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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th March 1866.

No. 457. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th January 1866, No. 402:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 8th January 1866, No. 2.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 29th August last, conveying the Order of Government of that date, No. 2,029, I have the honor now to send a revised list of persons that I consider fitted to be members of the Committees for the management of the Hindoo and Mahomedan Religious Institutions in this District. The alterations proposed are chiefly in respect to the Committees for the Towns of Madras, Conjeveram, and Trivallore. The institutions there being all very important and of interest to the whole native community, much consideration was necessary; and I, therefore, took many opportunities of consulting native gentlemen, both in Madras and in the Talooks, before making any list.

2. As far as my inquiries go, the majority seem disposed to favor one Committee only, as now suggested by Government, consisting of course of an equal proportion of the different sects. A list of such persons as I thought best fitted to serve on the Committee, was circulated amongst the native gentlemen, and they were asked to state any objections that they might have to make to my nominees, and to give the names of any other that they might think better fitted, by rank or residence, to serve on the Committees.

3. From their replies, I framed the list I now send, and believe and hope that in it are represented a fair proportion of all classes, and that it will be generally acceptable to the people.

4. I have put down fifteen members for the Hindoo Committee of Conjeveram, and fifteen for that of the Town of Madras, as I consider that that number is necessary for such large and wealthy institutions, and as I was generally advised by native gentlemen that they would regard the interest of the institution safer under a numerous Committee than under a small one of four or five members only. I have excluded public servants altogether, as their appointment was strongly objected to by the above-mentioned native gentlemen, on the score that it would lead to official influence being brought to bear upon the affairs of the institutions.

5. I have also increased the number of Mahomedan gentlemen for the Committee for the Madras Town. I did so at the request of some of the most intelligent and respectable members of the community, who, as among the Hindoos, were invited by me to express their opinions to me in person, or by writing.

6. The alterations in the other Talooks are too immaterial to call for any particular remark.

Govt. Petition No. 2,175, Board No. 212 of 1865, presented by Narasimma Charri and others.
Board Petition No. 2,904 of 1865 from do.
Government Petition No. 1,707 of 1865 from M. Nattoo Sevapathinayager.
Govt. Petition No. 2,401, and Board No. 240 of 1865, from Sinthasarady Iyengar and others.

7. Since the receipt of the Order of Government quoted at the head of this letter, I have received from the Board and Government the marginally noted Petitions.

Board Petition No. 3,430 of 1865, from Sunthara Goorookul and certain others.
Govt. Petition No. 2,544, Board No. 262 of 1865, and Board Petition No. 3,382 of 1865, from Sundara Chettiars and certain others.
Govt. Petition No. 2.576, and Board No. 283 of 1865, and Board Petition No. 3,055, from certain Tengalay inhabitants of Triplicane.
Government Petition No. 2,157, and Board No. 216 of 1865, from Parthasarady Iyengar and certain others.
Govt. Petition No. 2,127, and Board No. 214 of 1865, from Narasimma Charry and others.
Government Petition 2,119 of 1865, Board No. 215 of 1865.

8. The first named two Nos. 2,175 and 2,904, are from certain ministerial servants of the Devarajaswamy's Pagoda of Conjeveram, praying that one of them at least may be appointed as a member of the Committee. As I thought, however, that their position in the temple precluded their being appointed, I decline doing so.

9. Petition No. 1,707 is from one M. Nattoo Sevapathe Naicker, and certain others. In this it is asked that, in appointing a Committee for the Madras Town, where there are so many Siva temples, a fair and equal proportion of the right and left-hand classes may be chosen, as otherwise much injustice and oppression would result. As it appeared to me that there was much truth in this statement, I have named an equal or nearly equal number of the left-hand and right-hand classes both for Madras and Conjeveram.

10. Petition No. 2,401 of 1865 is from Parthasarathy Iyengar and others of Madras, in which they protest against the appointment of the Tengalay sect alone for the temples in Madras; but as my nominees for that town represent all classes equally, the Petitioners have now no ground for complaint.

11. Petitions Nos. 3,340 and 2,544, are from certain ministerial servants in the temple of Yekambareshwaraswamy in Conjeveram, wishing for a distinct Committee to consist of one Iyasawmy Mudaliar of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., and certain others. This request, however, being opposed to the last received orders of Government, viz., to have one Committee only for each Talook, I had no option in the matter: to suit, however, the Siva temples, I have taken care to have a fair proportion of Sivavites on the Committees.

