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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd August 1864.

No. 65. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd May 1864, No. 3,168.

Read again Board's Proceedings dated 22nd December 1863, No. 8,105, and 27th April 1864, No. 2,556.

Read also the following papers:—

Letter from the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 11th May 1864, No. 72.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Board's Proceedings of the 27th ultimo, No. 2,556, requesting fuller information on certain points connected with my proposals for the Hindoo Temples Committee in this District.

2. I will reply seriatim to the several points noticed by the Board. The accompanying copy of the Rules for the guidance of the Committee in their Proceedings contains explanation on this point. These rules have been carefully drawn up by the members, chiefly those of Cuddalore, but there can be little doubt of their finding acceptance with all others; and of course they will be subject to discussion in view to amendment or modification before they are finally adopted, and thus every individual member of the Committee will be able to record his vote in objection or otherwise.

Paragraph 1. The working of the Committee.

3. The selection of Talook members has been from lists submitted by the Tahsildars under my orders requiring specific qualifications in points of character and social status as a *sine qua non* of election. These lists underwent revision in my office, and the most approved persons as far as my information enabled me to judge, have been finally chosen.

Paragraph 1. Talook representatives, how to be selected.

4. The Talook members are not residents of Cuddalore. The rules referred to above make provision for the filling up of vacancies in the office of Durmakurtah in distant temples, and which appointments will be subject to discussion at the meeting of the Committee next following, and by whom such appointments will be finally ratified. The rules further provide for the settlement of all minor questions which may arise relating to the duty of supervising the management of the temples of the Durmakurtahs.

Paragraph 2. Are the members all residents of Cuddalore; if not, how is the decision of the Committee to be arrived at and ascertained on any point, as for instance the appointment of a Durmakurtah to fill a vacancy in a distant Temple?

5. The Committee ordinarily will sit at Cuddalore, but it may assemble in any Talook Cusbah station on requisition as prescribed in Rule 8.

Paragraph 2. Is the Committee to be assembled at Cuddalore or not?

6. On the point here mooted I would observe that the chief functions of the Committee will, I presume, be to guard against undue or improper appropriation of the Pagoda Funds, and the Committee will have little to do with questions in which rivalry between the different sects of Hindoos can arise, such as the Vishnoo and Siva, or in which the existing feuds between the Tengalays and Vadagalays will demand their interference; such rivalries or such feuds can scarcely influence any part of their deliberations, which will be at most wholly fiscal and seldom ministerial, unless on the formal complaint of any aggrieved person. The internal management will, as at present, be the immediate province of the Durmakurtahs whose control of all details connected with the temple affairs will, as far as possible, be left undisturbed. At the same time the Board will possibly remark on the great preponderance of Sivas over Vishnuvas in the list, and they may think that a due division of sect interests in the selection of the Committee has not been observed. But I have ascertained

Paragraph 3. Are the several sects and divisions adequately represented in the Collector's opinion?

that there is no feeling of antagonism whatever on this point between these two great divisions of Hindoos, while the great majority of temples in this District belonging to the Sivas would entitle them to a more powerful voice in the Committee's deliberations; and I may mention that the respective sects are quite agreed, for the point had attracted my own notice, and it was after inquiry that I satisfied myself that all were agreeable to the list as it stands. I think it unadvisable to excite the minds of any by a close inquiry as to who is a Tengalay, and who is a Vadagalay. Vadagalays and Tengalays exist in the same families, and it is a point which is seldom mooted unless on special occasions, and usually both divisions can, and do, act in concert on general questions affecting the well-being of their common religion; and there is nothing appertaining to their functions as members of the Pagoda Committee which strictly need to clash with the discharge of their duties impartially and independently; and, in my opinion, so far as I can learn, all interests will be fully and fairly represented.

Paragraph 5. The designation and calling of the members of Committee.

7. The calling and occupation of every individual member of the Committee has been entered in a separate column, as desired, in the revised list now forwarded.

8. The Mahomedan places of worship in this District are few, and still fewer have any lands or emoluments attached to them. A separate report with all particulars, together with the names of a Committee will hereafter be submitted as soon as the required information now preparing is before me.

Paragraph 6. What provision is proposed for Mahomedans?

