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27th March 1873.

No. 193. Read the following letter from the Assistant Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Trichinopoly, 14th February 1873, No. 40 :—

I have the honour to annex the following report on the feast that was held at Srirungum at the commencement of last month.

2. The festival began on the 30th of December and concluded on the 18th of January, the most important part being the night of the 8th, called Moghini, and the 9th, called Yêkadesi.

3. The Srirungum Municipal Commissioners, as you are aware, at a meeting held on the 19th of December, passed a resolution requesting the Collector to have the sanitary arrangements for the feast carried out as usual, the Municipality incurring all the necessary expenses in the first instance, pending the orders of Government as to who should ultimately bear them. The necessary measures were, therefore, taken by the Tahsildar of the Taluq under my direction, as in previous years.

4. The Tahsildar held his office at Srirungum during the entire Christmas holidays and up to the conclusion of the feast. All the preliminary work of constructing the latrines, urinals, &c., was done by him with the assistance of Native Surgeon Baloo Moodelly. Immediately on my return to Trichinopoly, on the conclusion of the holidays, I went to Srirungum and held my office there till all the important part of the feast was over and the crowds had dispersed.

5. The concourse of people assembled this year, although large, was by no means as great as in previous years. The principal reason of the falling off in numbers was, I believe, that the Pongal festival fell this year on the 12th and 13th of January, *i.e.*, almost immediately after the important days of the Srirungum feast and before its conclusion. As Hindus always desire to be in their own houses for the Pongal, a large number of persons were this year deterred from coming from a distance to Srirungum, as, if they had done so, they could not have conveniently got home again in time for the feast. I roughly calculated the number present last year at about 70,000, and am inclined to believe that at least 20,000 less assembled on this occasion.

6. Large temporary latrines were as usual constructed outside the walls of the pagoda at the four gates. These were made on the trench and dry-earth system, and were well looked after. On every occasion that I visited them they were clean and almost free from smell. Urinals were also erected at different places inside the enclosure, and the people were forced, as far as possible, to make use of them. The usual measures for preventing the fouling of the water used by the people for drinking purposes, by cattle being allowed to be washed in it, were also taken.

7. I am glad to be able to report that no cases of cholera occurred during the feast, and that the health of the people assembled there was remarkably good. For the sanitary arrangements made during the feast, great credit is due to the Tahsildar and the Native Surgeon, Baloo Moodelly.

8. The amount of crime committed this year was very small. Six cases of theft were reported, and were inquired into on the spot either by the 2nd Class Magistrate or by myself. A few cases of nuisance also occurred and were taken up at once by the former official.

9. A large number of Police, both from this district and from Tanjore and Madura, were present during the festival, and, owing to their exertions, no accidents from crushing or over-crowding occurred. On the night called Moghini it is always most difficult to prevent accidents from those causes.

10. The expenses incurred in making the necessary sanitary and other arrangements amount this year to Rupees 597-14-10, or Rupees 58-9-5 less than the sum spent in the preceding year. The materials used in constructing the latrines, urinals, &c., were last year sold by the Tahsildar for Rupees 96. This year, however, they were handed over by him to the Srirungum Commissioners, to sell or dispose of otherwise as they deemed fit. If they realize as much this time as previously, the net expense will be reduced to about Rupees 500. The required accounts, showing how this sum was expended, are enclosed herein.

No. 5.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The arrangements made were most excellent as Government have already been informed.

3. The aggregate expenditure amounted to Rupees 674-14-10, including the amount of batta paid to Native Surgeon Baloo Moodelliar and certain other items specified in the accompanying statement.

4. The materials were not sold as usual, as they are required for the Dispensary.

TRICHINOPOLY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, 15*th March* 1873. (Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON, *Acting Collector.*

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1873, No. 422.

Communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner. The arrangements appear to have been all that could be desired and reflect credit on the Tahsildar and Native Surgeon.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Statement shewing the Charges incurred during the festival at Srirangam for making the necessary Sanitary arrangements

Srl	Particulars	Amount- Rs.	a.	P.
1	Rent of sites selected for Latrines	8	4	"
2	Cooly hire for constructing Latrines &c	79	3	6
3	Materials for the construction of Latrines as well as sundry articles for Hospital including Cartage	249	2	7
4	Mats and Cumbly for Hospital	2	8	9
5	Road repair near Santhapuram Village	5	4	"
6	Wages of Lotis	185	"	"
7	Wages of scavengering Carts	68	8	"
8	Batta for Native Surgeon for 22 days at 1-14-0 per day	597	14	10
9.	Travelling allowance from Trichinopoly to Srirangam Viz 5 Miles at annas 4 per mile	41	4	"
10	Hire of a Cart for Conveyance of medicine Chest from Trichinopoly to Srirangam and back	1	4	"
11	Hire of a Ward Cooly for 20 days at 4 annas per day	"	8	"
12	Wages of an extra rubbish Cart for 39 days at 0-8-0 per day	5	"	"
13	Salary of an Extra peon for 20 days at annas 2 per day	19	8	"
14	Salaries of two extra sweepers for one months at 3-8-0 per month	2	8	"
		7	"	"
		77	"	"
	Grand Total Rs	674	14	10

5th March 1873

H. S. Cumming
Collector

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

&c., &c.,

Dated March, 27th.

Read.

G. O., 27th March 1873, No. 422.

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Nos. 193-194.

Considering the report of the arrangements made during the late festival at Srirungum, in the Trichinopoly District, to be satisfactory.

Trichinopoly, Assistant Collector's Office
14th February 1873.

No. 40

From The Assistant Collector, Trichinopoly

To The Head Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir I have the honor to submit the following report on the feast that was held at Srirangam at the commencement of last month.

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4. The Tahsildar held his office at Srirangam during the entire Christmas

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holidays and up to the conclusion of the feast, all the preliminary work of Constructing the Latrines, Serinals &c was done by him with the assistance of Native Surgeon Paulose Moodely - Immediately on my return to Trichinopoly, on the Conclusion of the holidays, I went to Srirangam and held my office there till all the important part of the feast was over and the Crowds had dispersed -

5- The Concourse of people assembled this year, although large, was by no means as great as in previous years - The principal reason of the falling off in number I believe, that the Pongal festival fell this year on the 2nd & 3rd of January ie almost immediately after the important days of the Srirangam feast and before its Conclusion - As Hindus always desire to be in their own homes for the Pongal, a large number of persons were this year deterred from coming from a distance to Srirangam, as, if they had done so they could not have Conveniently got home again in time for the feast. I roughly calculated the number present last year at about 70,000, and am inclined to believe that at least 20,000 less assembled on this occasion -

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Thanks &c

(Signed) Lewis Moore
Assistant Collector

Submitted

No 5

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3. The aggregate expenditure amounted to Rupees 674-14-10 including the amount of batta paid to Native Surgeon and Palm Hooselias and Certain other items specified in the accompanying statement.

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Snr Monopoly Coll's office 15th March 1870

(Signed) W. Mercer
Collector

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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From,

Asst. Collector
Trichinopoly

To, The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George.

Date 15th } March 1878
Recd 20th }

No 8

Enclosure one

No 540

Submitted for the information of Govt. copy of letter from the Assistant Collector, Trichinopoly on the sanitary arrangements made during the late Srirangam festival —

27 March 1878 Commds. The Christian Coll.

The arrangements appear to have been ~~not~~ creditable

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Copy to D. I. Police.

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To The Sanitary Commissioner
&c

Dated March 27.
Rcd.

G. O. 27 March, 1873, No. 422

Nos. 193-194

Considering the report of the arrangements made during the Car festival at Sriranganam in May last.

Approving of the satisfactory