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[Despatch Abstract.]

Uchchangidurgam Festival

Requesting the Govt. of India to prohibit the attendance of persons from the Bombay Presidency, the Hyderabad and Mysore States at the ensuing in the Kasarbhalli Taluk, Bellary District, and the sale of railway tickets to any station between Ranibennur and Solahance railway station to intending pilgrims from those places.

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## Government {1898} of Madras. LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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G.O., No. 1223 P., 3rd October 1898.

OCTOBER.

### Uchchangidurgam Festival.

Approving the proposals of the Collector of Bellary to prohibit the attendance of pilgrims at the ensuing — in the Harpanahalli taluk, Bellary district, and the sale of railway tickets to any station between Ranibennur and Tolahanse to any person intending or believed to be intending to attend the festival.

*Subd. 21/10/98*

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Plague Commissioner (through the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras), dated 20th September 1898, Ref. No. 1513-P.

I have the honour to report that the festival of the goddess Uchchangamma is celebrated every year shortly after the Dasara at Uchchangidurgam, a village situated at the south of the Harpanahalli taluk of this district and within ten miles of Davengere, a station on the Hubli-Bangalore branch of the Southern Mahratta Railway, and attracts in ordinary seasons some 8,000 or 9,000 pilgrims from this district, the Mysore State, and the Bombay Presidency. This year the celebration will take place from 24th to 28th proximo, but having regard to the prevalence of plague at Bangalore and in the Dharwar district, I have the honour to strongly recommend that the pilgrimage to the festival be prohibited, that all intending pilgrims who approach the village be turned back, and that between 20th and 27th proximo the sale of railway tickets to the Ranibennur, Chalgeri, Harihar, Davengere and Tolahanse stations to persons intending, or suspected of intending, to proceed to Uchchangidurgam be stopped. There need of course be no interference with the performance by the villagers of any customary ceremonies that they may wish to perform in connection with the festival.

2. The Head Assistant Collector, if given a small force of twenty peons of the Police and Salt and Abkari Departments, should be able to form a sort of cordon round the village. I may mention that, if due notice of the prohibition of the pilgrimage be given, I do not anticipate that any serious attempt to take part in the festival will be made by outsiders.

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

## ENCLOSURE.

| Name of festival or fair.             | Place where held.                                      | Distance to the nearest railway station.                                                     | Date of commencement and termination of festival or fair. | Average attendance during the past three years. | Number of people expected from plague-infected parts. |
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28th September 1898.

(Signed) W. G. KING, Lieut.-Col.,  
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C. No. 2013-P.

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Plague Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 1223 P., dated 3rd October 1898.

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## NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is a danger of an outbreak of plague at Uchchangidurgam in the Harpanahalli taluk of the Bellary district if pilgrims are permitted to visit that place on the occasion of the approaching festival of the goddess Uchchangamma;

In exercise of the powers delegated by the Governor-General in Council under section 2, sub-section (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council prohibits pilgrimage to the said festival from the 18th to the 28th October 1898 and further directs that from the 18th to the 28th October 1898 no tickets to travel by railway to the stations of Ranibennur, Chalgeri, Harihar, Davengere and Tolahanse shall be issued to any person intending or believed to be intending to attend the festival.

All persons proceeding to Uchchangidurgam in contravention of this notification will be turned back.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.  
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,, the Agent, Madras Railway.  
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,, the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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## APPENDIX.

*Telegram to the Collector of Bellary.*

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To the Plague Commissioner.  
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" all other Collectors. (A)  
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" the Surgeon-General.  
" the Agent, Madras Railway.  
" the Agent, Southern Mahratta Railway.  
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DATED 3. 10. 98

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. 2013 of 1892, dated 29-9-92 from the Marine Corps  
Current No. of 189, dated 1-1-92 from the

Current No.                      of 189    , dated

from the

Order. № 1223 P. d. 3-10-28.

*Order.*

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31<sup>st</sup>/98  
The Collector's proposals ~~as~~  
~~modified by the Plague Comtee~~  
are approved. The appended  
notification will be published in the  
Fort St George and Bellary Gk  
Gazette.

