

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	965	Press Mis.
Dated	24-4-	1866

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th April 1866.*

No. 383. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th April 1866, No. 2,612 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 28th March 1866, No. 107.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 11th August 1864, No. 5,144, calling upon me to report how vacancies in the Temple Trust have been filled up, since the transfer of the temple and endowments to Trustees in 1841, I have the honor to state that the Order of 1841,

declared the charge of the Pagodas, hereditary in the families of the Zamorins, and Palghat Rajahs, and made them responsible to the Courts of Justice alone for any breach of trust in the management of those Institutions. This responsibility has been found, in practice, to be nearly nominal, as great irregularity and remissness are said to prevail without any appeal being made to the Courts. The reason for such a state of things is obvious. Save in a few exceptional cases private individuals are not sufficiently interested in the matter to be willing to take the trouble of going to law. Since the Order above quoted, the Rajahs above said have succeeded to the Trusteeships in course, and without farther reference to, or confirmation by Government.

2. And now I am in some doubt whether the Religious Institutions in this District come within the scope of Section 3 of Act XX. of 1863, inasmuch as Government had, *before* the passing of the Act (as above said), made over their charge to others.

Although it is said that the Institutions are not well managed, it is evident that the mis-management has not attained to such a pitch as to excite public interest to seek the remedy that lies open.

3. I am not, therefore, inclined, at present, to advocate interference on the part of Government.

Should any parties immediately interested come forward, and desire that Trustees should be appointed under Act XX. of 1863, it will then, I think, be time enough to inquire into and settle the question whether the Government now has, or has not the power to interfere so far as to appoint Trustees, or whether the complainants should be referred to the Civil Courts.

The Board concur in opinion with the Collector that, under the circumstances stated, Temple Committees do not need to be appointed in Malabar under Act XX. of 1863.

No. 384. ORDER THETRON, 24th April 1866, No. 965.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are of opinion that the Religious Institutions mentioned by the Collector do not come within the scope of Section III. of Act XX. of 1863, and that the appointment of Committees is therefore unnecessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 1127.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 16th April 1866.
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No. 2,612.

Concurring in opinion with Collector of
Malabar that Temple Committees do not need
to be appointed in that district under Act X
of 1863.

No 383-287.

L. A. S. P. M.

At 905-21 April
With an Order