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Rules for the management of Devastanum affairs.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

LIST showing the names of the proposed Members to serve on the General Committee to be formed for the management and control of the Hindoo Religious Institutions within the District of South Arcot.

No.	Name of the Talooks.	No.	Names with their family or house names.	Place of residence.	Sect.	Calling.
1	Cuddalore ...	1	Nuttaput Vencatachárіár	Terupápooliyúr ...	Vadagala Vishnava ...	Merchant.
		2	Ady Késavà Reddy	Pagunday	Do. ...	Ryot.
		3	Molugumassa Aroonáchella Chetty ...	Terupápooliyúr ...	Siva	Merchant.
2	Chellumbrum ...	1	Nattu Visvanáda Reddy	Reddiyúr	Do.	Ryot.
		2	Eriar Rungasáwamiyengár	Cooringipády ...	Vadagala Vishnava ...	Merchant.
		3	Periapunnay Nadarájah Pillay	Sivakum	Siva	Ryot.
3	Villapuram ...	1	Brimmadésum Serupékada Vencatarámiah Shrotriemdar.	Cákuppum ...	Do. ...	Merchant and Ryot.
		2	Thorany Periavalava Kumbuthum Vencatrája Reddy.	Thorani	Do. ...	Ryot.
		3	Vakeel Saravana Mudaliár son of Somanada Mudaly.	Cusbah Villapuram ...	Do. ...	Pleader in the Munsiff's Court at Villapuram.
4	Tindevanum ...	1	Yegium Vanádaráya Moodely	Merkanum	Do. ...	Salt Ryot.
		2	Vencata Subba Reddiar	Kilianúr	Do. ...	Ryot.
		3	Sudalawada Vencatasubier	Nolumbúr	Do. ...	Do.
5	Yellavanasur ...	1	Caruvatchy Konery Rau	Caruvatchy	Madura Vishnava ...	Do.
		2	Mannavar Govinda Naiken	Adanúr	Thelugu do. ...	Do.
		3	Urali Chokalinga Udaiyár	Yedakul	Siva	Do.
6	Trivanamalay ...	1	Palamalathumbirán belonging to Tiruvanámalay Adeenum.	Cusbah Tiruvanamalay.	Do. ...	Madathipady,
		2	T. C. Putchiyappa Mudaliár, Maniem Gumastah.	Do. do.	Do. ...	Ryot.
		3	M. P. Tirumala Reddyar	Mekalur	Vishnava ...	Do.
7	Cullacoorchy ...	1	Séliadara Gungádara Nynar Páliagár ...	Selem	Siva	Do. and Paliagar.
		2	N. Rámalingier	Nátármungalum ...	Do. ...	Shrotriemdar.
		3	Náttár Pallani Pillai	Mádúr	Do. ...	Ryot.
8	Virdachellum ...	1	Manaluda Nadarája Pillai	Manalur	Do. ...	Do.
		2	Arasumpúndy Rungapa Naiker	Curumbúr	Do. ...	Do.
		3	M. Dorasáwmy Reddyár alias Ramalinga Reddyar.	Máttúr	Do. ...	Do.

List showing the names of the proposed Members to serve on the General Committee, &c.—(*Concluded.*)

No.	Name of the Talooks.	No.	Names with their family or house names.	Place of residence.	Sect.	Calling.
			Suder Station members and residents of Cuddalore.			
...	.....	1	Singiri Mutuswámy Mudaliár	Vilvaráyanuttum ...	Vadagala Vishnava ...	Merchant and Ryot.
...	.....	2	T. Jagaṉáda Naiker	Tirupápulyur ...	Tengala Do. ...	Do.
...	.....	3	T. A. Chellappa Pillay, B. A., B. L.	New Town ...	Siva	Pleadr Zillah Court Cuddalore.
...	.....	4	Muthusabápathy Chetty	Cuddalore	Do. ...	Merchant.
...	.....	5	M. Bálasubramaniya Pillay	Munjacoopum ...	Do. ...	Do.
...	.....	6	Udiyúr Mangalam Thillanayaga Pillay, B. A.	Odeyúr	Do. ...	Ryot and public servant.

