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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9*th October* 1866

No. 209. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th September 1866, No. 6,606.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1866, No. 264:—

1. Four men, whose names are noted in the margin, found 160 Rupees in gold in Hissa Somarazupalli, a Shrotriem in the village of Somarazupalli, in the Nellore Talook, while employed digging a grain pit for a Ryot of that village.

1. Shaik Budden.
2. Suru Narasu.
3. Nagireddi Subbadu.
4. Anam Indupurigadu.

2. Instead of giving notice of the treasure trove to the Zillah Judge, and depositing it in the Civil Court, under Section 3, Regulation XI. of 1832, they retained, and the Police recovered and sent it to this Office under Section 130 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

3. Two claims were then urged before me, one by the Ryot for whom the finders were digging when they found the coins in question, and the other by the Shrotriemdar of the village. I referred these claimants to the Zillah Judge, to whom the treasure trove was sent at the same time, with reference to the Regulation quoted.

4. The Civil Court, under date the 3rd instant, has rejected the claims of both parties who had appeared before me. The coins have been sent to the District Treasury.

5. And, under these circumstances, I have the honor to request the orders of the Board as to the disposal of the property under Section 8 of Regulation XI.

6. I enclose translation of the report of the Government Vakeel, and copy of my letter to the Court on the subject.

7. And I would respectfully recommend that the coins should be given to the finders, who cannot be expected to have an intimate acquaintance with the law, and should the Board think fit that in this and similar cases a couple of coins should be sent to the Madras Museum, the value of the same being made good to the finders in Rupees.

From the Government Vakeel, Civil Court, Nellore, to the Magistrate of Nellore, dated————, No. 2.

1. Adverting to the 40 Star Pagodas discovered at the village of Hissa Somarazupalli, Nellore Talook, and sent by you to the Civil Court, the Court decided in Case No. 22 of 1865, that this is unclaimed property. After which, one Purdla Malla Reddi and the Shrotriemdars Komandur Venkatrama Charry and others filed in the Court extra Nos. 770 and 835 of 1866, putting forth claims to the property in question, the Court having considered the matter on the 3rd instant, decreed that the discovered coins should be carried to the credit of Government, and ordered that a copy of the Decree be drawn on ordinary paper and transmitted to you.

2. Accordingly I have the honor to submit a copy of the Decree for your perusal.

(A true Translation.)

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Acting Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th October 1866.

From the Collector and Magistrate of Nellore, to the Civil and Sessions Judge of Nellore, dated 1st December 1865, No. 366.

1. Shaik Pudlen.
2. Suru Narasu.
3. Nagireddi Subbadu.
4. Anam Indupurigadu.

1. Some men, whose names are noted in the margin, found 100 (?) Rupees in gold in Somarazupalli.

2. They are ignorant men, and instead of giving notice of their treasure trove to you, and depositing the same in your Court under Section 3, Regulation XI. of 1832, they divided it, and the Police hearing of what had taken place, recovered the same and sent it to this Office under Section 130 of the Procedure Code.

3. To-day certain claimants have come forward. One, the Ryot for whom the finders were digging a grain pit when they found the gold coins in question; the other, the Brahmins of Somarazupalli.

4. And neither of the said claimants setting forth any claims that would justify my handing over the property to them, it remains for me either to consider the property at the disposal of Government, or to send it to you as treasure trove falling under Section 8 of 1832.

5. I do myself the honor to adopt the latter course, as this will allow the Shrotriemdar to bring before you, in due course, a claim they assert under their Sunnud.

6. And should the Sunnud not be forthcoming as an original and trustworthy document, or if forthcoming not support the claims, I thus should, I trust, have the means of recommending to the Board, and subsequently have the pleasure, if successfully of moving the Court, to bestow the coins found on the finders who, as laborers, could scarce be expected to know the laws of treasure trove, and the penalties involved by a neglect of those laws.

The Collector's proposal will be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 210. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1866, No. 2,725.

Miscellaneous.

The Government waive their claim to the coins in favor of the finders; but before making over the coins, the Collector will ascertain whether Captain Mitchell requires any of them for the Museum, and, if so, will make arrangements to purchase them from the finders.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Superintendent Government Central Museum.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 3235

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 15th September 1866.

No. 6,606.

Submitting for favorable consideration recommendation of Collector of Nellore that certain gold coins found in Hissa Somarazupilli village Nellore taluk be given to the finders.

The Govt Waive their claim to the coins in favor of the finders. J.D.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Nellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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