12. Petitions Nos. 3,382 and 2,576 of 1865, are from one Soora Chettiar and certain others, in which they protest against the nomination of Iyaswamy Mudaliar, or any others named in the above Petition No. 3,340, as they are all the disciples of the temple priests (Goorookals), and therefore their nomination would be no check upon his misdeeds or defalcations. One only of the persons objected to in this Petition, viz., Iyaswamy Mudaliar, has been nominated; and he is a man that bears a high character for respectability, and has largely endowed one of the Siva temples at Conjeveram. His nomination also amongst so many others who are not interested in any way in the priest, cannot, I am of opinion, be any way objectionable.

13. In the last named four Petitions, objections are raised to the appointment of any of the Vedagalay sect on the Committee for the Triplicane Pagoda, as that Pagoda is peculiarly a Tengalay one, and indeed, by the endorsement granted to these Petitioners by the Government on Petitions Nos. 2,157 and 2,127 of 1865, it would seem that this Pagoda is considered by Government to be independent, and freed from any interference on the part of the Committee now named under Act XX. of 1863.

14. The delay in sending this list is owing to my having found it necessary to obtain the opinions of most or all of the chief natives of both Madras and the Talooks, and in doing so to circulate a Memorandum to them all inviting their respective opinions, and to the long time that it took to get from them the required answers.

Ordered that the above letter and the original enclosure be submitted to Government, with reference to the Order quoted by the Collector. The Board are not aware of any objections to Mr. Fane's proposals, which appear to have been framed with much care.

Revised List of persons to form Committees for the management of Hindoo and Mahomedan Religious Institutions in the Madras District under Act XX. of 1863.

Talook	Hindoo or Mahomedan.	Names of Members.	Profession.	Residence.
Chingleput.	Mahomedan ...	Mahomed Ismayell	Landed Proprietor	Covelong.
		Kanattur Sahib Khan Sahib	Shrotriyadar of Kanattur	Kanattur.
		Abdul Latiff	Shrotriyadar of Vadavamali and Moonsiff of Covelong.	Covelong.
		Mahomed Booran Sahib ...	Shrotriyadar of Malarayapakam ...	Malarayapakam.
		Abdul Basit Sahib	Mirassidar and Landed Proprietor ...	Covelong.
		Cuddalore Mootoosami Mudaliar ...	Zemindar of Cuddalore in the Chingleput Talook.	Cuddalore.
	Hindoo ...	Nallathur Ramasami Mudaliar ...	Zemindar of Nallathur in the Chingleput Talook.	Nallathur.
		Ramakistnier	Court Vakeel	Chingleput.
		Vera Thatha Chariar	Mirassidar and Landed Proprietor in the Chingleput Talook.	Kottinmangalum.
		Nattu Srinivassa Iyengar	Shrotriyadar of Tiruvangaranai ...	Conjeveram.
		Arunachella Mudaliar	Merchant and Land holder	Madras.
		Sundra Mudaliar	Court Vakeel	Chingleput.
	Mahomedan ...	Khader Ally Khan Sahib	Inámdar	Alamboraí.
		Khader Padsha Sahib	Do.	Kadaperi near Madurantakam.
Madurantakam.	Hindoo ...	Syed Bahadoor Sahib	Cazy...	Karunguli.
		Chunambat Vedachella Mudaliar ...	Zemindar	Chunambat.
		Janakiram Pantulu...	Late Naib Sheristadar of South Arcot ...	Madurantakam.
		Kyapakam Moottoo Comarappah Mudaliar	Zemindar of Kyapakam	Kyapakum.
		Polambakam Muttu Venkataramah Reddi	Mirassidar	Polambakam.
		Vanghipuram Runga Charri ...	Do.	Madyrantakam.
Conjeveram.	Mahomedan ...	Abdul Khadar Sahib	Inámdar	Conjeveram.
		Dawood Beg Sahib	Do.	Do.
		Havildar Bahadoor Khan	Pensioner	Do.
		Pondicherri Virapperumall Pillai ...	Merchant	Madras.
	Hindoo ...	Tirumalai Srinivassa Chariar B. L. ...	High Court Pleader	Do.
		W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu ...	Shrotriyadar of Uttukadu	Uttukadu and Madras.
		Ratnala Venkatasami Naidu	Merchant	Madras.
		Govindaraju Mudaliar	Doobash Messrs. Dymes & Co.	Do.
		Guntty Ramasami Chetti	Merchant	Do.

Revised List of persons to form Committees for the management of Hindoo and Mahomedan Religious Institutions, &c.—(Continued.)

