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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 27 — 11 — ~~19~~ 1863

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th November 1863.

No. 372. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th September 1863, No. 5,929 :—

Read the following letter from M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st August 1863, No. 173.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit the report called for in the Board's endorsement, dated the 13th ultimo, on Petition No. 1,559 of 1863.

2. The affairs of the Streerangam Pagoda were, since Government relinquished the management of Hindu temples, &c., conducted by three managers, viz., one of the four Stallatars chosen annually in rotation, and two other managers. One of the two managers, Kanjamalai Mudaliar, died in 1860, and the vacancy remained unfilled. The remaining two Trustees were on ill-terms, engaging in continual disputes on matters affecting the Pagoda refusing to sign jointly the receipts for the prescribed allowances from the Treasury, and occasioning very great inconvenience to the community worshipping in the temple. The Stallatars, on whose nomination such vacancies have been hitherto filled up, unanimously and strongly petitioned that a third Trustee might be appointed whose casting vote would settle these disagreements; and they concurred in naming Periyasami Mudaliar, and all the respectable Hindu community seconded their nomination.

3. Periyasami Mudaliar is the son of the deceased Trustee Kanjamalai Mudaliar, and was actually once appointed Trustee to the Pagoda by Mr. Bird whilst his father held the situation of Hoozoor Cash-keeper, and resigned the Trusteeship to his father, on the latter's relinquishing Government employment.

4. Periyasami Mudaliar represents a wealthy and influential family, and is respected by all the community here. I am acquainted with him and believe that, though young, he is quite competent to the situation, and that his appointment has given very general satisfaction and had a most salutary effect in abating the disturbances and irregularities in the Pagoda. Complaints regarding the latter had become so frequent, and so much public dissatisfaction was expressed, that I felt it necessary a third Trustee should be at once appointed, and as similar vacancies have hitherto always been filled up by my predecessors under their own orders, and as it did not appear to me that Act XX of 1863 had come so far into operation as to bar such appointments, no arrangements for working its provisions having been made or commenced, I appointed Periyasami Mudaliar.

5. Should I have erred in omitting to apply to the Board for sanction, I request the omission may be overlooked.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government with reference to the Deputy Secretary's Endorsement dated 24th June 1863, on the Petition in question.

No. 373. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1863, No. 2,146.

Ordered that the following Endorsement be passed on Petition 1,559 of 1863 :—

"The Government have received a report on this subject from the Acting Collector, "and, under the circumstances stated, decline to interfere.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
Endorsement to the Petitioner.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,929.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government with reference to the Deputy Secretary's Endorsement dated 21th June 1863, on the Petition in question.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to M. J. Walhouse, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th *September* 1863.

Dept. n
Received 2d. Govt
Collector

No. 5,929.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly reporting on Petition No 1559 of 1863 regarding the appointment of a successor to a deceased Trustee of the Streerungam Pagoda.

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No. 2146 of 1863

Ordered that the following
endorsement be passed on
Petition 1559 of 1863—

"The Government have re-
"ceived a report on this
"subject from the Collec-
"tor, and, under the
"circumstances stated
"decline to interfere with
"his nomination of Veri-
"cami Mudaliar of the
"Tondaman-chetty of the Sree-
"rangam Pagoda."

Govt. of Madras
27th November
1863

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