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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 12. Read the following letter from Mr. G. F. FISCHER; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madura, 13th February 1860.

Enclosed I beg to submit a Power of Attorney from the Manager of the Meenatchee Sundaréswarál and other pagodas of this place, authorizing me to demand from Government, which I respectfully beg to do, the restoration of the villages belonging to said pagodas, which have long been in the keeping of the Government as also the repayment of the surplus revenues of those villages, which have accumulated in the hands of Government, over and above the expenditure incurred by Government on account of the said pagodas.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1860, No. 331.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for full report.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Translation

This is the power of Attorney given under the date the 4th February 1860 to Mr. G. F. Fisher the Zemindar of Salem Mitta, now temporarily staying at Madura, - by Zeroo Gnana Sambanda Pandaram the manager of the following 8 temples (namely) Shree Meenatchi Soondaraswaran Pagoda at Madura, Zeroovalavayen, Zeroovayoodaiar, Coodalalagar, Zeroo Parangoonkam, Zeroovantoor, Zeroomocoor, and Zeroovadaeum. — That is to say. - In the beginning, the Hindoo Rajahs and other supporters of charity, granted villages under Inam tenure for the permanent performance of the charitable worship, festivals and other services of the said temples & for the purpose of executing their repairs & of making jewels & other things required for them; — and accordingly the charity thereof was conducted for a long time in a due way. - Some years ago, the villages so granted were taken under the management of Government, - and in lieu thereof, ready money allowance was granted for the expenses of the temples. - Out of that allowance, deduc-

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-ing the ordinary expenses daily occurring, a portion
of the surplus money was applied to extra ex-
occasionally occurring
penses, such as, Sundry repairs, Astabandanam,
Jadibandanam & other ceremonies, making jewels,
Vahanams &c; — and the other portion of the surplus,
was kept by Circar in their own custody. — At
the time when Managers were appointed for the
management
~~conduction~~ of the affairs of the temples, or afterwards,
that surplus money in deposite with the Circar,
was not delivered over to them up to this time; —
but it is still in the possession of the Circar. —
Therefore the Mirasdars, priests, & superintendents
of those temples have earnestly requested
to move the authorities to give up the villages
to the temples and to return the surplus money
which remains with them from the Fasli year
1212 up to the date on which the villages may be
given back, — as well as the money which stands
against them after deducting what was paid
for the temple expenses out of the gross income
of the villages from the day that they took them
under their management. — Therefore this
power of attorney is granted to you empowering
you to represent the case by means of petitions
to the Board of Revenue, Government

and Home authorities and to recover the villages
as well as the aforesaid money standing against
them for the said temples. — I hereby agree
that whatever you do in this matter before the said
authorities, I shall acknowledge it as if
it was done by me personally. —

(Signed) Tevo Gnana Sumbandam
Manager.

Witness, Soobbien the son of Ranghien re-
siding in Madura. —

Witness, Appadoray Moodly the son of Sub-
baraya Moodly at Madura. —

Witness, Madura Sree Vellia Nattan.

(A True Translation)

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No 331.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 1st March 1860.

Read the following letter from Mr G. T. Fischer

Submitting a power of attorney from the Manager of the Minatchi Sundareswarah and other Pagodas in Madura, and demanding the restoration of certain villages belonging to the said Pagodas, together with the surplus revenue thereof.

Received 13 Febry 1860

Referred to the Board of Revenue for full report

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Under Secretary

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Translation of the Power of Attorney.

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Dy 1st March 1860.

From G. Fischer Esq Actg Sd/25
April 1860 C No 911 in Mis: Pro
4th Inwy No 46
From the asst to the Collr in
Dy 4th June 1860. Pro No 1256 in Pro 28th
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Regarding the restora-
tion of the Villages belonging
to Meenatchee Sundares-
warsal and other Pagodas
of Madura together with
the surplus revenue thereof.
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