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TEXT

(१।) [ॐ सिद्धम] वीरश्री बाणु<1>देवराजुल समस्त ८ स्ना(हि) मक-

(२।) र कृ ११ सी रविवारे कलिगदण्डपट्ट<2> परीक्ष(क्षा)

(३।) महापात्र भुवनानंद सान्धिविग्रांकरे<3> अधि(कारे)

(४।) कलिंगपरिक्षा महापात्र परिहरानन्द संधि-

(५।) बिग्र(हि)ङ्कर अधिकारे माजि<4> समस्त वेहरण<5> विद्य-

(६।) माने टाकुरुकर<6> आयुष्कामार्ते(र्थे) श्रीनरसिग नात(थ)दे-

<1. श्रीभानुदेव>

<2. दण्डपाट>

<3. सन्धिविग्रहीङ्कर>

<4. माझि>

<5. वेहेरा>

<6. ठाकुरङ्कर>

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(७।) भं(वं)कर अमृतमणहि (मि)याइला निशां(शं)क भाणु

(८।) भोग १ ल आरु<7> ४ वा पुला<8> कारड वडा जउटपि <9>

(९।) जाडिव<10> १ पणा कलिसि २<11> पानु(न)विडिया ५, गु(आ) गो५-दोंडा

(१०।) माल १<12> पत्रि [फल २, कपु)(र्पू)र मिसा] चंदन कलिसि १ तिगुणि

(११।) दुघ कुंचा १, खड मेंचे, एतक नित्य प्रसादकु

(१२।) मद्ये<13>

<7. आरिसा>

<8. पुलि>

<9. पालुअ>

<10. लडु ।>

<11. कलसि>

<12. धण्डामाल>

<13. मध्ये वा मध्याह्ने ।>

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PURPORT

In the 8th Śrāhi (Aṇka), Makara, Kṛṣṇa, 11th tithi, Sunday, during the reign of Śrī Bhānu Deva, when the Kaliṅga Daṇdapāta (division) was under the governorship of Bhuvanānanda Sandhivigrahī and Parihārānanda Sandhivigrahi, it is declared before all the Mājhis and Beherās (local officers), who were present there, that for Amṛta-maṇohi (perpetual offering) of God Narasiṃhanātha, a new Bhoga called “Niśśaṅka Bhānu Bhoga” was introduced with the following items :‒

Āriśa 4 Nos, Puli 4 Nos, Koradā badā 4 nos, Jeuṭa pālua, Ladu 1 No, Paṇā (sweet drink) two pitchers, Bidia 5 Nos, Betel-nuts 5 Nos, Thick well-knit flower garland-one, Patri 2 palas, one pitcher full of sandal wood paste mixed with camphor, one Kuñcha (measure) of pure milk, all these items along with certain quantity of clarified molasses (khaṇḍa) should form the daily offering of the deity at noon.

Historical Note ‒ This inscription is very important as it clearly proves that the endowment of Amṛta-manohi as was prevalent in the Jagannātha temple at Puri was introduced in the Narasiṃhanātha temple of Siṃhāchalam by Niśśaṅka Bhānu.

As regards the Parikshā (Superintendent) of the Kaliṅga Daṇḍapāta (division) named Bhuvanānanda Sandhivigrahī Mahāpātra, it may be noted that he finds mentioned as a minister of Narasiṃha-IV, father of Niśśaṅka Bhānu, in his Puri C.P. grant dated Śaka year 1316 or 1394, when his 22nd Aṅka year was current. It is quite likely that he was entrusted with the administration of Kaliṅga division, in some year after 1394 A. D. for his ability and efficiency.