A. Vencobacháry, one of the proposed representative Members for the Cuddalore Talook, having since died, Nattaput Vencatachary, Sudr station Members, has been nominated in his stead, and Thillanáyaga Pillay, B. A., has been chosen in the room of the latter as a Sudr station Member.

Cuddalore,
25th July 1864.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

Telegram from the same Officer, dated Cuddalore, 20th May 1864, No. 171.

In answer to your Telegram of the 14th, I have the assurance of those best able to know that a single Committee is very generally approved. Every inquiry as well as canvass has been made to ascertain the point, and my own inquiry at two principal places satisfy me that the arrangement is generally acceptable.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government. The Board think it doubtful whether a single District Committee will work as satisfactorily as Talook Committees; but the present proposals appear to have been very carefully drawn up and matured, and the Board are not prepared to object to their adoption.

2. The Board however observe on the two concluding paragraphs of the Rules for the guidance of the Temple Committee, that the rules for filling up vacancies in Committees must be prescribed by Government under Section 10, Act XX of 1863.

3. They also observe on paragraph 6 of Mr. Read's letter dated 18th April 1864, that *all* Hindoo Religious Institutions within the District will not necessarily come under the Committee's management, but only such cases as are described in Section 3, Act XX of 1863. The cases described in Section 4 of the Act, of temples which at the time of the passing of the Act were under the management of Trustees, &c., whose nomination was not vested in or exercised or confirmed by the Government or any Public Officer, will hereafter be equally independent of the Committee, and the Board are disposed to think that the majority of the temples in the country come under this category, the village temples having from their insignificance been generally left to the management of the villagers, and the most important temples being in many instances under the management of hereditary or ex-officio Trustees.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1864, No. 1,390.

Miscellaneous.

1. Relying on the Collector's strong assurance that one Committee constituted as he proposes for the management and control of the Hindoo Religious Institutions in the South Arcot District is desired by the people in preference to Talook Committees, the Governor in Council sanctions the adoption of the arrangement, and resolves under Section VII, Act XX of 1863, to appoint the parties named in the list submitted by that Officer as members of the proposed Committee.

2. The Collector will re-publish the Notification of the appointment in the District Gazette, and otherwise make it generally known in the District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 8,105.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd December 1863.

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trikalur, 10th December 1863, No. 322 :—

1. I have the honor to solicit of the Board some further time within which to submit my proposals for the first Pagoda Committees to be appointed under Act XX of 1863.

2. So many difficulties have arisen in coming to any definite resolve on the subject, and the general opinion appears now to be in favor of one Central Committee at the Sudder Station with representative members from each Taluk, that I trust there will be no objection to allowing me, until the end of January, before which period I trust to be in a position to submit definite arrangements acceptable to all interests concerned.

3. I have recently had a Memorial presented to me by deputation signed by the most influential and respectable inhabitants of Cuddalore and its suburbs, and the scheme proposed by them subject to certain modifications and additions will, I think, find general acceptance with the people, and in this event matters will be greatly simplified, and all ill-feeling and diversity of interest and opinions will be set at rest.

4. A canvass is now going on among the people, and already the Trustees and the principal inhabitants connected with the Pagodas of Trinomallay and of this place have expressed their consent to the contemplated arrangement, and in a few weeks more it will be known with what success the canvass of opinions elsewhere in the District has been attended; and in a matter felt to be of such grave importance by the Hindoo community, I have thought it advisable to afford to those who have so warmly taken up the question some additional time to test the sentiments of the influential and respectable public generally on the propositions which have mainly emanated from themselves.

5. The law allows one Committee to a District, and for myself I am decidedly favorable to such arrangement, not only in view of the immediate interests at stake, but as calculated also to insure the object of the Legislature, which I presume to be, that the trust hitherto exercised by the Government shall be committed to those who are the most likely to fulfil it with purity of purpose and integrity of action in all that concerns the management and appropriation of Pagoda revenues.

The Board have no wish to hurry the Collector in this matter, and are willing to allow full time for the formation and expression of a matured opinion by the people concerned, but they request Mr. Reade to bear in mind that excessive inconvenience may possibly arise in the event of vacancies occurring among Trustees, while there is no legal means of filling them up.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Passing orders on the letter soliciting further time for submitting the proposals for the first Pagoda Committees.

