

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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DATED 10-5-97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague Recording for Public
Department Communicating to all
Collectors and P.W.D for very early action
telegram from the Govt of India requesting
to make arrangements to stop pilgrims
to Ujjain for the Singhasht Mela.

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From The Public Dept.

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Dated 16th April 1897

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SUBJECT.

Communicating to all Colles to
for very early action Telegram from
the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.
requesting to make all possible
arrangements to stop pilgrims to
Ujjain for the approaching re-
ligious fair known as the
Singhar Mela.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following Telegram

From the Government of India Foreign Department

No 1349 J. A. dated 4th 12th April 1897.

Following Telegram received from Agent Governor General
Central India tenth April begins number 3580 a religious fair known
as the Singhasht Mela is held once in twelve years at Ujjain and is
usually attended by three or four hundred thousand chiefly Sadhas
and mendicants from all parts of India. the period for this fair is
from the 17th April to the 16th May 1897 the dates given being those of the
full moon in months Cheth and Bhasak arrangements were being made
more than a year ago for the great influx of people expected at Ujjain
but in October 1896 when famine threatened Maharaja Sindhia
issued orders prohibiting the Singhasht Mela at Ujjain and notices
were printed by his highness and forwarded to me for wide circulation
I sent copies in November 1896 to all local Government and administra-
tions and to all Railways in India and reminders were sent in
March 1897 in spite of all precautions about fifteen thousand
Sadhas have arrived from all parts of India and it is impossible
to prevent them from going to Ujjain I have therefore in consultation
with Sursoobah of Malwa and with Sindhias consent arranged that
these Sadhas shall bathe on 17th April in Sipsora at Ujjain under
strict rules as to encampment of City Sanitary arrangements and
promises of leaving Ujjain on 18th April these terms have been
agreed to by the Mahants of each sect who having bound themselves
to enforce obedience of in all their followers it is most important that
no more Sadhas or other mendicants shall be allowed to leave their homes
or to travel towards Ujjain at present no epidemic exists but I cannot too
earnestly urge the danger of situation if further gathering between 17th
April and 16th May is permitted I trusted Government of Poss India
will move all administrations and local Governments to issue stringe

Urgent orders to stop and turn back all intending pilgrims to
ujjain and direct Railways to refuse to carry them yesterday the
Rajputana Malwa Railway are reported to have booked four hundred
from Rutlam and one from thousand from Baranagar. Ujjain
and great indian peninsula railway on 8th April booked three
hundred from Burhanpur it must be understood that when
Sindhia prohibited fair Bengal held all arrangements for water
supply and sanitary arrangements etc. were stopped and it
is now impossible to meet requirements of more than the limited
numbers now at Ujjain report follows ends Government of India
wish any thing possible in order to meet Mahaja Sindhia's desire
to prevent the Mela should be done.

Order, No 429, dated 14th April 1897.

Communicated to all collectors of Districts and
to the Public Works Department (Railway Branch) for very early
action.

/ True extract /

W. H. M. A. P.

for Chief Secretary

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