Talook	Hindoo or Mahomedan.	Names of Members.	Profession.	Residence.
Conjeveram.	Hindoo	Strirangapatnam Tirumala Charri...	High Court Pleader	Madras.
		Akoor Rungiah Naidoo	Doobash at Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. ...	Do.
		Gomatam Runga Chari	Mirassidar	Conjeveram.
		S. Chengalroy Naidoo	Landed Proprietor and Doobash at Messrs. Shand & Co.	Madras.
		Ramasamiah...	Pensioner and late Sub-Magistrate of Cumbaconum.	Conjeveram.
		K. Narasinga Row Roy-Roy	Late Head Sheristadar, Revenue Board Office.	Madras.
		C. Ivasami Mudaliar	Doobash at Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. ...	Do.
		P. Kolundavelu Mudaliar	Muttadar of Vallam	Do.
		Gummadipundi Venkata Subbu Chettiyar	Cashier, Oriental Bank	Do.
Ponneri.	Mahomedan ...	Peer Sahib	Merchant of Pulicat	Pulicat.
		Ponneri Shaik Mirah Sahib	Landed Proprietor	Ponneri.
		Mahomed Jekell...	Merchant	Pulicat.
		Abdul Salam...	Do.	Do.
		Peer Jeatha Mahomed Nazir	Inámdar	Perumbedu in Ponneri Talook.
	Hindoo ...	Venkatakamatchi Iyer	Shrotriyadar of Amur	Amur in the Ponneri Talook.
		Subroyah Mudaliar	Zemindar of Peruvoil...	Poodoovoil.
		Kishna Row...	Zemindar of Colattur, &c.	Colattur and Ponneri.
		Chinnakavanam Manikiya Mudaliar	Shrotriyadar of Manoharam in the Ponneri Talook	Chinnakavanam.
		Valur Gajanana Mudaliar	Do. of Veeranghivedu, &c., villages ...	Nagacherri in the Ponneri Talook.
		Venkata Lutchmana Mudaliar	Mirassidar of Chinnakavanam	Madras.
		Appasami Mudaliar...	Do. of Periakavanam	Do.
		Kaniyambakam Subroya Mudaliar...	Do. of Kaniyambakam, &c.	Kaniyambakam in the Ponneri Talook.
		Kattavur Sundra Mudaliar	Do. of Kattavur, &c., villages	Kattavur in the Ponneri Talook.
	Mahomedan...	Sabash Khan Sahib...	Jaghiredar of Uttukottah	Uttukottah.
		Mahomed Kaza	Land owner	Trivallur.
		Mahomed Abdullah...	Jaghiredar of Pennalur in the Kalastri Zemindary	Trivallur.
Trivallur.	Hindoo ...	Seshampettah Kistnamah Rajah	Land owner	Seshampettah.
		C. V. Parthasarady Iyengar	Doobash of Maxwell, Bland & Co. ...	Madras.
		Navalpakam Strinivassa Ragava Charri	Landed Proprietor	Trivallur.
		L. Venkatesa Naidoo...	Zemindar of Tiruvur	Tiruvur and Madras.
		Palavakam Venkata Reddi	Landed Proprietor of Palavakam ...	Palavakam in the Trivallur Talook.
		Vadayur Minatchi Iyer	Landed Proprietor of Vadayur... ...	Vadayur in Trivallur Talook.
		N. Rajahratnah Naidoo	Landed Proprietor	Vengal in Trivallur Talook.
		Chittambakam Gengathara Mudaliar	Mirassidar	Chittambakam.
		Puduvoil Shunmugam Mudaliar	Shrotriyadar of Kadanellore	Poodoovoil in Ponneri Talook.
Saidapet.	Mahomedan ...	Honorable Sharful Umrah Bahadur...	Carnatic Stipendiary	Madras.
		Hazi Murtuza Sahib Salar-ool-Mulk	Late Bukshee of the Nabob	Red Hills.
		Mansur-ud-Dowlah Bahadur	Zemindar of Palaveram	Palaveram and Madras.
	Hindoo ...	Ramasami Mudaliar	Do. of Korattur	Korattur in the Saidapet Talook.
		C. Yekambra Mudaliar	Do. of Vayilanellore	Vayilanellore.
		A. Alwar Chetti	Merchant	Madras.
		C. Iyasami Mudaliar	Doobash at Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. ...	Do.
		Puvada Venkata Row	Mirassidar	Do.
		Mangadu Vythilinga Mudaliar	Do.	Madras and Mangadu in the Saidapet Talook.
		Chengamah Naidoo	Zemindar of Chittukadu	Chittukadu in the do. do.
Town of Madras.	Mahomedan ...	Hyder Jung Bahadur...	Carnatic Stipendiary	Saint Thomé.
		Sumsam-ud-Dowlah Bahadur	Chief Secretary to His Highness Prince Azim Jah	Triplicane.
		Honorable Shurful Umrah Bahadur	Carnatic Stipendiary	Saint Thomé.
		Aziz-ul-Mulk Bahadur	Do.	Shadi Mahal, Triplicane.
		Thorazishkhan Bahadur	Do.	Royapettah.
		Mahomed Dustagheer	Pensioner and late Interpreter	Saidapet.
		Syed Abdullah Sahib	Independent circumstances	Triplicane.
		Hazi Mahomed Patcha	Merchant	Triplicane.
		Hafiz Sadrool Islamkhan Bahadur	Carnatic Stipendiary	Saint Thomé.
		Sharuhullah Sahib	Pensioner and landed proprietor... ...	Do.
	Hindoo ...	Yegappah Chettiar	Doobash at Messrs. Dymes & Co. ...	Madras.
		A. Alwar Chettiar	Merchant	Do.
		M. S. Sodagopah Mudaliar	Do.	Do.
		Cuppala Parthasaradi Naidu...	Do.	Do.
		Strirangapatnam Parthasaradi Iyengar	High Court Vakeel	Do.
		V. Rungah Charri	Do.	Saint Thomé.

