd 26/4/99

No. 678 R.C.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Simla, the 18th April 1899.

The under-mentioned paper is forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for favour of disposal.

By order,

C. J. Cole.

Offg. Under Secretary.

Please see G.O. No. 137 Ry, d/14.2.99 which disposed of the petition (T)

Document referred to :-

Petition dated the 5th March 1899, from P.V. Chindan Nambiar, First Uralan of Dyvatarmatom, Tellicherry.

Calicut Cannanore Railway.

Prays for an alteration in the proposed alignment of the Railway so as to avoid passing through a property called the "Dyvatarmatom" which is alleged to contain an ancient Hindu temple.

S.s.S.

ARCT.

Office of the Consulting Engineer for Rys.

Ootacamund, the 3rd May 1899.

My dear Moss,

I forward in original my office file on the subject of a petition from certain priests living near the Calicut-Cannanore Railway and shall be much obliged if you will obtain a report from your ~~Chief~~ Engineer as to whether with a slight diversion of the alignment it can be arranged not to give offence. Neither your Company nor Government has any desire to offend our public, even if their grievances may appear to us and to the Collector to be petty ones.

If a slight diversion of the line will suffice to take the line no further from the temple (or whatever it is or was) than has been considered adequate in similar cases elsewhere, I think it would be worth while to do it.

Kindly return me the original file with your men's report.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Francis J. E. Spring.

Despatched on 3/5/99

Public Works (1899) Department.

Railway
CURRENT No. 1121

B/

From the Govt of India

Order - No. 1016 Ry dated 11/9/99

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14/9/99

No. 1597 RC

Dated 23rd August 1899
Received 4th Septr 99
Registered do
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SUBJECT.

Calicut - Cannanore Railway

Forwarding for such action as may be considered necessary letter from Mr P. V. Chindan Nambiyar, First Uralan of of Daivattar matom in regard to the alleged interference of the alignment of the ---- with a public temple.

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JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS RYS.
RECEIVED
4- SEP. 1899

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 1597 R.C.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Simla, the 23rd August 1899.

The under-mentioned papers are forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department Railway Branch, for such action as may be considered necessary, in continuation of Public Works Department memorandum No.678 R.C dated 18th April 1899.

By order,

C. J. Cole
Under Secretary.

Documents referred to.

Letter dated 4th August 1899 and enclosure, from Mr. P.V. Chindan Nambyar, First Uralan of Daivattarmatom.

Calicut Cannanore Railway.

Alleged interference of the alignment with a public temple.

C No 1173

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH

H.E. The Governor

H.E. has already seen this (Flag S). I suggest that action be taken as proposed at the end of the Under Secretary's note overleaf.

F.L.S.
20/9/99

App^d.
A.S.H
29.9.99

Telegram from P.V. Chindan Nambyar asking that his petition against the acquisition of certain land required for the Calicut Cannanore line be referred to the Viceroy.

In June /98 a memorial was addressed to H.E. The Governor was received from certain "residents of Tiruvangad Amshom Kottayam Taluk" asking that the alignment of the R^y should be altered so that it would not pass through a temple compound. The name of the temple being Dyvathar matam. This memorial was referred to ~~H~~ the Collector of Malabar for report.

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In August /98 a further memorial to H.E was received from Chindan Nambyar first Uralan (trustee) of this temple protesting against the manner in which the Tahsildar of Kottayam had carried out the enquiry. The ~~H~~ Collector having referred the matter to him.

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This memorial also was referred to the Collector.

Under B^d. of Revenue's proceedings No. 2116 Misc the Tahsildar's report on the

H.E. 20/9/99 R/30/9/99

original petition was received. The Tahsildar's report was, in substance, that the "Syvathan matam" was not a temple proper & that there was no reason to apprehend that the proximity of the line would wound the religious feelings of the Hindu community. The Collector concurred.

With Board of Revenue's proceedings No 355 Mis dt 27.1.99 was received the report called for on the second memorial. This consisted of a very full report by Mr. M. J. Murphy Sub Collector of Malabar to the effect that the Uralars of the temple had failed to produce any evidence whatsoever in favour of their contention that the building in question was a sacred shrine beyond their own personal testimony that the building was used for the storage of paddy & also for the purposes of private puja. Mr. Murphy also forwarded a petition against any change in the alignment & pointed out that there were so many similar buildings in this locality that it would be difficult to run a line without interfering

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with some of them.

On this Govt. passed its order G.O No 137 Rs dt 4/2/99 refusing to interfere with the present alignment.

In Govt. of India No 678 R.C dt 18.4.99 was forwarded for disposal a further petition from Chindan Nambiar to H.E. The Viceroy. No further evidence in support of the contention that the building is a temple were given in this petition except that instances were cited to prove that "matam" meant a temple. On receipt of this a D.O report was called for by the Consulting Engineer from the Executive Engineer actually in charge of the work. Mr. Anson reported that the petition was "in all respects similar to hundreds which I have received". He reported that the actual temple would not be interfered with but that probably any realignment would interfere with property "quite as great" as the existing line.

