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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 965

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
14th June 1867.

No. 121. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Nellore, 16th May 1867, No. 19.

With reference to your telegram, dated 13th May, I have the honor to report as follows, for the information of Government.

2. The Mohorum this year began while the Hindoos in Nellore were celebrating their festival of Bashiakarlū. I was waited on by several deputations of Mahomedans, and received several petitions from members of that body, requesting that, as soon as the Mohorum began, I would interdict the Hindoos from making any further processions with music in the streets. I also received several petitions from the Hindoos, stating that the Mahomedans were combining to resist their usual processions, and requesting the protection of the Magistrate.

3. I first invited the chief men of each community to a personal conference, and heard what they had to say. I found that, in 1852, when the Dussarah and Mohorum fell on the same date, Mr. White, the Magistrate, had ordered that the Hindoos should conduct their procession along Walker's Road, and leave the main street to the Mahomedans. It was admitted, however, that, on the present occasion, there would not be two processions conducted simultaneously, for the Hindoo feast would be ended before the Mohorum procession began. What the Mahomedans objected to was that there should be any Hindoo procession in the town while they, during the first few days of their festival, were setting up their *Pirs*. I ordered that, during the latter days of the Hindoo feast, their processions should be confined to Walker's Road, and that portion of the main street where there were Brahmin houses at both sides of the road, fixing the house of one Patabbi Ramaya as the turning point. I requested the Superintendent of Police to strengthen the Force during these days, and to enforce this order.

4. Dissatisfied with my decision, the Mahomedans applied to Government to have all Hindoo music during the time of their feast stopped. The Hindoos, on the first night after the order, attempted to force their procession beyond the fixed limits, but were quietly prevented by the Police, who were prepared for them.

5. I am thankful to be able to report that the means adopted were successful in maintaining the peace of the town, while the principle was established that Government will indifferently uphold all classes in the exercise of their legitimate rights.

No. 122. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1867, No. 965.

The Governor in Council fully approves of the orders passed by the Acting Magistrate of Nellore, in the matter referred to in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of Nellore.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No.

Message for despatch by Electric Telegraph.

FROM MADRAS

To *Mellors.*

FROM CHIEF SECRETARY

To *Magistrate.*

WORDS

The following telegram has been received -
"From Chinghashan and other Muzelmans of
Riffa. To the Governor in Council - In the
Moharam Feast no other tom tom except our
should come out. The Hindoos unlawfully
bring their gods out with tom toms, etcetera.
We inform this to the Collector (He gave us
orders as the former Collector). We will not
enjoy our feast until we receive an order
from your Honor to the Collector by telegraph.
Answer prepaid. Forty words. 10-10-5. Am."

The Government leave it to you to
act on your own discretion.

(Signed) Ch. J. Subramaniam

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Pro. 14 June
 1867 - J. D. Dyer
 From the As. Magr.
 of Delhi.
 To the Chief Secy.
 to Govt. Ind. Dept.
 J. P. St. George

Dated 16th May 1867.
 Recd. 17th June

Recd. 19th June N 1141.

Replying to a Telegram
 from Madras dated
 13th inst. regarding the
 appeal made by
 Mussalmen of Delhi
 Town, stating that any
 other town should
 not be allowed
 in Delhi Town,
 except their town,
 during their Mohar-
 ram festival.

With an order

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1865-14 June 1867.
 The Government in Council fully approve of
 the order passed by the Acting Magistrate
 of Delhi in the matter referred to in the
 foregoing letter.

Notice by Magr. of the above order

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Recd. 18 June 1867
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