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Pilgrim port.

Correspondence between this Govt. & the Govt. of India in connection with Madras being made a ——.

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Local and Municipal Department,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following ~~paper~~ telegrams —

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Please print the first sheet [illegible] order shown & the [illegible] in continuation K

~~ad 8th February~~

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Ompd 24/2/97

Chairman

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Copy to the Marine Department
" ~~President Municipal Council~~ Madras
Despd 26/2/97

~~Chairman~~
~~The President Madras Port Trust~~
[illegible]
[illegible]
Chairman [illegible] Madras
Sanitary Commissioner

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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Marine Department.

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Secretary to Government.

~~Madras~~
~~To the Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.~~
" ~~Chairman, Trades' Association.~~
" ~~President, Madras Mahajana Sabha.~~
" ~~Chairman, Madras Chamber of Commerce.~~
" ~~Sanitary Commissioner.~~
Copy ~~to~~ the Marine Department.
" ~~the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.~~

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

Despd. 24/2/97

[L. & M.
1,000—28-10-96.]

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 453 J.

V.S.

~~Misc~~

Order No. 182 Mis 8-2-97

ordered 8/2/97

The following Telegram will be despatched to the Government of India:—

(Here the Telegram attached)

V. R.
8/2/97

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8/2/97

Telegram

From Govt of India
Home Deptt

No.

Dated 6/2

Received 7/2.

Registered

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SUBJECT.

Reg: the prohibition of departure of pilgrims from Madras—

Telegram despatched 8/2/97.

To ~~the President, Munl Commr, Madras.~~
" ~~Chairman Chamber of Commerce.~~
" ~~Chairman, Madras Trades Association~~
" ~~Chairman, Harbour Trust Board.~~
" ~~President, of the Madras Mahajana Sabha.~~
" ~~Sanitary Commissioner~~
Copy to the ~~Surgeon General;~~
Marine Department.

11/2/97

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Public (1897) Department.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
2-FEB 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

From The Marine Dept.

No. 67E

Dated 2nd February 1897

Received 2nd Feb 97

Registered 2nd Feb 97

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SUBJECT.

Transferring telegram from the Govt. of India, Home Dept, stating that it is not desirable that Madras should be closed as a port for departure of pilgrims.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.

Telephone message (Office) From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
	1	14	2	

To (Person) Chief Secretary

From (Person) Private Secretary

With the approval of His Excellency and Honble Members the following telegram was sent last night 10th to the Govt of India Begins Bombay Police Commissioner telegraphs 350 pilgrims proceeding direct from Bombay to Madras for embarkation steam ship "Avoca". Madras Municipality protests against risk of importation of plague. We consider their protests well grounded and strongly ~~urge~~ urge cancelment of order making Madras pilgrim port and would add that pilgrims would probably

Recd. from LN. Sent to LN.

At Hrs. Mts. by x in Marine dept At Hrs. Mts. by Telegraph Master.

84 Word Form.

T. C. 2.

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Code Class. | INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. | Monthly Number.

To (Office)	From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person) (2)	From (Person)

not be allowed to enter Turkish Arabia. Ends.

1-2-97

64 Word Form.

F. C 2.

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At Hrs. Mts. by		At Hrs. Mts. by		Telegraph Master.

G. C. P.—No. 64 1—2 5 96—3000000.

memo 230
27-1-97

T—14.

Class. XS.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Monthly Local No. 260

To station: Madras Triplicane

From Station: Calcutta

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instruction.
116/7	2	12	52	Urgt.

To (Person): Madras Marine

From (Person): Home

Number 288 Sanitary/ your telegram 31st regarding arrival of pilgrims at Madras (from) Bombay govt of India do not consider it desirable that Madras should be closed as a port for departure of pilgrims but they consider that should pilgrims persist in coming from Bombay/

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At Hrs. Mts. By

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TRIPLICANE
2 FE.
97

Date

Postmaster.

Memo 230
27-1-97

RATES OF CHARGE FOR INLAND TELEGRAMS.

