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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th January 1874.*

No. 98. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1873, No. 2,559 :—

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 11th November 1873, No. 452 :—

ADVERTING to the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th June last, Miscellaneous No. 3,638, communicating the sanction of Government for an expenditure of Rupees 297-4-9 for copying certain inscriptions on stone in the walls of the Pagoda of Trinomalay, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copies of 109 inscriptions furnished by the Tahsildar.

2. It appears that they are mere recitals of donations made in favour of the Pagoda, the majority by private and obscure individuals, of cows, land, grain, etc., and are consequently of no importance either as affording historical names and dates or illustrations of the tenure of land, or any interesting information regarding the customs and religions of the Hindoos. The characters too are almost illegible, and the wording obscure. A large number of the remaining sasanums are stated to be inscribed on the inner walls of the Pagoda, where light is entirely excluded, and covered with a thick coating of plaster and soot. The copies taken hitherto are more or less of the same kind, and there is nothing to encourage a hope that, further labour or expense in the matter will lead to more important results. Inscriptions of this nature are peculiar to that at Trinomalay. The transcription of the 109 sasanums, of which copies are forwarded, cost Rs. 38-7-6.

3. Pending further orders, I have directed the work to be suspended.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—List of inscriptions.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copies of inscriptions.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government. It will be desirable to have such inscriptions examined in future before they are copied. The Collector has done right in stopping the work pending further orders.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1874, No. 51.

Miscellaneous.

ENCLOSURES forwarded to Mr. Burnell in continuation of G. O., 27th October 1873, No. 1,189. The Government wish

to have his opinion on the point raised.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To A. C. Burnell, Esq.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 2,559.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th December 1873.

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ADVERTING to the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th June last, Miscellaneous No. 3,638, communicating the sanction of Government for an expenditure of Rupees 287-4-3 for copying certain inscriptions on stone in the walls of the Pagoda of Trinomalay, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copies of 109 inscriptions furnished by the Tahsildar.

2. It appears that they are mere recitals of donations made in favour of the Pagoda, the majority by private and obscure individuals, of cows, land, grain, etc., and are consequently of no importance either as affording historical names and dates or illustrations of the tenure of land, or any interesting information regarding the customs and religions of the Hindoos. The characters too are almost illegible, and the wording obscure. A large number of the remaining sasanums are stated to be inscribed on the inner walls of the Pagoda, where light is entirely excluded, and covered with a thick coating of plaster and soot. The copies taken hitherto are more or less of the same kind, and there is nothing to encourage a hope that, further labour or expense in the matter will lead to more important results. Inscriptions of this nature abound in all Hindoo Pagodas, and are not peculiar to that at Trinomalay. The transcription of the 109 sasanums, of which copies are forwarded, cost Rs. 38-7-6.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with list and copies of inscriptions.
,, the Acting Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Boat. of 1874

REVENUE.

A. C. BURNELL, Esq.

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated January 1874.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 13th January 1874, No. 61.

JANUARY.

Nos. 98-99.

Inscriptions on stone in walls of Pagoda Trinomalay. Calling for Mr. Burnell's opinion as to whether it is necessary to incur further expenditure for copying the —

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1873.

Board of Revenue
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH DECEMBER 1873, No. 2,559.

Supd 20 Dec 1873 + Encl 2

+ 1st Encl to Mr. + 1st Encl to Mr.

Received 21 Dec 73

DECEMBER.
No. 2,559.

Inscriptions on stone—in walls of Pagoda of Trinomalay, in South Arcot District.—Collector's letter forwarding copies of certain—and objecting to further expenditure being incurred for this purpose, as the inscriptions are merely recitals of donations made to Pagoda, submitted to Government.

Mr. Enclones forwarded 6th

Remitted in entry of 14 Dec 1873. The 3rd and 4th Encl. are forwarded on the same day as 24/12/73

L. A. C. Burnell Esq. with 2 Encl. Dec. 14 Jan 74
14 Dec 73 of Revenue

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10/10/73. R.S.