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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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5. Restrictions on the issue of railway tickets are so easily evaded in the case of Palghat as to be useless. Passengers will alight at Pódanúr, Coimbatore, or Singánallúr and come in by road as they do now, or they will book to some station west of Palghat and within easy distance like Parli, Mankara, or Lakkidi. If Government is to intervene at all, it can only do so effectively by prohibiting the festival altogether.

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C. No. 680.

True copy forwarded to the Plague Commissioner for urgent orders. I agree with the Head Assistant Collector.

Kalpatti is part of Palghat town between Palghat and Olavacode railway stations. It is not advisable to stop the issue of railway tickets to Olavacode and Palghat as that would seriously affect Palghat town.

CAMP, MANANTODDY.
19th October 1898.

(Signed) V. RAJAGOPALACHARI,
for Collector.

Ref. on C. No. 680.

Submitted to Government with draft notification. The undersigned agrees with the Collector.

25th October 1898.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Plague Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 1383 P., dated 26th October 1898.

The Plague Commissioner's recommendation is approved and the following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is a danger of an outbreak of plague at Kalpatti in the Palghat taluk of the Malabar district, if persons from the Mysore State, the districts of Salem, North Arcot, Cuddapah and Anantapur, and other plague-infected areas are permitted to visit that place on the occasion of the ensuing car festival.

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the said festival shall not be allowed to be held this year, and that no person from the places mentioned above shall be permitted to visit Kalpatti from the 1st to 20th November 1898, both days inclusive. Persons proceeding to the festival in contravention of this notification shall be turned back.

2. The Collector of Malabar is requested to arrange with the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue and the Inspector-General of Police for the necessary patrol and guard to stop the pilgrims and send them back.

3. The following telegrams will be despatched—

(1) To the Collectors of Malabar, Salem, North Arcot, Cuddapah and Anantapur.

"Notify by issue of Gazette Extraordinary and in every other possible way that in consequence of danger of plague, the car festival at Kalpatti in the Palghat taluk has been stopped and attendance of visitors at that place from 1st to 20th November has been prohibited under Epidemic Diseases Act."

(2) To the Resident in Mysore.

"This Government requests Mysore Government to notify that in consequence of danger of plague, the car festival at Kalpatti in the Palghat taluk, Malabar district, has been stopped and attendance of persons coming from plague-infected areas has been prohibited from 1st to 20th November under Epidemic Diseases Act."

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.

"the Collector of Malabar (A—L).
"the Collectors of Salem, North Arcot, Cuddapah and Anantapur (A, F, G & H).
"all other Collectors (A, F, G & H).
"the Surgeon-General.
"the Sanitary Commissioner.
"the Public Works Department.
"the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.
"the Inspector-General of Police.
"the Superintendent, Government Press.

Gazette.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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G.O., No. 1383 P., 26th October 1898.

OCTOBER.

Car Festival at Kalpatti, Malabar

Ordering the publication in the Fort St. George Gazette notification prohibiting the attendance at the from 1st to 20th November 1898. of persons from infected parts, at the present time, and requesting the Mysore Govt. to notify the prohibition of visitors from the 1st to 20th Nov. 1898 notifying to attend the festival issue a similar notification.

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To the Plague Commissioner.
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the Inspector-General of Police.
the Superintendent, Government Press.
Gazette.

Exd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No.	dated	189 ,
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Current No	2299P of 1898, dated 25-10-98, from	the Plague Commission.
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P.S. ORDER. 1383- P. 27 26-10-98

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To The Plague Commissioner
 Collector of Malabar
 Collector of Salem
 N. K. K. K.
 Coimbatore
 Anantapur

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All other Collectors
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 Sanitary Commissioner
 Public Works Department
 Commr of Calicut
 J. G. of Police
 Gazette Superintendent

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To The Plague Commissioner
 Collector of Malabar
 Collector of Calicut
 N. H. Co. of
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M. S.
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All other Collectors
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Encs. forwarded to the Magistrate Commissioner for urgent orders. I agree with the Head Asst. Collector.

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Head Collector's Office

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 2299 P.

From The Plague Commission

Order

No.

Dated 25. 10. 98

Received 25 - 10 - 98

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government
letter from the Collector of
Malabar requesting the
prohibition of the annual
Carn festival at Kalpatti
in Palghat Taluk and the
attendance of pilgrims
from infected areas at
the same.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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From

The Collector of
Malabar

To

The Plague Comr
Madras

dated 19.10.98

Recd on 21.10.98

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Subject

Submission for
approval draft noti-
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bition of car festival
at Kalpatti in
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Ref of draft to union
order of 19.10.98
23/10/98

Ref no. 680 3P
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Submitted to Government with
draft notification. The
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M. M. M. M.

Plague Comr.

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Local and Municipal Depart.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following papers:-

From the Plague Commissioner dated 25th October 1898, sub-
mitting to Govt. letter from the Collector of Malabar requesting
prohibition of the ensuing Car-festival at Kalpatti in Palghat
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" " Salem.

" " North Arcot.

" " Gudgera.

" " Anantapur.

1. Form of Government.

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