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G.O., No. 1187 P., 27th September 1898.

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S. Arcot.

FOR ORDERS.

H.M.

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The Sanitary Comr. supports recommendation (a) & (b), but not recommendat

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H.T.
25/9/98

H.M. This seems enough. (a) & (c) seem unnecessary H.T.

Better carry out (a) as well as (b) & also prohibit the attendance of persons from infected areas.

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Statement prescribed in G.C. No: 2790 dated 28th March 1898

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5. The two most important causes contributing to the large influx of people into Trincomalai being thus frustrated, the numbers must sensibly diminish and with it the amount of danger as regards infection with the plague. It will be necessary to minimise the numbers that attend on account of the festival itself. Just as has been recently done in connection with the Tirupathi Brahmotsavam in the South Arcot District, the booking of passengers from the Bengal Presidency, the Bombay Presidency, Hyderabad, the Mysore States and the affected Districts of this Presidency should be strictly prohibited from the 15th to 30th November 1898. The passport

system

system should be rigorously enforced - It should be clearly notified at all Railway stations and in the interior of the affected localities that persons visiting the station will be subjected to observation and they should also be warned of the risk they will have to incur by attending the festival -

6. At the Roads leading into Tiruvannamalai, Medical or Sanitary officers should be posted to observe and examine people whether they are of sound health -

7. These precautions would I think be sufficient and tend to minimise the danger of the spread of infection the danger of the plague. But it may have with the plague. But it may have the effect of sensibly affecting the Municipal Revenues but in the interests of the health of the country this loss has to be incurred - The loss, I think, may amount to about Rs 7000 -

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(sd) C. V. Ramachandra Rao
for Agent & Collector
13-9-98

(True Extract)

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for Agent & Collector

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South Arcot

Collector's office
Cuddalore
dated 16th September 1898

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From
L. M. Wynch Esqr, I.C.S.
Collector of South Arcot

To The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
thro' the Sanitary Commissioner
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith copy of my Sub Collector's letter No. 56 D. dated 13th Instant and to recommend the imposition of the following restrictions on the holding of the annual Karthigai festival at Tiruvannamalai which last this year from the 18th to 27th November both days inclusive:-

(1) That the usual cattle fair be closed this year.

(2) That the issue of ticket from infected places, especially Bangalore, be prohibited.

(3) That the usual importation and sale of woollen fabrics from Bangalore Bellary and other places be also prohibited.

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2. The necessity for these restrictions is fully explained in the sub Collector's letter. Besides these, other measures will also be taken to prevent the influx of a large number of pilgrims into Tiru = = vannamalai. A notice will be published in the District Gazettes of this and adjoining districts warning intending pilgrims of the risk they run in attending the festival. During the festival, Sanitary inspectors or other officers will be placed at all entrances into the town for careful observation of pilgrims. With the cooperation of the South Indian Railway authorities, all persons arriving by rail will be kept under strict observation, as was done last year. The Chairman — Municipal Council, Tiruvannamalai = malai, will make the necessary arrangements for accommodation

for segregation & observation of suspicious arrivals in con = = junction with the District Medical & Sanitary officers.

3. The statement prescribed in G.O. No. 279 P. dated 25th March 1898 accompanies.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant

V. Y. Ry
for Asst Collector

(Tm)

Plague

No. 2094/S

Forwarded.

2. Undersigned agrees with the recommendations of the Collector, with the exception of that to forbid importation of woollen articles.

3. No safety can be expected at the hands of "Sanitary Inspectors". The Municipality should be required to use Certificated Sanitary Inspectors and Hospital Assistants in adequate numbers, in Consultation with this office.

W. Lang.
Surgn. Lt. Col.
Sanitary Commnr.

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(Signed) W. G. KING, Surgn.-Lieut.-Col.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

20*th September* 1898.

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(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

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G.O., Nos. 1186, 1186-A P., 27th September 1898.

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Kandiri Festival at Nagore.

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Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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Plague.

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 16836

From The Acting Collector of Tanjore

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No. 3545/GR/898 TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

CAMP, 5th September 1898.

FROM

J. Twigg ESQUIRE,

Actng. COLLECTOR,

TANJORE,

To

The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,

MADRAS.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Srinivasa Pranam Pillai
6-9-98
for Acting Collector

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THE COLLECTOR OF

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Undersigned with the recommendations made.

W. B. King
Lieut.-Col
San. Com. for
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The Collector of Tanjore

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Tanjore Collector's office, Summarised. 13 September 1898.

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