With Govt. of India letter No 1597 R.C to this Govt. was forwarded a letter dt. 4th Augt. /99 from P. V Chendan Nambyar to the address of The Secretary to Govt. of India P.W.D complaining that this Govt. had as yet passed no orders on his petition to the Viceroy, that the Executive Eng. had not looked into the matter personally & asking that his grievances might be laid before H.E. The Viceroy. These two latter petitions should have been sent to India through this Govt. The first petition has been sent to us by India "for disposal" the second letter "for such action as may be considered necessary". We have already disposed of the case after a very full enquiry & it is difficult to know what further action we could take

JLA
20/9/99.

It is suggested that the petitions may be returned to India with a letter stating that the matter was very fully enquired into before this Govt. passed its G.O.x disposing of the case. This will enable India to similarly dispose of the case which they cannot do now as the petitions did not reach them through the proper channel JLA 20/9/99

x G.O No. 137 Ry. dt. 4/2/99 Flag T

Appd.
A.S.H.
29.9.99

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number 182

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To (Person) Joint Secretary. Govt. of Madras. Public works Dept. Railway branch

From (Person) P V Chendan Nambyar

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF MADRAS RYS.
RECD. 19 SEP. 1899 1.35 PM

Pray refer petition to Viceroy fifth MarchD and letter 4th augB 99 forwarded to madras Govt lands being acquired fear ~~dist~~ destruction of temple have mercy alter alignment await favour of Orders.

G.O. 137 Ry dt. 4.2.99 (flag T) was comm.d to the petitioner

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Order No. 1138 Ry. dated 11/10/99.

The Govt. of India will be addressed

Form No 10/A.

No. 1139. Ry

Government of Madras,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Public Works Department,

Ooty, the 11th Octr 1899

Despatched on 11.10.99

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Memos Nos 678 R.C & 1597 R.C dt respectively the 18th April & 23rd August 1899 and in reply to state that Similar petitions have previously been received from P.V. Chidam Nar & that after a very full enquiry into the circumstances of the case, this Govt passed ~~an~~ its order No 137 Ry dt 4th February 1899 a copy of which is enclosed.

2. The petitions forwarded with your Memos under reply are herewith returned

FKS 7/10

JLK 5/10/99

Documents accomp:-

- Copy of Pros No 137 Ry of 4/2/99 & petitions referred to in para 2 with ~~its~~ their enclos.

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1,000—12-98.

Madras Railway Company,
CALICUT-CANNANORE EXTENSION,

Calicut, May 22 1899

No. ______

My dear Moss

I return you the Consulting Engineers docket with Annes report upon the case added to it - the petitioners have small cause for complaint and it would not be just to alter the alignment and take up other mens ground that is equally valuable to them in order to gratify the petitioners

Yours sincerely
E A Spencely

Tellicherry.

May16:1899.

Dear Mr French

The enclosed petition of which I am keeping a copy is in all respects similar to hundreds which I have received. They are always dealt with as follows.-

On receipt of such a petition by me it is sent on to the Dep Collector for disposal. As instructed by me, he then informs me whether on the grounds of excessive cost, or for any other reason of a public nature it is advisable to avoid the land or property. In many instances he informs me that there is no weighty reason to avoid the land & that the petition is simply the result of a natural wish on the part of the owners to save their property. In cases where the Dep. Collector recommends the avoidance of the land, I personally inspect the place & am able in most instances to meet his wishes. I do not think the Cons. Eng can realize that the "parambas" in Tellicherry & other populated parts are covered with a mass of semidetached houses, surrounded by small compounds, & that this fact together with the presence of numerous mosques & temples, some public & some private, formed the chief difficulty of the Survey. In the present instance I inspected the ground myself last year & though I found that any realignment would cause an interference with property quite as great as in the existing line, yet I promised the owners both verbally & in writing that the actual temple should not be interfered with, though we might find it necessary to encroach on part of the land belonging to it. I was at the same time informed by the Revenue Inspector who accompanied me, that the temple was not of any public importance.

The acquisition of land in Tellicherry has not yet commenced, but when it does this case will be looked into with the rest.

In the meantime I hope I have shown that due care is being taken to respect the public interests, feelings, & that valuable property is not being acquired unnecessarily.

I enclose copy of letter already sent to this petitioner, in Jan:y 1898.

Yours sin:y

E. Anson

(A. & M. VII.)

Enclosures

No.

1,000—10-97.

Madras Railway Company,
AGENT & MANAGER'S OFFICE,
RAYAPURAM TERMINUS,

Madras, 25th May, 1899.

My Dear Spring,

Flag J

Your D. O. of the 3rd instant.

I return as requested your office file on the subject of a petition from certain Priests living near the Calicut- Cannanore line of Railway, and I send you also an original report from Anson to French and a memo from the latter officer.

You will notice that both Anson and Strange seem to have studied the position of the place on the ground and that they are of opinion the petitioner's request in this instance should not be complied with.

Does Anson give you sufficient information ? If not, I shall be glad to refer to him again.

Yours Sincerely,

Louis. S Mold