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No. 121. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 9th November 1872, No. 46 :—

I have the honour to forward a letter from the Sub-Collector on the Pushkaram festival with reference to the Order of Government, No. 977, dated 23rd August 1872, Public Department.

2. The number of pilgrims was not so large as had been expected. The weather was bad during the festival; it was raining continually; the Godavery was in very full flood, which would have some effect in diminishing the number of people crossing it; there was cholera in the district, and the idea had got abroad that we were going to interfere with the festival.

3. The sanitary arrangements were well made; palmyra leaf sheds were erected outside the town, near the pagoda, with a view to prevent the overcrowding in the town, and especially in the chuttrums. But owing to the rain the ground got very wet, and it was impossible to keep the floor of the sheds dry, but they served well as a protection against the rain. The place chosen for these huts was on high ground; the people wished they had been placed nearer the river; but the place where they had wished them to be was flooded by the Godavery during the festival.

4. There was no cholera at Rajahmundry during the festival.

5. I had anticipated having a good deal of cholera, so I asked the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to send me four Dressers. Of the three sent by him one was sent to Covoor, one to Kotipally, where it was possible they might be of use.

6. In addition to the expenditure given in Mr. Stuart's statement, I sent Rupees 100 to the Deputy Collector at Narsapur for expenditure for sanitary arrangements, &c., at that place and wherever else there might be expected a number of pilgrims.

7. The amount thus spent is—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Rajahmundry expenditure	973	7	0
Narsapur, &c.	100	0	0
Travelling allowance of Dressers as per accompanying memorandum	249	14	0
Total ...	1,323	5	0

8. I request the sanction of Government to debit this to Local Funds—

	Rs.	A.	P.
The amount spent in Rajahmundry Circle	1,223	5	0
That in the Cocanada Circle	100	0	0
Total ...	1,323	5	0

These amounts can be debited to the respective circles, or the whole amount might be divided equally between the two circles. I should prefer the latter course.

From A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, dated Rajahmundry, 28th October 1872, No. 361.

I have the honour to submit my report on the Pushkaram feast, which took place in the town of Rajahmundry during the last month.

2. The festival commenced on the 15th September and lasted for twelve days. The number of pilgrims who congregated on the occasion is estimated by the Tahsildar at 25,000, by the Superintendent of Police at only 10,000. I think myself the former figure the most probable; but as the arrivals were distributed over the whole twelve days, and as the people mostly remained but one day, the crowd of strangers was never large. The greatest number of pilgrims bathing at any one time at the sacred pagoda is returned by the Superintendent of Police who took pains to get correct information at 4,000; much larger numbers were expected: I attribute the smallness of the crowd chiefly to the weather, which was unusually wet, and partly to the expectations of not being admitted into the town for fear of cholera.

3. A camp was prepared on the high ground at a distance of about a mile to the north of the town and close to the pagoda. The site was well chosen by the Superintendent of Police, who took much interest and spared no pains in making all the arrangements effective. Seventy-five palmyra leaf sheds, as particularized in the margin, were erected for the accommodation of the people expected, but as no cholera broke out, and the numbers who came were not large, and as it rained heavily throughout the feast days, most of the visitors preferred to find accommodation, and were able to do so, in the town. The sheds were placed at suitable intervals, and would have accommodated a large number of people had the weather been moderately fair; as it was, several of them were too damp to be occupied with comfort, and the weather drove all who could to find shelter in the town. A place was set apart for carts, and another for pack bullocks; a large shed, at some distance from the camp, was also put up to serve, in case of need as a hospital; ground was marked off for use as a latrine.

9	large sheds.
64	small ,,
1	hospital shed.
1	large ,, for the Police.
75	

4. Of the Dressers whom the Government were pleased to depute on the occasion, one was sent to Kotipally, where also people were expected to assemble for the Pushkaram, one was sent to Covoor, a village situated on the other side of the Godavery, and the third was retained at Rajahmundry at the disposal of the Civil Surgeon.

5. Special arrangements were made by the Superintendent of Police to provide a guard sufficient to manage any number of people, and no crimes of any sort were reported.

6. I am happy to add that not a single case of cholera or other epidemic disease occurred.

7. I beg to state that pilgrims were not prevented from entering the town during the Pushkaram festival, as stated by certain individuals in a telegram to Government. Had cholera broken out, or had the crowds been very large, this might have been necessary, but it was not found necessary on the present occasion.

