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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 29-8-1865

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th August 1865.

Read again Government Proceedings dated 12th February 1864, No. 267, Revenue Department.

No. 508. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th April 1864, No. 2,373.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, dated Saidapet, 13th April 1864, No. 161 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 15th February, No. 995, I have the honor to submit the Revised Committee Lists, as required in paragraph 9 of the Government Order dated 12th idem.

2. The Vadakalay Committee for Conjeveram already nominated by Mr. Ellis does not, I consider, need any alteration. It already comprises amongst its Members the three following Native gentlemen, who may certainly be deemed "persons of education and position residing at Madras."

Sholay Kistnasawmy Moodelly, Merchant at Madras.

Rungasawmy Iyengar, Deputy Collector of Madras.

Ramanuja Iyengar, Pleader in the High Court.

3. I would, however, propose regarding the Tengalay Committee that the Shrotriemdar, Mahanad Dhurmarazah Moodelly, and Kistna Row, both residents of Conjeveram be removed, and that the Board's Sheristadar, Jeyram Chettyar, and Narasingah Row Bahadur, who it appears resides considerably at Madras, may be nominated in their stead.

4. The Trivalore Pagoda is a most important one, and its Committee should also, I presume, be amended according to the Government instructions. I propose accordingly to remove the name of Sheshadry Iyengar, placing in his stead Appasawmy Chetty of the Accountant General's office, and adding to the present number of the Members, Kistnasawmy Iyer, Interpreter to the High Court, and Parthasarathy Iyengar, Dubash to Messrs. Maxwell Bland and Co.

5. In the Lists forwarded with Mr. Ellis's letter dated 25th September 1863, No. 391, no provision is made for a Committee on behalf of the Siva Pagodas in the Conjeveram Talook; the Vishnoo sect alone have been dealt with. The Siva Pagodas are of much notability in this Talook, and their endowments wealthy. There are two Siva Temples in Conjeveram Town, almost equal in importance to the celebrated Vishnoo Pagodas at that place. Mr. Hutchins agrees with me as to the necessity of nominating a Committee for the management of these Institutions, and after consultation with him the following Members have been selected:—

Runganatha Sastryar, Small Cause Court Judge.

Yecambra Moodelly, Merchant, Conjeveram.

Kistna Row, Mirassidar, Conjeveram (removed from the Tengalay Committee, *vide* paragraph 3).

Iyasawmy Moodelly, Dubash to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.

P. Chuckaray Chetty, Merchant, possessed of considerable wealth, and well educated.

6. It was mentioned in the final paragraph of my letter to the Board, dated 15th January 1863, that one representation had been made claiming exemption from the working of the Act on account of the hereditary Churchwardenship. Similar representations regarding other Institutions have since been made; and it is probable that interested parties will in many cases urge that, under Section 4 of Act XX. of 1863, their Pagodas are not amenable to the Committee's control.

7. This is an important point; and I will address the Board upon this subject when further inquiry has been made regarding the pleas urged. Those Institutions which are finally ordered to be exempted from the working of the Act will apparently be amenable to no authority whatever; they will be virtually private property, although the interests of thousands are involved therein.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Revised Committee Lists.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order quoted by Mr. Banbury.

2. The Board are not aware of any objection to Mr. Banbury's proposals.

3. With reference to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Acting Collector's letter, the Board consider that his further interference in the matter is altogether unnecessary and undesirable.

4. The Committees under the Act have the powers formerly vested in the Board of Revenue and no more. If the Board had no power of interference, and never interfered in any particular case, then the Committees are not legally competent to interfere; but the point is one for the Civil Court to decide in each case as necessity arises.

No. 509.

ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1865, No. 2,029.

Miscellaneous.

1. With the exception of the Hindu Committees proposed for the Madras Town and the Conjeveram Talook, the Government are prepared to appoint the other Committees proposed by Mr. Banbury, on receiving the assurance that the present Collector, Mr. Fane, has no objection to offer to the nominees, and that all of them are still living.