The address (including name of Sender, and name and residence of Addressee) is transmitted free.

	First 8 words.	Each additional word.	
Deferred Message	... 8 Annas	... 1 Anna.	A group of 3, or less figures, is reckoned as one word.
Ordinary „	... 1 Rupee	... 2 Annas.	
Urgent „	... 2 Rupees	... 4 Annas.	

No charge for delivery within a distance of 5 Miles.

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Words.	Day. Hour. Minute.	Official Instruction.	
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Postmaster.

TRIPLICANE
2 FE
97

memo 230
27-1-97

Marine (1897) Department

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Public Dept.

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No charge for delivery within a distance of 5 Miles.

Very Emergent.

C No. 67 E of 2d Feby 1897

Transferred to the Public Department.

[illegible] Campbell Col., R.E.
Secretary to Govt.

Recd 2/2/97.

[G. / 25]
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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No 430

I intended this to have circulated and not shown Hon'ble [illegible] who did? [illegible]

2. H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
1. THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.
~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Quarantine of pilgrims from Bombay.

Received at 6 P.M.

FOR ORDERS.

We must comply of course. I suppose the truth is that India does not wish to stop altogether the pilgrimage which Mohamedans regard as a matter of salvation.

As to the quarantine, Col. Moore has made some arrangements for isolation at Perambore, but I don't know whether they extend to the provision of accommodation for a large body of persons. It is a question whether it would not be better to have the quarantine camp further out, but I don't know what ~~[illegible]~~ ground is available at such stations as Ennore, Ambattur &c, and whether there is a good water supply nor what bazaar arrangement can be made. ~~[illegible]~~ These pilgrims will be wheat eaters, I imagine. Possibly they will bring their food with them. I think they take ~~for~~ their own food (and cooking pots?) on board the pilgrim steamers. If so, this will facilitate matters. It may be that the ~~Police~~ arrangements necessary to keep the pilgrims in the detention camp will be more difficult at a station further out than at Perambur. I suppose tents can be obtained from the Commissariat. Just as I had written so far, Mr. Upshon came in to see me & has told me that the City Police is under orders to send 100 men to Kumbakonam

There seems nothing to be done but to comply and arrange for quarantine.

[illegible]
2.2.97

I think we should make a further remonstrance, and obtain from the Govt. of India their reasons for risking the safety of Madras in order to make things easy for these pilgrims. But, it would be well in the meantime that we should think out quarantine arrangements, and I consider the Hon. Mr. Bliss's proposal to have a Conference, a very good one. I only ask that before orders are issued on the result of the Conference, I may see the conclusions of the Conference.

A.E.H. 3.2.97

c 2/2/97

on the 6th. This will increase the difficulty of guarding. I think we had better have a conference about the matter — say at 8 A.M. tomorrow (Thursday) at my house. The C.S. should attend with info. about pilgrim arrangements as to food — also Col: Moore, the D.I. of Police, ~~[illegible]~~ and the Collr. of Cpt. The latter is at Saidapet, not in camp, I am almost sure.

H.B.
3/2/97

India, it will be seen, contemplates the detention of the pilgrims for 10 days. This, no doubt, is that a clean bill of health may be given to the ship. Otherwise, of course the simplest arrangement would be that the pilgrims should not arrive until the ship was in & that they should then go straight on board.

H.B.

This paper did not come to me till 9.30 A.M. to-day — the 4th. It comes with a D.O. to the C.S. from the Private Secretary stating that H.E. proposes to send a further remonstrance to India by telegram to-day; & a D.O. from the C.S. to me stating that the "conference" proposed by the Hon Mr Bliss is off for the present

I think the further telegram suggested should be sent.

J.G.
4/2/97

[G./25]
1,000—14-12-96.

DEPARTMENT

C. No.

~~Very urgent~~

H. ~~E. THE GOVERNOR.~~

(1) THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

(2) THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Sent at 2.12 p.m.

FOR ORDERS.

