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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Bubonic Plague.

Ordering that the Government of India be requested to prohibit the sale of railway tickets to persons from plague-infected parts intending to attend the ensuing annual Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Devarajaswami at Conjeeveram and that a notification be issued prohibiting the attendance of such persons at the festival.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. H. ROBERTSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput District, Saidapet, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, (through the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras), dated 26th April 1898, Ref. on No. 77-Munl.

Referring to G.O., No. 279 P., dated 25th March last, I have the honour to recommend that restrictions be imposed on the annual Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Devarajaswamiar, of Conjeeveram, which will take place from the 31st May next and last for ten to thirteen days.

2. The festival is one of the most important festivals in Southern India and a very large number of persons, not only of Vaishnava sect but also of Siva sect from almost all parts of India, attend it. The number of persons from the Bombay Presidency and His Highness the Nizam's dominions may be estimated at 1,000.

3. I therefore beg to propose (a) that tickets to Conjeeveram as well as to Arkonam, Pallur, Walajabad, Villiyampakam and Chingleput (whose distances by road to Conjeeveram are noted in the margin) be not issued from the 21st May to 12th June next at any railway station in the parts affected by the bubonic plague, and (b) that it be notified that pilgrims from those parts arriving at Conjeeveram at the time of the festival will be sent back.

4. The statement prescribed in the Government Order is enclosed as well as the Chairman's letter to Government, No. 329 M., dated 15th April 1898.

ENCLOSURE.

From M.R.Ry. M. SUBBAROYALU CHETTIAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras), dated 15th April 1898, Ref. on No. 329-M.

In submitting herewith a copy of resolution of the municipal council passed at its meeting held on the 13th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the grand festival of Sri Varadarajaswamiar will take place in this town commencing on 31st May and closing on or about the 11th June 1898.

2. It is the most important festival held here annually attracting a large number of people from various parts of not only this Presidency, but also other presidencies, as will be seen from the marginally-noted number of visitors during the past three years. The festival will last for about ten to thirteen days as it depends entirely on the move of the huge car which sometimes takes two or three days to return after making a long circuit of more than three miles to and fro.

	Number of pilgrims visited.
In 1895	86,854
" 1896	89,255
" 1897	64,740

3. It has been the long wish of the council to see that the festival is passed off without outbreak of any pestilence, chiefly the dreadful disease called bubonic plague, and the council respectfully requests, therefore, that you will be pleased to arrange for the issue of the necessary notification under the Epidemic Diseases Act, III of 1897, a few days prior to the commencement of the festival, prohibiting the issue of tickets at the railway stations within the affected parts so as to prevent people coming from such places to Conjeeveram on account of the said festival, so that it may pass off quietly without any trouble and anxiety to the authorities concerned and any danger to the people at large.

No. 1000-S.

Forwarded to Government.

2. Recommendations on this subject have already been made in connection with the letter of the Chairman of the Municipality in this office endorsement, No. 906-S., dated 20th April 1898.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th April 1898.

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

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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 Conjeeveram, in the Chingleput district, if persons from the Bombay and Bengal Presidencies and His Highness the Nizam's Dominions are permitted to visit that place on the occasion of the ensuing annual Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Devarajaswami:

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, His Excellency in Council is pleased to direct that no person from the Bombay or Bengal Presidency or His Highness the Nizam's Dominions shall be permitted to visit Conjeeveram from the 21st May to 12th June 1898, both days inclusive.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
" Surgeon-General.
Gazette.

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In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, His Excellency in Council is pleased to direct that no person from the Bombay or Bengal Presidency or His Highness the Nizam's Dominions shall be permitted to visit Conjeeveram from the 21st May to 12th June 1898, both days inclusive.

(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Chingleput, *13*
 „ Sanitary Commissioner. *13*
 „ Public Works Department (Railway Branch). *31*
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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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ORDER. No. 434 P. dt 6-5-98

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Whereas the Governor of Fort St George in Council is satisfied that there is a danger of an outbreak of plague at Coimbatore in the Chingleput District if persons from the Bombay and Bengal Presidencies and H.H. the Nizam's Dominions are permitted to visit that place on the occasion of

the ensuing annual Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Devarajaswami.