2. The Board will obtain without delay and submit a brief report from Mr. Fane on these points.

3. In regard to the Hindu Committees for the Madras Town and the Conjeveram Talook, the Government observe that there are proposed for Madras separate Committees for the Vishnu and Siva Pagodas, instead of a single Committee for both as elsewhere; while in Conjeveram there are proposed two Committees for Vishnu Pagodas, viz., one for the Tengalay and the other for the Vadagalay sect, and a third for the Siva Pagodas; the reason assigned being that Sectarian spirit runs high in these localities.

4. The Government greatly doubt the expediency or necessity of these arrangements, and desire that the Board will carefully re-consider the proposals in communication with the Collector.

5. The unnecessary multiplication of Committees must be an evil, and there appears to be no more reason why in Madras Town a joint Committee of the followers of Vishnu and Siva should not work efficiently than in any other part of the country.

6. The same objection applies with still greater force to the proposals for Conjeveram Talook, for while there is no room for contesting whether a Temple appertains to Siva or Vishnu, there are no means of determining whether in a Vishnu temple, the Tengalay or the Vadagalay party is predominant, except where judicial decisions have settled the point, which is the case in comparatively few instances.

7. In all other cases, therefore, the appointment of separate Tengalay and Vadagalay Committees is to offer a premium for controversy and litigation.

8. The Government are disposed to think that both for Madras Town and for Conjeveram Talook, a single well selected Committee composed of the followers of Vishnu and Siva in equal proportions as nearly as may be, and including among the Vaishnavas an equal or nearly equal proportion of Tengalays and Vadagalays, is far more likely to work harmoniously and efficiently, and to represent the wishes of the majority of the Hindu community interested in the questions that will come under consideration, than the complicated arrangements proposed by Messrs. Ellis and Banbury.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George, 1804 No. 209-237
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Fort St. George Consultations 1804

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 19 April 1804

Read 19 April 1804

No. 2029-2047 of 1804

From Mr. Chief Secretary Cole

Sir,

Inclosed I transmit for the Consideration of the Board of Revenue a Letter from the Madras Committee for the Management of Religious Institutions in the District of Madras, with a List of Persons recommended by Messrs. Elles and Bambury to be appointed as Commissioners for the said Institutions.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) C. Cole

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George 8th April 1804

List of persons recommended by Messrs. Elles and Bambury to be appointed as Commissioners for the management of Religious Institutions in the District of Madras.

Taluq	Sect	Persons recommended by Mr. Elles			Persons recommended by Mr. Bambury	
		No.	Names	Remarks	Names	Remarks
Town & Mandras	Mahommedans	1	Sheriff Ommrah Bahadoor	Carnatic Stipendary		
		2	Hyder Jung Bahadoor	do		
		3	Hafez Sad de Ool Islam Khan Bahadoor		The same	
		4	Shah Oolah Saheb Coolloah	Freeman Inhabitant		
		5	Mahommed Mustaphaeen	Late Interpreter Supreme Court		
	Vishnu Bagvat	1	C. Narasinga Chetty	Late Shroff Inhabitant		
		2	N. Jagassa Chettiar	Dubash Inspr Dymnet &c		
		3	N. Ruia Chettiar	Inhabitant	The same	
		4	M. Singara Chariar	Manager Madras Bank		
		5	P. Vamasawmy Chettiar	Inhabitant		
	Vaidiga Bagvat	1	Vasudeva Mudaliar	Dubash Inspr Revenue &c		
		2	V. Rama Mudaliar	Land holder & Gomastah		
		3	Hasi Doss	Inhabitant & Land holder	The same	
		4	Ven Reah	Zamindar of Calangoor		
		5	V. Ven Rahmaniah	Accountant Jenerals Office		