No. 8,105.

Dated 22nd December 1863.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

1863. Department.

No. 2,556.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 27th April 1864.

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 18th April 1864, No. 54:—

1. I have now the honor to submit a carefully prepared List of persons who it is proposed, shall compose the Committee for the future management of all Hindoo religious institutions within this District agreeably to the provisions of Act XX of 1863.

2. On the 10th December last, I informed the Board that there was a general wish on the part of the more respectable and influential inhabitants to have appointed one General Committee at the Sudder station with representative members from each Taluk. I also mentioned in paragraph 4 that a canvass was going on to test the feelings of the people generally on this point in order to ascertain whether they were favorable to separate local Committees for each Taluk, or whether, as above, one General Committee for the whole District with representative members would be more acceptable.

3. At the time I wrote, both at Tirunamalay and Trikalore, two of the most important places where Hindoo Temples are situated, the feeling was generally in favor of one Committee with representative members from the various Taluks; and the result of the subsequent canvass of opinion by delegates deputed from Cuddalore is reported to be favorable to the adoption of this plan; and accordingly I now beg to lay my proposals before the Board and Government for their consideration and final orders.

4. The proposal is to have one Committee composed of thirty members, of whom six have been chosen from among the most intelligent and respectable Hindoo residents of Cuddalore, and who, from their knowledge of our Laws and of the English language will, it is presumed, be able to exercise a wholesome and valuable control over all the interests about to be committed to their hands in the most efficient and complete manner. These six members will form, as it were, the nucleus of the Committee; but each Taluk will have three representative members who, in all respects will have the same voice and will exercise equal rights and privileges with the other members in the management of the Hindoo Temples throughout South Arcot; thus this Committee consisting of thirty members will comprise all classes and sections of society, and will adequately represent the interests and opinions of all; and, aided as it will be, by the more intelligent Cusbah members who will be persons wholly unfettered and uninfluenced by local or Taluk interests and feelings, the great aim and end desired by the Legislature seems fully secured, and affords a guarantee that the important and responsible trust about to be relinquished by the State will be committed to hands in every way qualified to undertake it, and to administer their functions with integrity and impartiality; and I presume this object is in truth the great desideratum, while possibly it will be found to be most difficult of attainment under any other system than the one proposed.

5. The Bye-laws for regulating their meetings and for the transaction of all business connected with their office as a Committee must of course be framed by themselves so soon as the arrangement has the sanction of Government. I believe they are already prepared to undertake their duties, and when once organized under due authority, the Committee will lose no time in entering on their new functions.

6. The enclosed separate paper gives the names of the members of the Committee; and it only remains for me to recommend that the authority of Government be obtained for its formation as proposed, and for the committal into their hands of the future control and management of all Hindoo religious institutions within this District as contemplated by the Act.

7. I have not thought it necessary to submit copies of the correspondence that has passed between the members of the Hindoo deputation and myself referred to in my former communication; but should the Board desire to have these papers before them, they can of course be forwarded.

8. The Jains form a distinct class and caste, and their interests are wholly separate from those of all other Hindoos. They have several small Temples scattered about the District, the majority being in the Taluk of Tindivanum, and for their management a separate Committee has been appointed in accordance with their wishes, the particulars of which I will submit to the Board in a day or two.

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1. Before recommending Mr. Reade's scheme to Government for adoption, the Board desire to have somewhat fuller information as to the manner in which it is proposed that the Committee shall work, and how the Taluk representatives have been selected.

2. If they are residents of Cuddalore, it should be explained why they are selected to represent distant Taluks. If not resident in Cuddalore the Board wish to know how the decision of the Committee is to be arrived at and ascertained on any particular point, as, for instance, the appointment of a Dhurmakurta to fill a death vacancy in a distant Temple.

3. Are the Committee to be collected at Cuddalore on each occasion, or are they to decide in correspondence by letter?

4. The Board also desire to know whether one Committee will, in the Collector's opinion, adequately represent the several sects of the Vishnu and Siva worshippers respectively, or the minor divisions of Tengalay and Vadagalay among the former.

5. The enclosure to the Collector's letter will be returned for the additional column to show the calling or occupation of each individual, as Ryot, Merchant, Government Servant, &c.