I agree — Perhaps the Hon Mr Grose will telephone (if he also agrees) our assent, with the modification that "This Govt." or "H.E. in C." or something of that kind should take the place of "we"

H.B.
4/2/97
2-50 P.M.

This Govt.

I think "This Government" would be better.

J.G.
4/2/97

The Private Secretary telephoned that H.E. the Govr. suggests for the consideration of H.M.'s that the following telegram should go to the Govt. of India in reply to its telegram declining to cancel the notification making Madras a pilgrim port.

"We regret extremely your objection
" to cancel notification making Madras
" a pilgrim port. Risk of introduction
" of plague greatly increased by arrival
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" Such risk should not be incurred
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" not impossible. ~~We~~ H. in C. strongly urges
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" and other local bodies protest

c 4/2/97

H.E. in C.

" vigorously. We consider their protest
" reasonable and have stopped
" shipments etc at Bombay pending
" further reference to you"

I am sending this note by bicycle messenger and if H.M's will kindly telephone to me whether they approve or in what way they would not alter the proposed telegram it will be possible to get the telegram off in an hour or two.

4.2.17.

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A.

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Receipt for an Inland Telegram.

To (Office)

Class. (in full)

Number

Date Stamp of Post Office.

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Extra charges Reply, Delivery, &c.	Rs.	As.

Initials of Postmaster, &c.

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CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
4-FEB 1897

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Words.	Day. 4	Hour. 16	Minute. 5	Official Instructions.
To (Person) C S			From (Person) P S	

~~yes~~ Your telephone re the plague — yes.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To (Office) Telephone

From (Office) mess

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) Mr Price

From (Person) Hon Mr Grose

Mr Bliss & I agree to the plague telegram but it should begin with "the Govt" instead of "we".

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To (Person) The Chief Secy

From (Person) The Private Secy

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
4-FEB. 1897

With reference to the pilgrims from Bombay H.E. would suggest to Hon'ble Members that the following telegram should go to the Govt of India in reply to India's Telegram declining to cancel the notification making Madras a pilgrim port × Will you please circulate the Telegram to H.ms at once × Message would begin × (3) 1) The Government We regrets extremely your objection to cancel notification making Madras pilgrim port × Risk of introduction of plague greatly increased by arrivals of gangs of pilgrims from Bombay × Such risk should not be incurred except in presence of grave reasons of which we are ignorant × Effective quarantine on land difficult if not impossible × We strongly urge reconsideration × Madras Public feels keenly on the subject × Municipality and other local bodies protest vigorously × We consider their protests

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To (Office)

From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person)

(2).

From (Person)

reasonable and have stopped pilgrims at Bombay pending further reference to you" x message would end x

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
OOTACAMUND.

4th February

My dear Price,

To avoid any mistake I send you a copy of the proposed telegram to the Govt of India regarding making Madras a Pilgrim Port. This message I have already communicated to you by telephone.

Yours Sincerely

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1 97, d by C.S.)

Copy of Telephonic message just sent

CHIEF SECRETARY
4-FEB. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To The Chief Secretary. From The Private Secretary

The Government [We] regrets extremely your objection to cancel notification making Madras Pilgrim Port. Risk of introduction of plague greatly increased by arrivals of gangs of pilgrims from Bombay. Such risk should not be incurred except in presence of grave reasons of which Government is [we are] ignorant. Effective quarantine on land difficult if not impossible. The Government [We] strongly urges reconsideration. Madras public feels keenly on subject; Municipality and other local bodies protest vigorously. Government [We] considers their protests reasonable and has [have] stopped pilgrims at Bombay pending further reference to you.

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Desp.d 4/2/97.

(Fair Signed by C.S.)

Telegram

Calcutta,
Home.

78x The Govt. regrets extremely your objection to cancel notification making Madras Pilgrim port Risk of introduction of plague greatly increased by arrivals of gangs of pilgrims from Bombay. Such risk should not be incurred except in presence of grave reasons of which Govt. is ignorant effective quarantine on land difficult if not impossible. The Govt. strongly urges reconsideration Madras public feels keenly on subject. Municipality and other local bodies protest vigorously. Govt. considers their protests reasonable and has stopped pilgrims at Bombay pending further reference to you.