Taloor	Sect	No.	Persons recommended by Mr Ellis — Names	Remarks	Persons recommended by Mr Barbaro — Names	Remarks
Triplicane	Mahomedan	1	Peer Sahib	Merchant Bulwal		
		2	Basseree Shaik Meera Sahib	Mofussil Champettah		
		3	Mohammed Jee Jee	Annoor	He same	"
		4	Abdool Salah	Jonakapolliyam		
		5	Peer Jalah Mohammed Nazar	Nuttapolliyam		
	Hindoo Pagodas	1	P. Sambaswa Mudaliar	Tahsildar of Madras		
		2	Appasawmy Mudaliar	Has contributed very handsomely to the Pandaramenty Pagodas		
		3	Venkatanagaya Chetty	Cashkeeper Oriental Bank	He same	
		4	Kanneyappa Mudaliar	Shotreendar		
		5	Gopal Row	Zamindar		
		6	Chinnakavasam Mudaliar	Inigafeedar		
		7	Velen Pajanana Mudaliar	Shotreendar		
	Mahomedan	1	Shahaukhan Sahib	Jagheerdar of Utukottah		
		2	Mohamed Khajah	Tiruallur	He same	
		3	Puran Cossain	Shadu Sinandar		
	Hindoo Pagoda	1	Seshumpettah Krishnamah	Landowner		
		2	Nirvoy Chengamah Naidoo	Landowner	He same	
	Native Christian	3	Pulavarum Venku Reddy			
Vepery	Hindoo Pagodas	1	Thanappah Naik	Shotriyadar	He same	
		2	Seshadri Iyengar	Merchant	P. Appasawmy Chetty	Military accountant Office
		3	Menakshi Iyer	Vedayar. Mirasidar	He same	
		4	Ramichendra Row	Kumatur Zemindar		
		5	Rajaveingar.	Chenjee Zemindar	Krishnasawmy Iyer	Interpreter High Court
					Parthasarathy Iyengar	Dubash to Messrs Maxwell Bland & C.
Saidapet	Mahomedan	1	Sheryul Comrah Bahadoor			
		2	Azee Moortoozah Sahib Salarjol Mulk.	Late Bukshee	He same	
		3	Sayed Abootooral Sahib Imaum	Saidapet		
	Hindoo Pagodas	1	K. Yekambra Moodaliar.	Zemindar of Vayalacallur		
		2	A. Alwar Chetty	Merchant		
		3	K. Venkatanarunappah	Timanoor Jaghirdar	He same	
		4	P. Venkata Row	Mirasidar		
		5	Mangadu Saravana Moodaly	Land Owner		
Chingleput	Mahomedan	1	Khajah Abdul Guffoor Sahib	Melvay		
		2	Khanatoon Sahib Khan Sahib	Shotriyadar		
		3	Abdul Lutteef	Covelong Munsiff	He same	
		4	Mahomed Buran Sahib	Shotriyadar		
		5	Abdul Basith.	Mirasidar		

Talook	Sect	No	Persons recommended by Mr Ellis — Names	Remarks	Persons recommended by Mr Danbury — Names	Remarks
Chengalpat	Hindoo Pagodas	1	Cuddalore Muthusawmi Moodaliar	Zemindar	The same	
		2	Nellapa Chamasawmi Moodaliar	Do.		
		3	Peramanur Venkajee Iyer	Do		
		4	Vira Talaik Chariar	Mirasidar		
		5	Chettepuniyam Deaika Charria	Do		
	Mahomedan	1	Khadar Aby Khan Sahib	Inamdar		
		2	Khadar Bhadshah Sahib	Do	The same	
		3	Said Bahadoor Sahib	Carnegdy Cazy		
Madura and Tinivelly	Hindoo Pagodas	1	Chunambat Veda chaca Moodaliar	Zemindar		
		2	Janakiram Pantulu	late Sheristabar of S. Prov. Court		
		3	Rajapakam Muthukmaraja Reddy	Zemindar	The same	
		4	Pullambakum Muttu Venkatarama Reddy	Mirasidar		
		5	Vaiyapuram Ariya Charria	Do		
	Mahomedans	1	Abdool Khadar Sahib	Inamdar		
		2	Davood Aby Sahib	Do	The same	
		3	Khandar Bahadoor Khan	Cumahi		
Coimbatore	Hindoo Pagodas Vishnu Pagodas	1	Rajah Vasireddy Lutchmi Pathi Naidoo Bahadur Munna Culpa			
	Lingaites Committee	2	V. Ramanoojah Iyengar	Pleader High Court	The same	
		3	V. Rungasawmy Iyengar	Do Collr. Madras		
		4	Sirumala Row Sahib	Arnee Jaghirdar		
		5	Gulai Kistnasawmi Moodaliar	Merchant		
	Lingaites Committee	1	Gomastam Ringa Charria	Mirasidar	The same	
		2	Sat Srinivasa Iyengar	Shotriyadar		
		3	Mahanad Dharmaroyah	Do	S. Ayyaram Chettyar	Shroffadar Bengal Revl
		4	Krishna Row Reddy	Mirasidar & Merchant	C. Narasinga Row Pagadar Bahadur	late Do
		5	Venkata Ramanulu Reddi	Mirasidar	The same	
Goa	Siva Pagodas		Name		Rungaiada Pastriyar	Small Cause Court Judge
					Yacamba Moodaliar	Merchant Coyeveram
					Krishna Row	Mirasidar do
					C. Ayyasawmy Moodaliar	Dubash Messrs Arbuthnot & Co
					P. Chinnaraya Chettiyar	Merchant Madras — respected & considerable wealth & credit abroad