6. The Board desire to know what provision is intended to be made for the case of Mahomedans.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, with enclosure returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

Requesting certain information regarding the Committee appointed for the future management of all Hindoo religious institutions.

Dated 27th April 1864.
Despatched
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No. 2,556.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No.

Rev. 1108 Pt.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th April 1864.

1864. Department.

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Rules for the Management of the Devastanums Affairs

1. The Assembly for managing the Devastanums Affairs in the Cuddalore District shall be called the Devastanums Board.

2. It shall be composed of a Central Committee, consisting of Seven Members residing in the Town of Cuddalore and Eight Taluq Committees consisting each of three Members from the respective Taluqs, all of whom shall be on a perfect equality as regards their position and status in the Committee &c. &c. &c.

3 Eleven Members shall at least be a

to constitute a Quorum,
Fifteen and less than Three
shall be town Members
& the rest Lake Members.

4. One of the Members
of the Executive Board
shall be elected President
who shall have a casting
vote only when the votes
are equally balanced, but
not otherwise. A Vice
President shall also be elected.

5. The President
of the Board shall be one of the
Members forming the Quorum
the Vice President shall
preside in the absence
of the Vice President any two
the Members may be elected
to preside on the occasion.
The Vice President or any
Member presiding on such
occasions shall have the
same

Same Privileges as the President.

6. The Yearly Examination
of Business Agent Secretary
shall be appointed

7. The Board shall
hold Quarterly Sessions in the
Months of January, April, July
& October at such time commencing
from the first Saturday in the
first Month. In the event
of the first Saturday being
a Special Holiday, the Session
shall commence on the
2nd Saturday.

8. In cases where it
may appear necessary or of
importance it shall be
competent to the Committee
to hold the Quarterly
sitting or to adjourn the
Quarterly meeting to the
next Station or any particular
Lake in which event it
shall

shall stand terminated with the
session of the Representatives
Representatives
9. In case of the death
one of the Representatives of the
Colony during the session
of the Assembly the Speaker
during any of the sessions
of the Assembly shall be empowered
till the next session when they
both shall decide on the vacancy
in the absence of the Representatives
a second time also. The Board
may however, in their discretion
call for any information on
the subject from any res-
pectable person or persons
residing in the Colony
10. If either the Dharma Khantah
Bandhu or Dharma Khantah
Upadesh or either of them shall decease

Vacant

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during the sitting of the
Assembly the Assembly
after enquiry shall fill
up the vacancy but if the decease
occur during the recess
of the Assembly the Board
of Trustees shall elect a fit
person to perform the duties
of the deceased Khantah
Upadesh until the next session
of the Assembly when
case of any dissension arising the
members of the Board Committee
the temporary appointment
shall be confirmed by the majority
of the members present
each of whom shall be
possessed of the necessary
qualifications and shall
be communicated with the
Central Committee
12. The Committee
Dharma Khantahs,
Upadesh
Bandhu
Preachers of the Temple,
Teachers of the Temple
Teaching them with annual

of temple respecting the law
disciplinary temple terminates
without a duty, if the respective
charges established, conducts
on the part of the Grand Master
shall, in the presence of
the Grand Chancellor, the
Grand Secretary, and
Grand Registrar, and
the said Committee, and
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of the President of the Local Taking Committee commence the meeting of the respectable inhabitants of the Taking to discuss all the matters connected with the Taking which requires the decided opinion of the members of the Local Committee who shall be deputed by all the Respective Societies to give information before the Board.

16. When the Board shall have taken the settlement the Secretary shall read the list of subjects to be discussed on that occasion and the Board shall proceed to discuss the matter one by one.

17. No Member shall speak twice before all the Members shall have been heard and on any question brought for discussion the Board shall abide by the decision of the majority.

18. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the Respective Local Committees and to communicate a Fair Copy of them to all the Taking Committees and the Panchayat Chiefs of the Districts.

19. When these Resolutions shall return to their respective

Secretary

their functions shall be discharged from the Revenue at their disposal subject to the approval and direction of the Quarterly Sessions meeting; and the accounts and vouchers of all expenses incurred shall be separately kept by the Secretary for the time being and the separate accounts of three Overseers appointed by the Quarterly Sessions Deputy Overseers and Secretary shall be open to inspection at such times as the books and payments connected therewith shall be open to the inspection of the members of the Quarterly Sessions.