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To (Office) Telephonic			From (Office) message		
Words.	Day 5	Hour 15	Minute 27	Official Instructions.	

To (Person) The chief Secy

From (Person) The Private Secy

H.E. approves [illegible] proposals to issue a Gazette Extraordinary about Epidemics Act and to send copy to President Municipal Commission.

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To (Office) Telephone

From (Office) message

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) The chief Secy

From (Person) Hon: Mr Bliss

Very well. It does not matter.

Gcb.

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F. C. 2.

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At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to I.N.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number.

To (Office) Telephone		From (Office) message		
Words.	Day. 5	Hour. 11	Minute. 44	Official Instructions.

To (Person) The Chief Secy.

From (Person) Hon: Mr Bliss

I think you may leave it over until we have our regulations ready

C.E.B.
5/7(9)

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CHIEF SECRETARY
4-FEB 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Price,

Here's the Private Secretary's D.O. I have seen your note.

Yours sincerely
J Grose

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3/2/97

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
GUINDY.

CHIEF SECRETARY
5 FEB 1897
GOVERNMENT OF

3. February

My dear Grier,

About Pilgrims: His Excellency understands from Col. Moore that the Municipal Commissioners meet this evening, and that they will probably pass a strong protest against the Order of the Govt. of India.

Also that the Chamber of Commerce and possibly the Trade Association will pass similar protests.

With these protests in their hands, the position of Govt. will be much strengthened, and they can then go up to India with a further remonstrance, feeling that they have Madras at their back.

His Excellency therefore proposes to await the receipt of these protests and ~~then~~ then to telegraph to India urging reconsideration

of

of their orders and asking for a statement of their reasons for insisting on making Madras a pilgrim port. On that if necessary further action could be taken and, meantime, Arbuthnot could telegraph to Bombay to hold back the pilgrims pending this second reference.

Will you kindly circulate a note to Hon. Members in this sense, treating it as urgent.

Yours Sincerely

XS 7.2.92 5.30 Am

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number. 63948

To (Office) Madras			From (Office) Calcutta		
Words. 321/6	Day 6	Hour. 19	Minute. 18	Official Instructions urgt	

To (Person)

Madras Chief
Secretary

From (Person)

Home

number 364 sanitary your telegram of 4th and telegrams received direct from Municipality chamber of Commerce harbour trust trades association and Mahajana Sabha regarding prohibition of departure of pilgrims from madras have received careful consideration of government of india governor general in Council would wish to assure government and local authorities that he fully sympathises with them in their endeavours to exclude risk of"

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To (Office)

From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person)

From (Person)

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Plague coming to madras
and would not insist
on any measure likely
to increase it appears
to Governor General in
Council that per mission
to allow pilgrims to
depart from madras will
not increase risk it
seems most unlikely that
madras government need expect
large gangs of pilgrims
from bombay it has
been publicly announced for
a fortnight that departure
of pilgrims ships from 11

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To (Office)	From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person) 3.	From (Person)

bombay and karachi was
about to be stopped
and endeavours are being
made to dissuade pilgrims
from going to haj
this year. bulk of
pilgrims do not belong
to bombay or bombay
presidency and when notice
was first given pilgrims
from northern india and
bengal ignored it and
went to bombay the
government of india therefore
anticipate that bulk of
pilgrims who would wish. //-

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C G P—N. 683 T—33 3 95—24,00,000.

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To (Office)			From (Office)		
Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.	
To (Person)	4.		From (Person)		

to leave madras would
not come from infected
area government of india
have telegraphed to bombay
government to endeavour to
dissuade pilgrims there from
going to haj and
at the same time
to arrange to have
all who persisted leave
bombay with intention of
sailing from madras or
calcutta is-olated for ten
days at nasik or
other suitable place and
would suggest that madras.//-

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MADRAS 6-2

C G P—N. 983 T—35 3 95—24,00,000.