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No 1012. From Bd of Rev

This paper relates to the appointment of Committees for the Hindu temples in the Madras District, and the points which require consideration are

First - The necessity or otherwise of so many Committees as are proposed by Mr Bainbury and approved by the Board -

Second - The propriety or otherwise of making the

* Hindus — 11
Mahomedans - 7

the majority of each Committee consist of the inhabitants of the Town of Madras.

2. As to the first point. The number of the Committees has been increased (1) by the division of the Hindu Temples in Conjeveram and Madras into Vishnu and Siva - and (2) by the subdivision of the former into Vadagalai and Tengalai. The division into "Vishnu" and "Siva" Committees appears to have been made by the local officers of the Madras District apparently with reference to the words "the members of the said Committee shall be appointed from among persons professing the religion for the purposes of which the Mosque, Temple, or other religious establishment was founded, or is now maintained" in section VIII of the Act. As the Hindu population is with very few exceptions ~~who have a particular~~ attached almost exclusively to either of the sects, resort to the temples of both sects for worship without any material difference and the portion of the Act alluded to applies to the Hindu religion as a whole and not to its sub-divisions. The best proof

proof to this state of
things at present existing
is the fact that in
none of the other Districts
(except Tinnevelly) in
which the Committees
have already been appointed
has such a division
been neither found
necessary nor made.
The remarks of the Collectors
of Tanjore and Trichinopoly
on this subject may be
very appropriately quoted
here. (Mr Cadell) "I do
"not conceive that it is
"contemplated to provide
"a Committee for each
"minor sect of the Hindu
"Religion. Such arrange-
"ment if at all practicable,
appears

Trichinopoly — 5 (Number of the Committee)
Tanjore — 3
Tinnevelly — 2
Kurnool — one for each Taluk &c — 8

South Canara is an exceptional District and is omitted. —

"appears to me
"unnecessary, in-
"asmuch as the
"Hindus, though
"they are to some
"extent influenced
"by antagonistic
"feelings of Sect
"in their social
"intercourse, &
"generally (and
"with the ex-
"ception perhaps
"of one or
two

"two" of the "two"
"more bigoted"
"classes) look"
"upon all Institu-
"tutions if at
"all with equal
"reverence and take
"the same interest
"in the welfare
"being of all
"such Institu-
"tutions".

Mr

(Mr Walhouse) judges
"from experience and pre-
"vious as likely to arise
"from men of both sects
"serving on the same
"Committee as they have
"hitherto served as Trus-
"tees respectively of the
"of the three Dharma-
"shastas of the great
"Vishnu Devastanam
"of Shreerangam, two are
at this moment Sura-
"men".