Revised List of persons to form Committees for the management of Hindoo and Mahomedan Religious Institutions, &c.—(Continued.)

Talook.	Hindoo or Mahomedan.	Names of Members.	Profession.	Residence.
Town of Madras.	Hindoo	Rungasami Mudaliar ...	Merchant ...	Madras.
		C. Venkatakistna Mudaliar	Do. and Zemindar of Aricat ...	Do.
		T. Strinivassa Chariar	High Court Vakeel ...	Do.
		Viraperumall Pillai	Merchant ...	Do.
		Guruprasatha Tewari	Do. ...	Triplicane.
		Chakrai Chetti	Do. ...	Madras.
	Do. Smartahs.	Raja Ratna Mudaliar	Do. ...	Madras.
		Narasinga Row, Roy-Roy	Late Sheristadar Board's Office ...	Triplicane.
		Basava Pillai ...	At Messrs. Shand & Co. ...	Madras.

(Signed) G. FANE, *Collector.*

SAIDAPET,
8th January 1865.

No. 458. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1866, No. 751.

Miscellaneous.

1. After careful consideration, the Governor in Council resolves to sanction the revised Lists of Committees under Act XX. of 1863 for the Madras District, which are submitted with these Proceedings.

2. The Lists will be published in three successive issues of the Fort Saint George and District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

My dear Phillips

I have sent a heavy bundle containing the Translation for Mrs Dr Leighton. Jane's selection is as good as any one is likely to make - but any

thing like unanimity of opinion on such a subject is utterly hopeless and should we all be inundated with petitions - many of which will be easy to answer

but such is the character of the Act!

Yours ever

I. D. Luard

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Petn 2829 of 65.

Any suspicion, on carefully reading the original papers connected with this Petition, is that the Endorsement must be misdated 31st Augt last, was copied on a Petition from the same parties numbered 2453 of 64.

That order was passed in Council, and I doubt recollect that I had an Amendment of Petns Wrongth. the papers, Indeed, the order in its terms, & so similar to Mine passed on application for relief from the action of Commissioners Enabled under act 20 of 63, that a perusal of previous correspondence would have seemed unnecessary.

The case of the Petitioners however, seems to me wholly different from that of the several Petitioners

who have been referred to the Courts for relief against any one who may invade their rights.

The Petitioners, whose case is brought prominently before us in 2453 and 2829, have had the right to elect Pardon Kundrayaswamy formally recognized by the Board of Rev: which has in the full exercise of all the powers of Superintendence entrusted by Reg 7 of 1817 and Ordinance 2 of 1856. The Board recognizing their right has fully acted on, and has sanctioned the appointment of Pardon.

Besides this, which took place so far back as 1842, there has been a formal official judgment by the highest tribunal in the country, the late Supreme Court, affirming on appeal the right of Pardon Kapuppini as warden of the Pardon which had previously been adjudged by both the Boards and the Govt.

