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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd July 1867.*

Read the following:—

No. 22. Letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department; dated Nagpore, 21st May 1867, No. 1833.

General.

In continuation of this Office letter, No. 1602-134, dated 29th April, I am directed by the Officiating Chief Commissioner to submit, for the information of the Government of India, extracts from a letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Godavery District, showing the action taken by that Officer in regulating the attendance of pilgrims at the Budrachellum Fair.

Extracts from a letter, No. 625, dated 2nd May 1867, from the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

I first ascertained that there was no Cholera in the neighbourhood on either bank of the river, and then directed the Inspector of Police, who had been sent there a day or two previously, to permit about 300 people at a time to visit the Temple and perform their religious ceremonies. When this batch went away, another party of the same number were admitted; and when they left, a third; and so on. The Inspector had particular instructions not to allow a second party into the village till the first had cleared out, and that, if they refused to leave, he was to request the priests of the Temple to use their influence to persuade them to do so, telling them, at the same time, that a second batch could not be permitted in till the first had cleared out.

These instructions were carried out, and all the pilgrims who had assembled had thus an opportunity allowed them for performing their religious ceremonies without any crowds being allowed.

The Chief Commissioner will, therefore, see that, while I have been careful that no large concourse of people should be permitted to remain in Budrachellum or its vicinity at the time of the Fair, all persons have been permitted to perform their devotions and visit the Temple.

With reference to the petition enclosed with your letter, I beg to be permitted to point out that it is presented by just those persons who have nothing to complain of. The restrictions which have been placed on the Fair are not applicable to the inhabitants of Budrachellum, who have free access to the Temple at all times, and perform their ceremonies without let or hindrance.

(True Extracts).

(Signed) H. WILSON,
Assistant Superintendent.

No. 1241.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, in continuation of this office letter, No. 573, dated 23rd ultimo.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
SIMLA, 11th June 1867.

(By Order),

(Signed) A. H. HARRINGTON,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 23.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 1049.

Communicated to the Collector of the Godavery District, with reference to G. O., dated the 13th instant, No. 958.

(True Extract).

To the Collector of the Godavery District.

Acting Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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H.O. dated the 18th inst.,
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