To the Hague Court  
 a Clerk of Halling  
 also Mr. ~~Wright~~ <sup>Wright</sup>  
 a Sanitary Comr.  
 a ~~Wright~~ <sup>Wright</sup>  
 a ~~Wright~~ <sup>Wright</sup>  
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 a ~~Wright~~ <sup>Wright</sup>  
 a ~~Wright~~ <sup>Wright</sup>

2/10/82

Notification

Whereas the Governor <sup>of F.S.S.</sup> in Council  
is satisfied that there is a danger  
of an outbreak of plague at  
Uchchangidurg in the Harpanahalli  
Taluk of the Bellary Dist. if  
pilgrims are permitted to visit  
that place on the occasion of the  
approaching festival of the  
goddess Uchchangamma;

A exercise of the powers  
delegated by the S. S. in Council  
under Section 2, Subsection (3) of  
the

of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897,  
No. 2. The Governor in Council  
prohibits pilgrimage to the said  
festival from the <sup>18<sup>th</sup></sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 1898, and further directs  
that from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
1898 no tickets to travel by  
railway to the stations of Rami-  
benur, Chalgeri, Hariker, Davangere  
and Solahanshe shall be issued  
to any person intending or believed  
to be intending <sup>to attend</sup> the festival.

All persons ~~arriving~~ proceeding  
to be charged with in contravention  
of this notification will be turned  
back.

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2/10/98.

Telegram to the Col of Bellary  
Notify ~~that~~ that pilgrimage  
to be charged with festival has  
been prohibited.

Telegram to the Gov of India  
This Government ~~reports~~ has  
prohibited under Epidemic Diseases  
Act ~~the~~ pilgrimage to be charged with  
festival in Harpanhalli  
Bellary Sh. which commences  
24<sup>th</sup> October and requests that  
this prohibition be notified to Bombay

Mr. Munro 20 to 27  
Oct. festival lasts  
from 24 to 28 Oct  
14<sup>th</sup> - Seems safe  
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Print in full

From the Plague Commissioner, C. N. 140,  
d/ 1st October 1898.

Order No. 1223 P d/ 3-10-98

The Collector's proposals are approved.  
The appended notification will be published in the  
Fort St George and Bellary Dt Gazette.

Notification.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St George  
in Council is satisfied that there is a danger of  
an outbreak of plague <sup>suspect</sup> at Uchchangamma  
in the Harpanhalli taluk of the Bellary Dt.  
if pilgrims are permitted to visit that place  
on the occasion of the approaching festival  
of the Goddess Uchchangamma;

In exercise of the powers delegated  
by the Governor <sup>General</sup> in Council under Sec. 2  
sub sec (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act

His

His Excellency the Governor in Council prohibits pilgrimage  
to the said festival from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>  
and further directs that from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1898  
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Darengere and Tolahance shall be issued  
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(Sd) H. Fremmance,

Secretary to Govt.

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The Plague Comr.

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" South Ind. Ry.

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Forsette

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From

The Plaque Commissioner

Order

Current No. 140

Dated 1-10-98

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SUBJECT.

Submitting the proposals  
of the Collector of Bellary re  
the imposition of restrictions  
on the festival of goddess  
Uchchamma in Uchcha-  
magidurgam village,  
Harpanahalli.

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| Festival of the goddess - Uchchangamma. | Uchchangi-durgam, Harpanahalli Taluk, Bellary district. | Within 10 miles of Dargamangala on the Hubli-Bangalore branch of the Southern Railway. | 24-10-98 to 28-10-98                                      | Not known for certain 9,000 approximately.      | About 4,000.                                          |

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Acting collector

R.P.  
20-9-98

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Plague.  
Urgent

Ref. No. 1513-P

C. No. 140

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 30-9-1898.

FROM

E. D. Elwin Esquire  
Collector of  
BELLARY.

TO

THE Plague Commissioner  
through the Sanitary Commissioner  
for Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that the festival of the goddess Uchchangamma is celebrated every year shortly after the Dasara at Uchchangidurgam, a village situated at the south of the Harpanah taluk of this district and within 10 miles of Davangere, a station on the Hubli-Bangalore branch of the Southern Mahratta Railway, and attracts in ordinary seasons some 8,000 or 9,000 pilgrims from this district, the Mysore state, and the Bombay Presidency. This year the celebration will take place from 2

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The statement prescribed in Government Order  $\frac{279-P}{25-3-98}$  accompanies.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your most obedt servant  
R.B.  
20.9.98  
Acting Collector

This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some minor discoloration and small dark spots, possibly due to age or handling. The left edge of the page shows the binding of the book, with some stitching or glue visible. The overall tone is a warm, off-white or light beige.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Plague Commissioner's Office

C. 20140

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF  
BELLARY.

TO

THE Plague Commissioner  
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through the Sanitary Commission  
Ref. No. 1513-P for Madras.

Dated 20 }  
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Abstract.

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regarding the imposition  
restrictions on the holding  
a festival of goddess -  
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