22. Persons refusing to serve

Any person appointed to any of the offices mentioned in the foregoing Rules

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Lately after the adjournment of the Sessions shall be their duty to convene a meeting of the Overseers and Assistants in such place as they may deem most convenient to transact the business and dispose of the matters discussed and the results arrived at at such Sessions

Secretary to Sessions

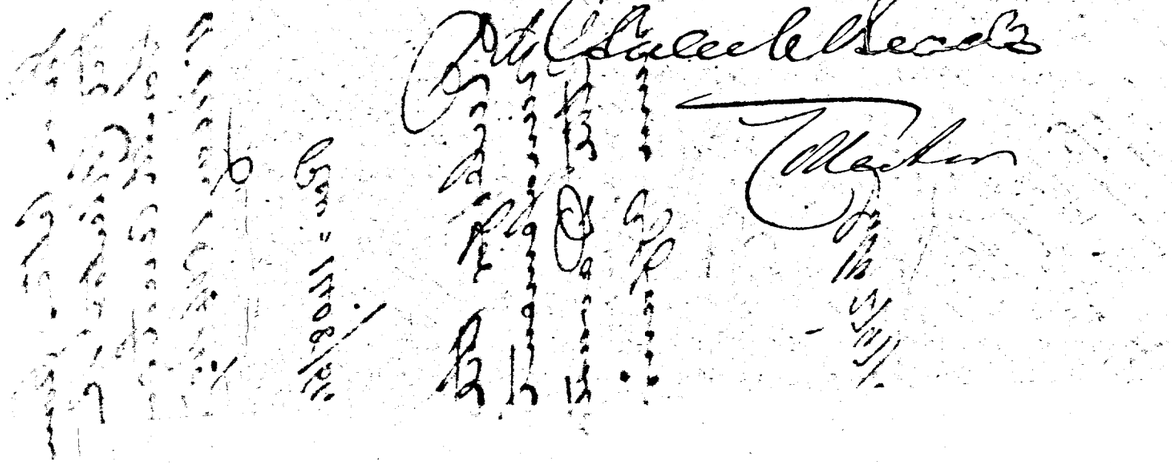
20. Any Overseer who shall absent himself from the Sessions consecutively for four Sessions without adequate cause shall be considered as disinterested in the matter and may be removed by the Court

see section 9 Act XX of 1865.

21. All persons bound over to prosecute by the Justices connected with proposed interests or the non-performance of the estimate object of their

by death, resignation or any other cause, it shall be filled up by the majority of the votes of the members of the Board. Whenever a candidate offers himself for any of the members, duly nominated, and the votes in favor of the said candidate shall be received, the unsuccessful candidate shall before the said votes are counted, be allowed to vote for two members. It shall be a necessary condition that the four nominated persons to serve shall be residents of that Ward for which they are nominated to serve. The Central Committee shall be the returning officers of the town

of Middletown or its Suburbs.



ENCLOSURE No. 2.

LIST showing the names of the proposed Members to serve on the General Committee to be formed for the management and control of the Hindoo Religious Institutions within the District of South Arcot.