8. A statement showing the expenditure incurred in constructing the sheds and other arrangements is enclosed. It will be seen that Rupees 1,130-3-0 were expended, including the 50 Rupees sent to the Superintendent of Police. No expenditure was incurred at Kotipally and Rabitapuram, where the number of pilgrims was very small.

No. 122. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1872, No. 1577.

The Government are glad to learn that the careful arrangements on this occasion were so successful in their results, and that no case of cholera or other epidemic occurred at this large and prolonged gathering, and that crime was effectually repressed. The report is very satisfactory.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th November 1872.

2. The distribution of the cost of the sanitary precautions in equal shares between the Circle Funds of the District, as proposed by the Acting Collector, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Godavery District.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, ,, of Police.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Godavery District
Sub-Collector's Office
Rajahmundry
28th October 1872

No. 361.

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C. J. Stuart Esqre
C/g. Sub-Collector.

To

W. L. Foster Esqre
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8. [illegible]

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Memorandum of Expences incurred
on account of travelling charges to the
Assistant Assistants who were employed
during the Pushkarum Festival -

Amount advanced on account of passage
money from Cocanada to Madras -

To M.C. Raghunayakulu No 836- 47-8-"
To C Ramakrishnama Naidu No 926- 47-8-"
To Syed Ali Muhamed No 591 - 47-8-" 142-8-"

As per Accountant Generals letter dated
15 October 1872 No 5221.

Ramakrishnama Naidu - 33-8-"
2 Do No 5661- Raghunayakulu 31-"-"
1 Do No 5716- Syed Ali Muhamed 37-6-"
220 Do No 5708- Do Do - 5-8-" 42-14-" 107-6-"

Rupees 249-14-"

Godavery District
Collector & Magistrate's Office
Cocanada, 9th Novr 1872

W Foster
Collector & Magistrate

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Statement shewing the receipts and disbursements of funds sanctioned by the Local Fund Board of the Rajahmundry Circle for the expenses of the Vaccination for the

Receipts	Amount	Disbursements	Amount	
Amounts sanctioned from the Head "Sanitary Establishments and Cleaning tanks and wells" as per Budget of the Rajahmundry Circle for 1872-73	1000	Bajahs 251	150	9 6
		Bamboos	357	7 -
		Big Do	5	14 -
		Rafters	20	- -
		Palmyra leaves	134	4 -
		Palmyra fibre	20	8 -
		Rope	"	14 -
		Hire for Carpenters	25	3 -
Amount recovered by sale of the Sheds, Materials &c.	165 12	Hire for bandy for Carrying Materials	145	2 -
		Hire for Coolies (workmen)	225	15 6
		Cutting croton oil plants	9	6 -
		Advance to the Police Superintendent	50	- -
		Total Expenses	1139	3 -
		Balance ordered to be credited to the Local Fund	26	9 -
	1165 12 -		1165	12

Sub Collectors Office
Rajahmundry
28th October 1872

True Copy
W. Foster
A/Collector

(Signed) A. Stuart
Offg Sub Collector

Accounts

No 46. Godaveery District
Collector & Magistrate's Office
Cocanada 9th November 1872

From
R. S. Foster Esquire
Collector and Magistrate

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Collector's Memorandum
Fort St. George 23d August 1872
To the Secretary to Govt.
Public Dept.
Read 9 Nov 1872
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Copy of the Collector's Memorandum

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That in the Cocanada taluk - 100-"
1323-5.

The amount can be debited to the respective taluks, or the whole amount might be divided equally between the two taluks & Narsapur has no

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W Foster
Dy Collector & Magistrate

Capt Pennycuick
A.D.Camp

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Submitting a report on the Rushkenara Festival, and requesting sanction to debit Rs 1323.5 to Local Funds.

With an Order

Dept. of Naval Studies.

Financial

Re Coll.ⁿ of the Cadetship &c.

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G. B. 27 Nov.ʳ 1872 No. 677

Nov. 21. 1872

Considering the report of the arrangements made on the occasion of the Washington Festival, & the Cadetship, & sanctioning the distribution of the Cost of the Sanitary precautions in Equal shares between the Circle funds of the Dr. as proposed by the Hy. Collector