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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1886, No. 2629:—

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1886, Mis. No. 6246:—

Read—the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tanjore, 26th June 1886, No. 4169:—

Under section 9, Regulation VII of 1817, I have the honor to report as follows on the Annadana kattalai chattram attached to the Sri Tyagarajaswami temple at Tiruvâlûr.

2. This chattram is a minor branch [illegible] temple of Sri Tyagarajaswami [illegible]r, out of the revenues of which [illegible]ntained. It has also a ready-money allowance of Rs. 1,079-6-9* paid annually from the public treasury under the authority conveyed in G.Os., Nos. 302 and 576, dated 6th April 1852 and 11th June 1857.

		Rs.	A.	P.
* Annadana kattalai chattram	...	743	6	9
Hanuman chattram	...	336	0	0
Total	...	1,079	6	9

3. The charity to be kept up consists of—(1) shelter to all travellers; (2) distribution of food to Brahmins every day and night, [illegible]d rations of uncooked rice with the necessary condiments to pilgrims and others who object to receive cooked food; (3) a water-pandal during the hot season; (4) lights at night; and (5) pagoda service.

4. The guardian to the minors of the Vadapathimangalam estate and Kuppani Ammal, widow of the late proprietor of the estate, reported that the charity was founded in the days of Chokkappa Mudaliar of Vadapathim ngalam; that the affairs of the institution were for some time managed by the chief member of the family; that it was under Government management till 1846, when it was transferred to Vaithilinga Pandara Sannadhi, the present trustee, from whom a muchilika was taken by Government in 1847; that the income from the endowment is misappropriated by the trustee; and that the charity is not properly conducted as would appear from an examination of the last three years' accounts of receipts and charges of the institution. On this report the Deputy Tahsildar of Tiruvâlûr was called upon to inquire into the case. From his report it appears that the Pandara Sannadhi was unable to produce any accounts of income derived from lands, &c., assigned for the maintenance of the Annadana kattalai, and that when asked for them said that no accounts had been kept since fasli 1283, not even daily accounts, because the curnams had not attended to their business in consequence of their not having been regularly paid. As the Deputy Tahsildar points out, this statement by itself is enough to show that the institution is mismanaged and its income misappropriated, and he accordingly recommends accordingly that the charity may be taken under the management of the District Board. The Tahsildar of Negapatam and the Head Assistant Collector agree with him in this view. Several complaints about the mismanagement of the institutions (Annadan kattalai and Abishaka kattalai)

under the charge of the Pandara Sannadhi have been made by the merchants and other residents of Tiruvalúr. In these circumstances, I am of opinion that the ready-money allowance of Rs. 743-6-9 † should be withheld, if the Board deem fit, pending the civil suit, which, in the capacity of a panchayatdar of the Sri Tyagarajaswami temple on behalf of the minor of the Vadapathimangalam estate, I propose to file against the Pandara Sannadhi under Act XX of 1863.

† Rs. 1,979-6-9—Rs. 336 appropriated for the maintenance of the Hanumar chattram referred to in the last paragraph.

5. This is not the first instance of misappropriation and mismanagement on the part of Vaithilinga Pandara Sannadhi which has come to notice. He was also placed in charge of the Hanumar chattram at Tiruvalúr, a branch chattram of the one under reference and maintained at a cost of Rs. 336 out of Rs. 1,979-6-9 assigned for the above Annadana kattalai chattram on behalf of the District Board. On the complaint of a traveller of the Chingleput district, inquiries were made regarding the mismanagement of the chattram by the Pandara Sannadhi, which resulted in its transfer to the management of the Deputy Tahsildar of Tiruvalúr in 1884 on behalf of the District Board.

Reference, dated 9th July 1886.

The Collector is requested to give the number and date of the Board's Proceedings regarding the Hanumar chattram referred to in paragraph 5 of his letter. It is not clear from his letter whether he wishes the Board to apply to Government for the consent to the transfer of the superintendence and management of the Annadana kattalai chattram to the District Board or whether the sanction of the District Board is necessary.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.

Read—the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tanjore, 2nd August 1886, No. 5207 :—

Adverting to the Board's reference, dated 9th July 1886, on General Register No. 3283 of 1886, I have the honor to report that the assumption of the management of the Hanumar chattram by the Local Fund Board was sanctioned by Government in their order, No. 247, Financial Department, dated 8th February 1878, communicated in the Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2208, dated 4th March 1878.

2. With reference to the concluding portion of the Board's reference, I beg to state that on receipt of orders as to withholding the ready-money allowance the matter will be laid before the District Board. I have no doubt that they will undertake the management of the Annadana kattalai chattram.

Resolution—dated 19th August 1886, Mis. No. 6246.

Under the circumstances reported by the Collector, the Board request the Accountant-General to withhold the allowance paid to the Annadana kattalai chattram until further orders.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Read—also the following letter from E. GIBSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 3rd November 1886, No. 2189 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 6246, dated 19th August 1886, I have the honor to report that the District Board have expressed their willingness to undertake the management of the Annadana kattalai chattram at Tiruvalúr. I enclose an extract from their Proceedings dated 9th October 1886, and request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the transfer of the management of the chattram to the District Board and for the disbursement to them of the allowance of Rs. 743-6-9 assigned to the chattram.

Enclosure.

Extract from the Proceedings of the District Board, Tanjore, dated 9th October 1886.

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14. Read Collector's foot-note, No. 1722, dated 3rd September 1886, on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Mis. No. 6246, dated 19th August 1886, requesting to ascertain and communicate the views of the District Board as to whether they would undertake the management of the Annadana kattalai chattram at Tiruvalúr.

Resolution.—The board agree to undertake the management.

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Resolution—dated 4th December 1886, No. 2629.

The sanction of Government is requested to the transfer of the management of the chattram mentioned in the foregoing letter to the District Board of Tanjore.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Order—dated 15th January 1887, No. 28, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The proposal of the Board of Revenue is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Local and Municipal Department.

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Annadana Kattalai Chattram at Tiruvalur.

Sanction granted for the transfer of the management of — to the District Board of Tanjore.