Under circs such as these, it seems to be quite clear that Sri Kudrayaswamy Pardon should not be regarded as one of those institutions to which Section III of Act 20 of 63 has application. At the time that Act passed the Pardon was under management by a person "whose nomination did not rest in" "the Govt or any public officer". The Govt had years previously, as the proper time, (I say nothing of the Govt adjudgment) washed their hands of all interference with the affairs of the institution, by their public recognition of C. Sandrasekharyan, who had elected and was unopposed by the Petitioners; and it seems to me unreasonable now to let slip the occasion of taking steps to set up suits about the management of this Pardon, when so strong, as it appears here, the institution is one

absent - the Lord's need have no concern. - It comes within the Category of the Parable of the Unjust Steward and shd be kept in Abeyance, and not be left, as Rodesheaven, entirely to the action of Act 20 of 63.

Likewise there is no necessity for the suspension of the Endowment in 2453, the Lds Chd be left entirely regarding the Kurdistan Estate as in Paloda in 54 Act 20 of 63 of the institutions opened to the Govt will not be required to manage the affairs under consideration when forming the Committees of management &c in respect of ordinary institutions.

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campaign abroad in pursuit of health.

Yours truly

20 Jan J Ryrie

Dear Mr Miller

I am looked into this case, and am clear of opinion that the new Act in the P. 21 hon Bk. and maintaining the endowment of Rajpt Zenana, was constitutional should not have been disturbed by

fact that the Warrant
of the Deputy has been declared
void by any of the
Courts of the Republic
does not absolve him
from necessarily proving
that the Arrest was
taken under Section IV
Act XX - 1863.

But whether it does
or not, in this case
there was no

assistance in the
Court-House.
Nothing that was
said or done would
in any degree limit
or influence the
action of the Court
in pronouncing
sentence for
resisting the
taking the
Warrant in
order to do
it to do

Lieutenant [illegible] of
his Command it
is his pleasure
that Thomas Justice will
be discharged from
Confinement.

It is no business
of mine - and his
Justice surely
is on a par with
all the Actions
of his Executive last

My dear Rose.
I have [illegible] heard
[illegible] of
the Endorsement on
the Card relative
to the Detachment
Confinement [illegible]
Lieutenant [illegible]
[illegible] have been
talking to Him about.
I have [illegible] a
Letter - two Letters,
which made to him
matter - on account

Memo.

Bd Pro. 17th Jun 1856. 402

Witto these proceedings the Board forward Mr Farris list of jogoila committees for the revisal Talooks of the Madras district (for the town of Madras)

They remark that the lists have been prepared with care & seem to be unobjectionable.

The first thing to be noticed in the lists is the complete exclusion of men in the employment of Govt. Mr Farris says that this exclusion is in accordance with the wishes of the community who are a

Thought Lindsay
Mem to Town Clerk
to work with Lindsay
to make Mem out to
Sec after Board
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to be open on Saturday
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Mem by Lindsay
W Saunders

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official influence being brought to bear on the affairs of the proceedings.

2. The lists do not show whether the committee men are Vishnuites or Shivaites, nor who they are. Legislative Valangaiyars. Mr Fane says that the proportions are equal or nearly so in the Committees for Madras & Conjeveram where parties run high, but on inquiry I find that this is really the case. There are 5 Lingalais, 5 Vadagalais & 5 neutrals in each Committee: of these 11 are Vishnuites and 4 Shivaites.

3. The Madras & Conjeveram Committees are unusually large but perhaps not unmanageable.

of right & left hand castes

Number of members - 15

Conjeveram & Cuddapah

Conjeveram & Madras.

An numerously signed petition against this man has just come in & is sent up with the papers

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4. If a county Magistrate is down for two committees there is a clutch at Physical Arbitration & Los Petitions have been received both for & against them. Mr Fane gives good reasons for reconstituting single P. V. Imperial Pillai & S. Chinnavasudevan & Narasinga Row Roy-Roy are also down for two committees.

5. Mr Fane recommends without remark Gomattam Rangachari for the Conjeveram committee. An unsigned copy of a petition to the Collector has been received in this office in which Gomattam Rangachari is described as a rich Lingalai party and I believe this description to be true. The petition

Province takes it that he is constantly harassing the durmaeurtus of the Swarajeswamy pojeda ch. Cujeswara with litigation. This pujeda however has an hereditary warden & will probably be exempt from the authority of the Com

I don't see any thing else that requires notice. Most of the difficulties raised in the petitions we have discussed on to Govt are washed by the present scheme of appointing committees for the books selected for puraeulur temples as the Ellis proposed

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Memo on Proposed Committees for the Madras district

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Vide separate Memo circulated with this.

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After careful consideration the Governor in Council resolves to sanction the revised lists of Committees under Act X of 63 for the Madras district which are submitted with these proceedings.

The lists will be published in 3 successive issues of the Fort St George District Gazettes.

Pr order of Govr
Dec 28th