

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th March 1871.*

No. 245. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 14th February 1871, No. 2,609:—

WITH reference to the Government Order, No. 99, of the 14th January last, I have the honour to forward Colonel Morgan's explanation.* I requested that officer to recover the amount due from Mr. vanIngen, or, in the event of his refusing to refund it, or to work it out, to prosecute him, and Colonel Morgan thought it advisable to secure legal advice in Mysore.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel H. R. MORGAN, Deputy-Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, dated Ootacamund, 11th February 1871, No. 372.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 2,571, dated 31st January 1871, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Cherry was directed by me, agreeably to your letters, No. 2,208, dated 14th July, and No. 2,241, dated 1st August 1870, to prosecute Mr. vanIngen in the Mysore Civil Court. As it was foreign territory I was under the impression that Mr. Cherry should secure local legal assistance.

No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1871, No. 479.

Forests, No. 9.

THE Government desire that the established rule in other departments may be maintained in the Forest Department, namely, that actions at law on behalf of Government are not to be instituted without their sanction previously obtained.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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religious institutions under their control any reasonable expense that the members of the Committee may actually incur in employing a Gumasta and a Peon in their establishment, as also any contingent charges. The Proceedings now under acknowledgment authorizes the recovery of stamp charges only.

4. In conclusion, the Committee pray that Government will issue the proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 19th November last, No. 1,806, and to offer their thanks to Government for the observations of the Board of Revenue contained therein with regard to the Stamp-duty, etc.

2. I am also directed to submit the following points to Government, with the object of obtaining such information necessary to clear all doubts in the matter:—

1st.—The Committee are not in a position to understand fully whether their duties embrace also the superintendence of the due appropriation of the rents and produce of the land (manniams) granted for the maintenance of several Hindu temples situated in this taluq, and for which Title-deeds were granted by the late Inam Commissioner. If so, whether such superintendence will not exceed the limit given in the 2nd paragraph of the opinion of the Advocate-General, recorded in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th July 1866, No. 4,948, which appeared in the *Madras District Gazette* on the 1st September of the same year; several complaints against the management of the Superintendents of the above temples of large annual income of about 1,000 Rs. having been received from several persons interested in those pagodas.

2nd.—To give effect to the opinion of the Advocate-General referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Committee are ignorant what steps are to be taken regarding dismissal of the trustees and other servants of the religious institutions. Should the Committee be disposed to dismiss a trustee from office, all what they would do is that they can only give public intimation of such vacancy by advertisement in the Gazette, and a notice, containing the election of filling up the vacancy also be published; but they have not the power to put the person so appointed in possession of such institution together with its property. I may mention, for the information of Government, that when the institutions were formerly under the control of the Board, the practice then observed and carried out was that the District Magistrate be allowed to put such institution in the possession of the persons who were recognized as trustees by the Board. It would be a great favour to the Committee if such practice can now be carried out. Should the Government have no objection to do so, I request that they will issue the necessary instructions to the District Magistrate to put the possession of such institutions under application from the Committee, which would relieve them from a great deal of trouble and delay.

3rd.—The Committee are also anxious to hear from Government if they can advertise in the District Gazette free of charge, regarding filling up vacancies in the Committee, agreeably to the Clauses I. and XI. of the Rules laid down in the Supplement to the *Madras District Gazette*, dated 13th January 1866; also any other announcements of public interest connected with the religious institutions.

3. While upon the above subject, I am further directed by the Committee to obtain the sanction of Government to enable the Committee to recover from the

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No. 243. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Hindu Committee of Ponnery Taluq, appointed under Act XX. of 1863, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chingleput, 31st January 1871:—

I HAVE the honour, by desire of the Committee, to acknowledge receipt of the necessary orders for the immediate disposal of the above matters.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1871, No. 478.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government cannot undertake to furnish Temple Committees with authoritative interpretations of the law

under which they are constituted and act.

2. The application contained in the above letter for leave to advertise in the District Gazettes free of charge will be referred to the Board of Revenue for their remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Members of the Temple Committee of Ponnery Taluq, Chingleput District.
,, the Revenue Board.
,, the Legislative Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th March 1871.

Read the following letter from the

Secy. to the Hindu Committee of Ponnery Taluq.

Knowing with thanks
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application made in respect
of two Inam Villages
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order to clear all doubts.

(H.E. 31st January 1871)

The Govt. cannot undertake to furnish Temple Committees with authoritative interpretations of the law under which they are constituted, and act.

2. The application contained in the above letter for leave to advertise in the District

Gazettes

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Attestdne Major,
Conservator of Forests

Revenue Department.

No. 479.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th March 1871.

Read the following letter from the
Conservator of Forests.

Submitting explanation
of Col. Morgan to G. O. No.
99 of 14th January 1871, regarding
Mr. Van Ingen's Contract in
Wynaad Forest

H. E. 14th February 1871 No. 2609

The Government desire
that the established rule
in other departments may be
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Department viz: that actions
at law on behalf of govern-
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13 To the Commr of Forests, Madras, dated Decr 20

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Gazettes free of charge will
be referred to the Board of
Revenue for their remarks.

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1 To the Member of
the Temple Committee of Ponnery Talook Chingleput District Distt 20
14 Revenue Board
5 Copies to the Legislative Dept.

14th January 1871 No 203/204

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From H. S. S. 1.

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For the Secretary to Govt.

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Dated 14th } February 1871
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REVENUE.

THE MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE
COMMITTEE OF PONNERY TALUQ.
CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

to, to, to.

Dated March 18th.

Recd.

G. O. 18th March 1871, No. 478

MARCH.

Nos. 243-244.

Temple Committees.—Secretary to the
Ponnery Committee informed that the Govern-
ment cannot furnish Temple Committees with
authoritative interpretations of the law under
which they are constituted and act. Request to
advertise in the District Gazette free of charge
matters relating to religious institutions, referred
to Board of Revenue for report.