"An exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, H.E. in Council is pleased to direct that no person from the Bombay or Bengal Presidency or H.H. the Nizam's dominions shall be permitted to visit Conjeevaram from the 21st May to 12th June 1898, both days inclusive."

Telegram (deferred) to Govt of India Home Dept - Simla.

Annual Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Devarajaswami at Conjeevaram in Chingleput District attended by about 100,000 people from all parts of India occurs in a fortnight. Madras Govt requests Govt of India to prohibit under E. D. Act attendance of persons from Bombay, Bengal & Hyderabad, and also sale of railway tickets to Conjeevaram, Ahnam, Pallur, Wallajahbad, Villiampham & Chingleput Station to any place from 21st May

To The C.M. of Chingleput
"Sanitary Commr."
"P.W. Dept (By Branch)"
"Muz. General"
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to 12 June 1898 to any such persons intending to attend festival.

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From

The Acting Collector
of Chingleput District
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Ref on No. 77 of 1898.
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Dated

26th April 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Recommending that certain restrictions be imposed on the ensuing Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Devarajaswami of Conjeevaram.

Forwarded to Government.
Recommendations on this subject have already been made in connection with the letter of the Chairman of the Municipalities in this office endorsement No 906 dated 20th April 1898.

W. H. King
Secy. H. C.
Secy. C. M. for Madras

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Enclosure ^{no} D to Ref. no. 77
No 1. of 4898-99. may 1908

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Conference as passed at its General meeting held on Wednesday the 13th April 1898 at 6 P.M.

Present
Chairman

Chairman
1. Mr. By. In Subrayalu Chettiar Bangalore.
Councillors.

2. Mr R. V. Damodera Mudaliar Kuzhal
3. " J. E. Kumara Mukkatachari "
4. " C. S. Kulkarni Gasm.
5. " C. T. Parthasarathy Mudaliar Kuzhal B. A. 27
6. " M. S. S. S. Ram Babu _____ "
7. " C. Thirumal Row _____ "
8. " C. T. M. Appa Row Mudaliar "
9. " P. Kachalai Mudaliar _____ "
10. " Ramaswamy Mudaliar _____ "

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XIV. Resolved that the Government be requested to issue the necessary orders not to issue Railway tickets to Pilgrims coming from the affected parts (Bubonic Plague) to Conjeram during the approaching annual grand Festival of Sri Varadaraja Swamy.

(Signed), Dr. Subrayalu Chelthian
Chairman.

(True Extract)

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Mrs. Reo 1949 Chairman.

Enclosure n. 2 to Report ²⁷ ~~Sept~~ ²⁹ 98
 Report no: 329 of 98. ^{2nd} Municipal Office
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From,

Mr. Subbaroyalu Chettiar Esq.,
Chairman,

Municipal Council, Copenhagen.

To, The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.
Madras.

Through the Sanitary Commissionist
Trade.

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1895 — 3681 86,854.

Inv. 1896. — 89, 25-5

8. 1897. — 64, 740.

Statement prescribed in Government Order No 279 P, Local and Municipal
 Dated 25-3-98.

Name of Festival or Fair	Place where held.	Distance to the nearest Railway station	Date of com- mencement to or termination of festival or fair	Average attendance during the past three years.	Number of people expected from plague infected parts.
Enelmu No 3 to Ref No 21 Sri Devarajaswami's Brahmotsavam	1 Conjeevaram.	2 The Conjeevaram Railway station is within the limits of the Conjeevaram Town.	3 31 st May 1898 to 9 th June 1898.	4 100,000 people	5 1,000 people

Thiruvananthapuram District
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(Signed) M. Subbarajachettiar
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,
[Signature]
Acting Collector.

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Pallur - 9 "
Walajabad - 9 "
Villiyampattam - 16 "
Chingleput - 22 "

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