No.	Name of the Taluks.	No.	Names.	Sect.	Calling.
1	Cuddalore... ...	1	A. Vencata Charry.	Mudva Vistnava...	A Pleader in the Small Cause Court.
		2	P. Casava Reddy.	Vistnava.....	A Ryot.
		3	Arnachella Chetty.	Siva.....	Merchant.
2	Chellumbrum...	1	Vishwanada Reddiar of Reddyoor.	Do.....	Ryot.
		2	Rungasawmy Iyengar of Koormgipady.	Vadagala Visnava.	Merchant.
		3	Nataraja Pillay of Savoo-kam.	Siva.....	Ryot.
3	Villapurum.....	1	Vencataramah, Shro-triemdar of Kacooppum.	Do.....	Merchant and Ryot.
		2	Vencataraya Reddiar of Thoravy.	Do.....	Ryot.
		3	Sarravana Moodelliar.	Do.....	A Pleader in the Munsiff's Court at Villapuram.
4	Tindevanum ...	1	Vanadaroya Moodelliar of Merkanum.	Do.....	Salt Ryot.
		2	Vencata Soobba Reddiar of Kilianoor.	Do.....	Ryot.
		3	Vencata Soobbiar of No-lumboor.	Do.....	Do.
5	Ellavanasoor, ...	1	Conary Row of Caravat-chee.	Mudva Vistnava...	Ryot.
		2	Gooinda Naiker of Atha-noor.	Teloogoo Vistnava.	Do.
		3	Chokalinga Odiar of Yada-kal.	Siva.....	Ryot.
6	Trinamally.....	1	Palamalai Thambiran be-longing to Trinomally Autheenum, residing at Trinomally (Cusbah).	Do.....	Matadipathy.
		2	Patchiapa Moodeliar, Maniam Gumastah of Cusbah Trinomally.	Do.....	Ryot.
		3	Theroomalai Reddiar of Maikaloor.	Vistnava.....	Do.
7	Cullacoorchy ...	1	Gengathera Nihar.	Siva.....	Poliagar of Salem.
		2	Ramalinga Iyer.	Do.....	Shrotriemdar of Nattaramangalam.
		3	Pallamai Pillay of Ma-door.	Do.....	Ryot.
8	Virdachellum ...	1	Nadaraja Pillay of Mana-loor.	Do.....	Do.
		2	Rungappanaik of Curum-boor.	Do.....	Do.
		3	Thorasawmy Reddy of Mattoor.	Do.....	Do.
			Sudder Station Members	*and Residents of*	*Cuddalore.*
		1	Mootoosamy Moodeliar.	Vadagala Vistnava	Merchant and Ryot.
		2	Jaganada Naiker.	Tengala do.....	Merchant.
		3	Chellapa Pillay.	Siva.....	Second Master.
		4	MootoosabapathiChettiar.	Do.....	Merchant.
		5	Vencata Charriar.	Vadagala Vistnava.	Do.
		6	Balasoobramania Pillay.	Siva.....	Do.

(Signed) C. W. READE, Collector.

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In answer to your Telegram of the 14th, I have the assurance of those best able to know that a single Committee is very generally approved. Every inquiry as well as canvass has been made to ascertain the point, and my own inquiry at two principal places satisfy me that the arrangement is generally acceptable.

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1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government. The Board think it doubtful whether a single District Committee will work as satisfactorily as Taluk Committees; but the present proposals appear to have been very carefully drawn up and matured, and the Board are not prepared to object to their adoption.

2. The Board however observe on the two concluding paragraphs of the Rules for the guidance of the Temple Committee, that the rules for filling up vacancies in Committees must be prescribed by Government under Section 10, Act XX of 1863.

3. They also observe on paragraph 6 of Mr. Reade's letter dated 18th April 1864, that *all* Hindu religious institutions within the District will not necessarily come under the Committee's management, but only such cases as are described in Section 3, Act XX of 1863. The cases described in Section 4 of the Act, of Temples which at the time of the passing of the Act were under the management of Trustees, &c., whose nomination was not vested in or exercised or confirmed by the Government or any public officer, will hereafter be equally independent of the Committee, and the Board are disposed to think that the majority of the Temples in the country come under this category, the village temples having from their insignificance been generally left to the management of the villagers, and the most important Temples being in many instances under the management of hereditary or ex-officio Trustees.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with enclosure, and copy of Board's Proceedings dated 22nd December 1863 and 27th April 1864, Nos. 8,105 and 2,556.

Copy to C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Ext. J. Wright.

No. 1408.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No. 3,168.

Dated 23rd May 1864.

Submitting for consideration and orders letter from the Collector of South Arcot furnishing fuller information on certain points connected with his proposals for the Hindoo Temples Committe in the district.

Read 1864. Department.

Rep: of Govt. Rev.

Reply on Collector's

Strong assurance that one Committee for the management and control of the Hindoo Religious Institutions in the South Arcot district is desired by the people in preference to Taluk Committees, the G. in C. sanctions the adoption of the arrangements and resolves under Section III Act XX of 1863 to appoint the parties named in the list submitted by that Officer as Members of the proposed General Committee for the