3. The subdivision of the Vaishnoo Simples into Vadagalai and Tanga-lais is not only incorrect but also unintelligible. The grounds under which the classification of the Hindu Simples into the two great divisions

devotees of Vishnu and
Siva has been shown
to be unnecessary & apply
a portion to the further
division of Vadagalai and Tengalai
~~Kandaswamy~~ Impracticable
~~temples~~ because there is no safe
data upon which a
Vadagalai Temple may
be distinguished from
a Tengalai Temple. This
is the point which has
been the cause of the
quarrels between
the two Sects, and has not
been settled for years,
though in some (very
few) cases the Courts
have decided it. But
be the temple called
Vadagalai or Tengalai
under any Decree the
right

right of the followers
of both Sects to worship in either Temple
is exactly the same.
One way of ~~knowing~~
this impracticable
will be to specify in
the agreements the
Temples with reference
which
to each Committee is
to act, but the
Collector will not
be able to do this
without a long delay
and tedious, if not
vexatious, investigations.
There can be no satisfactory record of
this distinction
because the Board
of Revenue whose
powers are now to
be

be transferred to the Committees superseded the affairs of the Temples without any such classification whatever. It is that the Honorable Mr Ellis has said on the subject is that "it was considered desirable to have two separate committees in Conjeeveram, where sectarian spirit is high, and therefore separate provision has been made for the Vadagalai and Tenkalai sects." But which of the Temples are to come under the supervision of

each of these Committees is not stated. Both the Committees can under this state of things, claim the supervision of the same Temples and so in the very first there will be room for great confusion, litigation and dissatisfaction. This sectarian spirit is as bad if not worse, in the Temple at Conjeeveram which cannot take all below the Conjeeveram Temples in importance; and Mr Walhouse applies matters on this point very correctly in the following words. "The only

"on Lenpleijn this Div.
"trict in which the Vadas
"salais and Tungalais
"dissension prevails is the
"Bhrimgum Devastha-
"nam. The dispute there
"is of very old date
"and occasionally
"runs very high, but
"I do not see how
"it will be remedied
"by appointing a
"separate Committee
"for each party. It
"cannot be called
"a schism, for both
"parties reside to-
"gether, worship the
"same God, use the same
religious

"religious observances,
"and the main dispute
"is for the right of fix-
"-ing up their respective
"distinguishing marks
"on the temples in which
"they both worship. This
"right has been judici-
"-ally adjudged to the Se-
"-ngalay party and there
"are no other rights, claims
"or property sufficient
"to call for a separate
"Vadagalay Committee;
"indeed such a course
"would be rather likely
"to foster dissension.
"Though the Sengalai
"right has been declared
"to be predominant in
"the temple, the various
"offices and posts in
"it are filled indifferent-
"-ly by either party." Thus
while in the Committee
for

for a Devastanum which was judicially declared Tengalai, Vadagalai element is introduced it will be unfair to the Tengalas not to introduce the Tengala element into the Conjeveram committee, granting that the Devastanum in that place have been similarly declared Vadagalai.

As already said the Siva sect may also be introduced into the committee for Vishnava temples, as Mr. Banbury has actually done except in the case of the town of Madras and the Conjeveram Talook, and as they have no interest whatever in the Vadagalai and Tengalai distinctions, arrangements can

be easily made to prevent any of these two latter sects becoming predominant in the committees - so again the Madvahi, among whom also there are several respectable men, though followers of Vishnu have no sympathy for either the Vadagalais or Tengalais.

Under these circumstances the committee may be recast by adopting either the Sayoni plan of dividing the Madras District into two or three circles and appointing one committee for all the Temples in each and another for the Mahomedan religious Institutions, or the Monopoly plan of appointing

appointing two Committees for each Taluq; one for the Hindu Temples and the other for the Mahomedan Institutions. Such an arrangement will make the number of Committees small, and the selection within the sphere of the really respectable men will be satisfactory to all parties concerned. Mr Caddell's words on the inexpediency of appointing a large number of committees may be here quoted. - they are "it seems to me the "greater the number "of Committees, the "greater will be the "facilities for peculation and misappropriation, and the numerous "contentions

"contentions which "would inevitably "arise amongst the "members of the Committees would no "doubt prove highly detrimental to the "interests of the Institutions, and with "as a necessary consequence, fill the "Courts of Justice "with constant and endless litigation. "further if the number of Committees "were

"were multiplied,
"the men of whom
"such Committee
"must of necessity
"be composed, will
"be utterly wanting
"in that weight &
"influence which
"are necessary &
"for securing &
"the respect &
"and confidence
"of the people."

