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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From L. M. WYNCH, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Plague Commissioner, dated Cuddalore, 31st October 1898, Ref. on No. 531-Eng.

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Ref. on C. No. 938.

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(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Plague Commissioner.

2nd November 1898.

To the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal
Department, with draft notification.

ORDER—No. 1401 P., dated 3rd November 1898.

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 the danger of an outbreak of plague at Tiruvannámalai in the South Arcot district if from the Bombay Presidency, the States of Mysore and Hyderabad and the districts of Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, North Arcot and Salem are permitted to visit that place on the occasion of the ensuing Karthigai festival and cattle fair;

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency in Council directs in supersession of notification No. 789, published on page 280, Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th October 1898, the said cattle fair shall not be allowed to be held this year, and that no person from the Bombay Presidency or the State of Mysore or Hyderabad or the district of Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, North Arcot or Salem

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"Your letter 531, 31st October. Notification issuing prohibiting sale tickets to pilgrims from affected districts including Cuddapah, North Arcot, Salem to Tiruvannámalai.

*(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of South Arcot (A—L).
" the " North Arcot (A—L).
" the " Bellary (A—L).
" the " Anantapur (A—L).
" the " Salem (A—L).
" the " Cuddapah (A—L).
" all other Collectors (A).
" the Plague Commissioner.
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(in supersession of the one issued under G.O. No. 1187 of 1948 dated 22/12/48)

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~~the Districts of Salem, Connecticut & the Road at
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" the " of Cuddapah (A—L).
Other Collectors (A).
the Plague Commissioner.
Gazette.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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From The Hague Com-
-missioner

Order No. 1401. P 27 3-4-28
P.S.

The following notification will be published
in the Fort George Gazette -

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(4) A.S. enter the info. as amended
in page 5 of p. 1187 & 27-2-28.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting letter from the Coler
of South Arcot with recommenda-
-tion that a revised notifica-
-tion of the G.O No 1187 P dated
: 29th Sept 178 may be published
in the Fort St George Gazette
& its purport telegraphed to the

S. Hunt - Dec 24th
 No. - Your letter 531, 31st October notification
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 persons ^{from} Thembay, Arcot, Mysore, Keralad Su
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And, Salem districts from 1st to 30 November
 inclusive inclusive. Sale tickets to stations
 to B. B. Nagar, Silchar, Dibrugarh, - L
Tandrai, Tirunelveli, & pilgrims ^{affected} and
including And, North, Salem
 districts are prohibited to Tiruvannamalai. 27

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 Other Collectors (4)
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SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Cuddalore

No.

DATED 31st October 1898

FROM

L. M. Wynne Esquire I.C.S.
 Acting COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

THE

Plague Commissioner,
 Madras.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES :-

L. M. Wynne 3/11/98

In G. O. No 1187 P. dated 27th September 1898,
 Government passed orders prohibiting the sale
 of railway tickets to intending pilgrims to
 the Kartthigai festival at Tiruvannamalai
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25th October in a special issue of the District
Gazette. The notification alluded to refers to
the Thulakaveri festival at Mayawaram.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

CH. Murray

For the Collector

1898.

From

The Collector of

South Arcot.

To

The Plague Commissioner
Madras.

Dated

31st

Received

October 1898.

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ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Requesting to issue a supplementary
notification prohibiting per-
sons from Salem, Cuddalore
and North Arcot from visiting
Tiruvannamalai from the 15th
to the 30th Nov 98 and to
authorize the Collector to issue
a similar notice in the District Gazette.

L.M. C. No 22857

Ref. C. No. 930

Submitted to Government with
the recommendation
that a revised notification as
shown on page 5 of the accompanying
Copy of G.O. No 1187 P. of 27-9-98
may be published in the Fort
St. George Gazette & its purport
telegraphed to the Collector

As per enclosure
2/11/98
for Plague Coms.

The following notification will be published
in the Fort St. George Gazette and the Collector will issue for
notification in the District Gazette.
H.S. Notification No 1187 P. of 27-9-98.

The following telegram will be despatched to the
Collector, South Arcot:

Your letter 531 of 31st October regarding
persons from Salem, Cuddalore and North Arcot - persons
visiting Tiruvannamalai - necessary notification
issuing

To the Secy. Board & the Secy
with draft copy

Government {1898} of Madras.
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G.O., No. 1187 P., 27th September 1898.

SEPTEMBER.

Karthigai Festival at Tiruvannamalai.

Requesting the Government of India to prohibit the attendance of persons from infected parts outside the Presidency at the ensuing — in the South Arcot district and the sale of railway tickets to any station between Polur and Tirukkóyilúr, and passing orders on the Collector's letter and the Sanitary Commissioner's endorsement thereon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Collector.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

From L. M. WYNCH, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras), dated Cuddalore, 16th September 1898, Dis. No. 77-D-Eng.

I have the honour to submit herewith copy of my Sub-Collector's letter,* No. 55-D, dated 13th instant, and to recommend the imposition of the following restrictions on the holding of the annual Karthigai festival at Tiruvannámalai which lasts 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 tickets 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.

