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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 166	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 31—1—	1860.

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No. 132. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th January 1860, No. 119.

Read letter from the Collector of Malabár, dated 12th December 1859, No. 293.

(In Con. 19th December 1859, No. 6288.)

In Consultation 13th July 1859, *No.* 3434.

In the Proceedings of Government, dated 12th July last, Revenue Department, No. 925, the Collector of Malabár was instructed to call upon the Uralars of three temples in the Ellurnád Ams'am and the Pulpali Dés'am of the Kuppatod Ams'am, to prove their titles to the forests claimed by them in those localities, within a given time.

2. Mr. Grant states that he duly carried out these orders, allowing the Uralars twenty days for the purpose. None of these persons, however, seem to have appeared before him, and he, therefore, submits a memorandum of the circumstances of each case, with lists of the documents produced by the parties themselves, or found on record in connection with the claims.

3. The documentary evidence is of a vague and indefinite character, and in no case is it of anterior date to Mr. Vaughan's proclamation of 1824, regarding the Pychy escheats.

4. In the case of the Pulpali Dés'am, Mr. Chatfield, then Sub-Collector, so far recognised the right of the pagoda, as, after an enquiry by the Tahsildar, in 1850-51, to decline offers from strangers to rent the privilege of cutting timber in the forests.

5. The claims of the Kotiote Rajah and certain Uralars of the Tirunhalli Pagoda to forests in Ellurnád have been set aside by a decree of Court. Some other Uralars are, however, now trying their right to certain lands given by the Collector for coffee planting; the original and appeal decrees were against the Uralars and the special appeal is now pending.

6. No claims have ever been preferred on behalf of the Trichilleri temples till now, when the present Uralar has come forward with a list of hills and lands which he claims.

7. M. Grant has come to the conclusion that none of these temples possessed forest lands which were formerly worthless except as hunting grounds, and the right does not appear to have ever been conferred on temples. He recommends that the final decision of Government on the rights of the temples be deferred until the Revenue Survey is extended to that part of the country. The enquiries of the settlement department will throw much light on the subject, and the actual extent of land escheated cannot be determined until surveyed. The Tirunhalli temple is one of great note and any act to its detriment is likely, he states, to be much felt.

8. The Board resolve to submit the above papers, with reference to paragraph 10 of the Proceedings above quoted, and to request the orders of Government on the Collector's proposition.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1860, No. 166.

The Government adopt the recommendation of the Collector, and, accordingly, resolve that no further proceedings in the matter of the claims of the temples in question to forest lands shall be taken for the present and pending the progress of the survey.

2. The Collector will furnish the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement with all the documents and information that he may possess bearing on the subject and the latter officer will report fully on it, through the Director, when his operations have advanced sufficiently to enable him to do so.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Rev. Dept.

No. 166.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 31st January 1860
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of the Board of Revenue -

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Forwarded 10th January 1860 No. 119

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Dy Director

C20th January 1826

Copy in a Letter to Govt
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Resolving that no
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certain temples to forest
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be taken for the present.

No 132 & 133.

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