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The list of the Committees submitted by the Acting Collector does not show the full names of the several members and their places of residence, and so the number of Madras men in each Committee cannot be clearly specified. Four the seven members proposed for the Ponnaree Devastanums three of the seven for the Triplicane Devastanums, two of the five for the Mylapore Devastanums, three of the five for the Conjeveram Vadagala Devastanums, two of the five for the Conjeveram Tengala Devastanums and three of the five for the Conjeveram

Siva

Siva Devastanams are
inhabitants of Madras.
It must also be pointed
out that of the remain-
-ing two for the Conjee-
-veram Vadagala Devas-
-tanams one is the Ame-
-lazhirudar who lives
in the North Arcot
District and so one
member alone resides
at Conjeveram.

The Madras news
have been put in ap-
-parently with reference
to para 9 of the order of
Govt. of 12th February 1864 No 267.
which said that in the
"case of such Institutions
"as those of Conjeveram
"they would also place
"on the Committee per-
"sons of education and
"position resident in
"Madras" but the order
did

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-template the majority
of the Committee consist-
-ing of the inhabitants
of Madras.

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Re 2029 Kent agam Wm Kn
of 12 Feb/60 Kl 207
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Endorsed the following
Ex Wm Wilson of Kent
60 Kl 2373

Wm Wilson

Letter to Secretary of
the Commissioners for
the Indian Trust
for the Confirmation of
the Certificates purchased
by Indians entitled to
Land under the Treaty
of Fort Laramie
Gentlemen
I am directed by the Commissioners of Indian Affairs to transmit to you a list of the Certificates

an Still living

Rev. Mr. Lillibridge

obtained a Certificate

from Mr. Sawyer

Rev. Joint. Rec'd

In regard to the Standing

Committees for the Standing

Order of the Conference Church

the Rev. Federal Street

Church are perfectly free to

appoint Committees for the

Standing Committees for the

Society in such manner as they

please, whether by a single Committee for all

the Services - Within the

Conference there are perfect

Committees for Various Purposes

viz: one for the Singing of the Choir

for the Vestry Room - & an

other for the Sunday Evening Lectures. The

Lecture association being that

Unitarian Christians Meet in

three Localities.

The Rev. gentlemen invited to the Pulpit

or request to [illegible] arrangement

[illegible] Rev. Mr. Lillibridge to preach

[illegible] respect to the Call

[illegible] Rev. Mr. Sawyer - Mr. Lillibridge

[illegible] the Call of the

Society & the Church Unanimously

[illegible] 1849 Instead of

[illegible] by the Society

year, does not practically change

[illegible] requiring any action

by Soc[y].

[illegible] Society

may adopt the Act, & can make

that Change -

It would be a great saving

to the Church Funds & Society

[illegible] we could if we can

[illegible] to have the Pulpit supplied

[illegible] Ministers in the Vicinity

persons who [illegible] above

[illegible] Church Funds

[illegible] Society

[illegible] Pulpit

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of determining which is
of first importance - the singular
or the Vadagalay sect? is
understood: except where
judicial decisions have settled
the point - & in
the case in comparatively few
instances -

In all such cases therefore
the appointed Separate & Singular
& Vadagalay committees of
persons professing Separate
Religion.

The Govt are disposed to think
that both the Judges Inam & for
Sangeeram taluk, a single
well selected Committee composed
of the followers of Vishnu Swami
in Equal proportions as nearly
as may be - and including
among the Vaishnavas an
equal or nearly equal proportion
of Singalays & Vadagalays - is
far more likely to work harmoniously
& efficiently & to secure to the Vishnu
Swamis the Majority of two thirds Committee
interested in the question that will be
under consideration - than the complicated
[illegible] proposed by Messrs Ellis &

29.6.01 ✓
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19.8.21 ✓

Revenue 1865 Despatch

Proc of Govt for August

№ 2029.

Proc of the Madras Govt.
Dated 29th August 1865.

Proc of the Board of Revenue
dated 17 aug 1866 № 209.

Requesting the Board of
Revenue to report further
regarding the appointment
of Temple Committees
for Town of Madras and
Conjeveram. Taloor.

№ 508 & 509