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(From Orders.)

17-1-98

To
The Rev: Depart: for favour of Counter initials.

There is no objection in this Dept. to the draft order being counter-initialled.

K.D. 17/1/98

The draft is accepted in this Dept. 18/1/98

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The Collector of Bellary
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Gazetted 25-1-98.

(with ref. to G.O. 192 M. 7/98)

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SUBJECT The Mylar festival

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H.M

FOR ORDERS.

I think sale of tickets in the Bombay Presy to the two stations & to one more on each side should be stopped. The Bombay Govt. may be asked to do this also ask them to prohibit the attendance at the festival of persons from their side. From part we can prohibit attendance of persons from Bombay – No doubt the river can be crossed at many places but a patrol along the bank should keep a good many back. The Police must do this & I dare say the Clr. can get a lot of assistance from the Salt ~~Re~~ people if the marking is not very active at the moment – I don't think it is. ~~As~~ The Bellary & Anantapur ⊙ Insprs. & half a dozen S. I.s & perhaps 40 or 50 peons would be a great help in carrying out arrangements. Todhunter will know if & to what extent they can be made available.

RS
16/1/98

As to whether the holding of the festival may be prohibited or the issue of tickets by the Southern Mahratta Railway Company to the two stations mentioned in para. 3 of the Collector's letter stopped. If the holding of the festival is prohibited, the Government of Bombay and the Resident in Mysore may be requested to cause the notification to be published in the Belgaum and Dharwar districts and in the districts of the Mysore territory bordering on Bellary, respectively. If, however, it is considered sufficient to stop the issue of railway tickets, the Government of India will

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5. Address S.C

D.O. Sent [illegible]
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have to be addressed.

V.R
15/1/98

It is a very important & peculiar festival, with an oracle: I do not recommend that it be stopped entirely.

At the same time, people from Belgaum & other infected parts shd have every difficulty thrown in their way.

Certainly I think, Ry tickets shd be stopped.

I am afraid it is too near our frontier to stop traffic by road from the Bombay side. The Tungabadra can be crossed at fifty points.

In case H.H. thinks something more than stopping Ry booking is advisable, he will perhaps be able to see me.

H.T.
15.1.98

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CURRENT No. 129 M

Order

From
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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 JAN. 1898
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Ref on C. **No.**

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SUBJECT.

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HEAD QUARTER DEPUTY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE BELLARY
28 NOV. 1897

Yellamma Hill.
Parasgad Taluka.

Belgaum District.

NOTIFICATION.

The fair at Yellamma Hill (on and after 9th December 1897) is this year prohibited under the orders of Government in consequence of the prevalence of Bubonic plague. All persons arriving at the Yellamma Hill will be sent back and will not be allowed to carry out their usual observances.

सर्व लोकांस कळविण्यांत येतें कीं, ग्रंथीक ताप ह्मणजे ब्युबानिक प्लेगचा आजार चोहों ठिकाणीं फैलावला असल्यामुळें येत्या मार्गशिर्ष शुद्ध पोर्णिमेस ह्मणजे तारीख ९ डिशेंबर सन १८९७ इसवी रोजीं व त्या नंतर होणारे बेळगांव जिल्हा परसगड तालुक्यांतील संवदत्ती जवळील श्री यल्लमाच्या डोंगरावर भरणारी जत्रा सरकारी हुकुमानें बंद ठेवण्यांत आली आहे. सबब सदर डोंगरास जाणारे सर्व लोकांस माघारे पाठविण्यांत येईल व त्यांणीं तेथें करण्याचीं कृत्यें त्यांस करूं दिलीं जाणार नाहींत. कळावें तारीख १८ माहे नवंबर सन १८९७ इसवी.

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Belgaum,
18th November 1897.

W. W. DREW.
District Magistrate.

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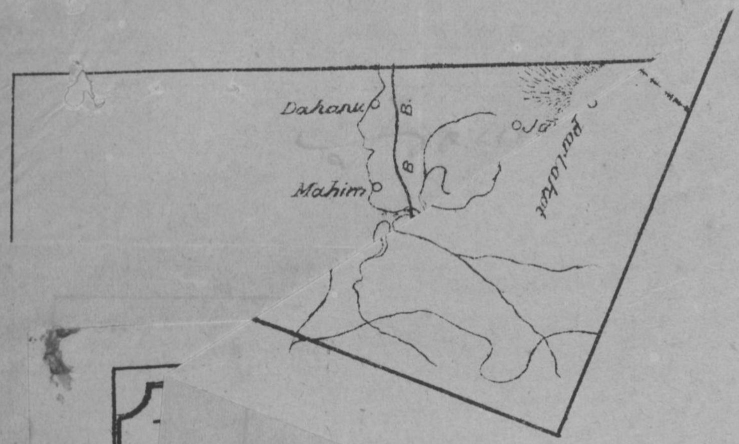

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Bellary Collector's Office
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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 129/M

Lm 158 m of 19/1/98

From
E. A. Elwin Esq
acting Collector of
Bellary

To
The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Dept
Madras.

Sir,

Having regard to the prevalence of plague at Belgaum and other parts of the Bombay Presidency traversed by the Southern Maharatta Railway, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to consider the advisability of prohibiting the holding this year of the annual "Karnikam" festival at Mylar in the Hadagalli Taluk of this district. Accounts of the previous two celebrations of the festival are to be found in G.Os No 763 L dated 27.4.96 and

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and No 1262 L / 3.7.97 respectively.

2. The festival has been fixed for 5th proximo and following days, and is likely to attract some 15,000 or 20,000 pilgrims, half of whom would come from the Belgaum and Dharwar districts, and the rest partly from Mysore and partly from this district.

3. Mailar is situated close to the Tungabhadra river at the western extremity of this district, and the nearest railway stations are Devaragudda, 10 miles distant, and Ranibennur, 15 miles distant, on the Harihar branch of the Southern Mahratta Railway. I beg to enclose for easy reference a rough map taken from the Railway guide, in which I have marked the position of the village.

4. The Sanitary Commissioner, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, and the Head Assistant are all of opinion that the celebration of the festival should, if possible, be stopped, apprehending as they do the introduction of plague into this district by the visitors from the Bombay Presidency, and as a precedent for prohibiting festivals I would invite attention to the enclosed circular received from the Collector of Belgaum, notifying that under the orders of the Bombay Government the fair at Yellamma Hill in his district, originally fixed for 9th ultimo would not be allowed to take place. On the other hand there is no doubt of the importance of the Mailar festival, as will appear from the following extract from

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Great faith appears to be placed by the people in these words heard at these times, and as there seems to be the same vagueness about them as characterized the utterances of the Delphic oracles, it is probable that their faith is never put to any severe test."

5. Should Government think it inadvisable or unnecessary to stop the festival, I would suggest that the issue of tickets by the Southern Mahratta Railway Company to the ~~2~~ two stations mentioned in para 3 supra during the first weeks of next month be forbidden, and that either the Sanitary Commissioner or the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner be instructed to be present at the festival

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Revenue Board Office,
(Separate Revenue),
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January 17th 1898.

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My dear Mr Tremenheere

There is no such press of work in Bellary as to prevent the establishment there giving any help that may be needed in forming a cordon to keep pilgrims from Bombay away from the Mailar fair. I am protocol for the purpose of assisting the local officers with his advice.

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accordingly telling the Assistant Commissioner to take instructions from the Collector as to what is wanted. He has already lent men for a similar purpose in Kurnool.

I must apologize for not having answered your d.o. at once, but did not realize that it was urgent

Yours sincerely
C. G. Dalhunter

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