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 Tiruvannámalai. A notice will be published in the District Gazette of this and adjoining districts warning intending pilgrims of the risk they run in attending the festival. During the festival, sanitary maistries or other officers will be placed at all entrances into the town for careful observation of pilgrims. With the co-operation 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, Tiruvannámalai, will make the necessary arrangements for accommodation for segregation and observation of suspicious arrivals in conjunction with the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

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

ENCLOSURES.

From V. VENUGOPAL CHETTY, Esq., I.C.S., Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated 13th September 1898, Dis. No. 55-D.

I have the honour to reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 642-Eng. of 1898. Not having had occasion to witness the festival in any previous year, I had to rely on the Tahsildar for information. Having received a report from him, I do not consider it necessary to entirely prohibit the Karthigai festival this year. It may be allowed to go on as usual; but it is very necessary to safeguard against infections being brought by persons who come from affected localities. It will, I think, be sufficient, if sufficient steps are taken to prevent people from the plague-affected areas from visiting Tiruvannámalai.

2. The festival is considered a sacred one and many people come there on account of its religious importance. I find, however, that the cattle fair attracts very large numbers from distant places. About 20,000 to 25,000 heads of cattle usually collect at the fair from Salem, Mysore and Bangalore, where the state of things is not satisfactory at present. The cattle dealers are men of dirty habits, live in an untidy style and expose themselves to severe privations. They, among others, are likely to be easily affected by infectious diseases. They bring their women and children along with them and do not care to command the necessary comforts. About 5,000 persons may be expected from this class and coming from places where plague has almost appeared, the amount of infection they may be expected to bring with them may be estimated to be not inconsiderable.

3. If the cattle fair should be stopped this year, these people will not only keep to their houses but a large population of the attendance will also not think of visiting Tiruvannámalai. It is a known fact that with every actual bidder more than one person is found to keep company and in this way the attendance on this account may be estimated at about 6,000 or 7,000.

4. The woollen articles, such as shawls, cumblies, which are brought from Bangalore, Salem, Bellary, Kurnool, &c., find extensive sale at the festival. But for the cattle fair these articles will not be brought in large quantities. But this of itself may not suffice. The importation of these articles may be prohibited this year.

5. The two most important causes contributing to the large influx of people into Tiruvannámalai 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 number that attend on account of the festival itself. Just as has been recently done in connection with the Tirupati Brahmotsavam in the North 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 1st to 30th November 1898. The passport 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 Tiruvannámalai, 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 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. 7,000.

STATEMENT prescribed in G.O., No. 279 P., dated 25th March 1898.

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.
				Years.	By rail.	By road.	Town population.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Karthigai festival.	Tiruvannámalai.	"	From 18th to 27th November 1898.	1895 1896 1897	22,892 20,000 29,017	33,892 26,350 37,333	13,216 13,650 13,650	70,000 60,000 80,000	5,500

* The railway station is situated within the municipal limits of the town.

Forwarded.

No. 2094-S.

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 maistries." The municipality should be required to use certificated sanitary inspectors and hospital assistants in adequate numbers, in consultation with this office.

NANCHERLA,
20th September 1898.

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

ORDER—No. 1187 P., dated 27th September 1898.

The Government agrees with the Sanitary Commissioner that the importation of woollen fabrics need not be prohibited, and that for the purpose of inspecting the pilgrims, sanitary maistries cannot be depended upon and should be replaced by certificated sanitary inspectors and hospital assistants. The other proposals of the Collector are approved. The appended notification will be published in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes, and the Government of India will be addressed with regard to the prohibition of the sale of railway tickets to persons from infected parts outside this Presidency intending to attend the festival and the cattle fair. The Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Administrations are requested to note the prohibition of the sale of railway tickets to intending pilgrims from Bellary and Anantapur districts.

(True Extract.)

for Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of South Arcot (A).
" " of Bellary (A).
" " of Anantapur (A).
To all other Collectors (A).
To the Sanitary Commissioner.
" Plague Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General.
" Agent, Madras Railway.
" Agent, Southern Mahratta Railway.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Gazette.

Rd. Shaik Karim.

[Appendix.

APPENDIX.

Notification.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is a danger of an outbreak of plague at Tiruvannamalai in the South Arcot district if persons from the Bombay Presidency, the states of Mysore and Hyderabad and the districts of Bellary, and Anantapur, are permitted to visit that place on the occasion of the ensuing Karthigai festival and cattle fair;

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Telegram to the Government of India, Home Department.

Annual Karthigai festival largely attended from infected parts commences (at) Tiruvannamalai, South Arcot district, 18th November. This Government requests Government of India to prohibit under Epidemic Diseases Act sale from 1st to 27th November of railway tickets to Polur, Agaram Sibbandi, Tiruvannamalai, Tandrai and Tirukkoyilur stations to persons from Bombay Presidency and Hyderabad and Mysore states intending to attend festival.

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