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To (Office)	From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person)	From (Person)

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Government might provide for removal from train and isolation at some intermediate station of any who may succeed in evading these orders madras and Calcutta only places open for departure of pilgrims and government of india are averse from passing orders which will have the effect of stopping pilgrimage and be regarded as interference with religion of mahommedans.

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Telegraph Master.

Copy of telegram to the Mail. ✓
" " to the Times ✓
" " " the Hindu ✓
" — " - Presdt Ml. Commission Madras ✓
Despd 9/2/97

9th Feby 1897

My dear Forbes

Can you let me have copies of the telegrams that have passed between Madras and India beginning with your telegram of 20th January - I want them for the Public meeting tomorrow

yrs sincerely

G. M. Moore

Send the
telgm from India
adding as I said
yesterday that the
Govt has sent a representation
on the subject
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(Draft) FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY

Your telegram of 6th, No 364 Sanitary.

Govt. G. in C. says he would not insist on any measure likely to increase risk of plague coming to Madras. This Government maintains that the passage of gangs of pilgrims, from or through infected areas, must increase that risk whatever precautions may be taken. G. G in C. says it seems most unlikely that Madras Govt. need expect large gangs of pilgrims from Bombay. ~~A~~ But a gang of 350 pilgrims is now awaiting permission to come ~~from~~ from Bombay, and this Govt. can feel no assurance that numerous other gangs may not follow.

G G in C. says that this year bulk of pilgrims do not belong to Bombay or Bombay Presidency and that they anticipate that bulk of pilgrims who would wish to leave

1st ans.
L & M Dept

FOR HER EXCELLENCY.

leave Madras would not come from infected area. Limits of infected area are not defined. So long as groups contain a proportion of ~~prisoners~~ pilgrims from Bombay or from infected area, or passing through infected area, the risk remains. This Government considers that precautions which Government of India suggests would reduce risk but would not remove it, and it continues to maintain and urgently to press its protest against Madras being ~~made~~ used as pilgrim port.

If pilgrimages cannot be stopped this year, Govt. of Madras would suggest that pilgrims from Bombay & infected area be sent through Bombay to Ratnagiri or Vingorla and embarked there after due precautions. Govt. of Madras submits that it is of first importance to restrict infected area to as narrow limits as possible. Risk of extending that area must be incurred by

FOR HER EXCELLENCY.

by allowing pilgrims to pass through healthy districts to Madras. This port would not as soon as it is known that Madras that the embarkation of pilgrims from Bombay and infected area ~~at Madras~~ has been allowed ~~will probably result~~ in the ports of Madras and ~~certain~~ east coast ports in communication with it ~~being~~ will probably be ~~quarantined~~ shunned by all the world. Should plague reach Madras, ~~there~~ there will be risk of it being carried to Calcutta by sea.

A.S.H
8.2.97

[G./[illegible]5]
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……………… DEPARTMENT

C. No. ………………

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

FOR ORDERS.

The accompanying telegram was received by me at 6.30 this morning. This being Sunday the papers connected with it are not available. We are however aware of their purport.

Should a copy of the telegram be furnished to the Municipality and each of the local bodies mentioned in it

Ld
7/2/97

To
~~The President Municipal Council, Madras~~
" "

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR · MADRAS ·

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Feb. 8 1897

CHIEF SECRETARY
8-FEB. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Price:

Herewith draft of reply, which His Excellency would propose to send to India in reply to their last telegram.

I have already telephoned it to you & now send it in original.

Will you kindly ha it circulated to Hon. Members at once, & brought up in Council, today.

If the Govt. in Council approve, both the India telegram & our reply might go, direct after the letter is approved, to the "local bodies", who joined in the protest agt. the pilgrims.

I have telephoned to Sibthorpe to be present at Council as His Excellency would like him to be there. Will you remind him again, in case our message may not have reached him correctly –

Yours sincerely

H. A. Sim

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