

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 517

DATED 4-11-98
Despatch 4-11-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Kalpi Festival

Approving the action of the
Collector of Malabar in issuing certain
instructions, ^{to the effect} made by
laying down certain
restrictions under which the religious
part of the — may be carried on.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.	No.	Date.

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C No 94

From,

The Collector of Malabar District

To,

The Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

[Signature]
4/11/98

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Dated 31st Oct 98.

[Signature]

Encl. 3.

Forwarded

The conditions may be accepted, except No 2. It is enough if the people accept the order of not restricting the festival and it seems unfair to put them to extra expense. It is thought, the paper need not go to Govt.

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Kalpatri festival

Forwarding copy of D.O. letter to the District Magistrate laying down certain restrictions under which the religious part of the — may be carried on.

To The Collector of Malabar
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4-11-98

No 94h
Malabar Collectors Office,

Calicut 31st October 1898

From,

F. C. Parsons Esq. J. C.S.

As Collector of Malabar.

To,

The Plague Commissioners,

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed telegram from Government, whose orders have been carried out, and my endorsement Refon CN. 183 of 19th Inst. I have the honor to forward a copy of a D.O. letter to the Head Assistant Magistrate, in which I have laid down certain restrictions under which the religious as distinguished from the public part of the Kalpatti festival may be carried on. Great importance is attached to these religious rites by a very influential and numerous class of Malayalis whose wishes it is advisable to carry out as far as may safely be done. No crowds will be allowed to collect.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

F. C. Parsons
As Collector

Copy of telegram from the Secretary Govt.

Lt. M. Dept. of 26th Oct. 1898

Notify by issue of Gazette extraordinary and in every other possible way that in consequence of danger of plague car festival at Kalpatti in Palghat Taluk has been stopped and attendance of visitors at that place from first to twentieth November has been prohibited under Epidemic Diseases Act.

/ True copy /

Mal. Colln Office,

Calicut 31st Oct 98

F. C. Parsons
As Collector

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Copy of Notice
2nd Oct 1898

The Government has on account of the plague
forbade the holding of the Kalpati Car festival
this year we hereby request all persons, whether
they live in Palghat Town or Taluk or elsewhere,
not to visit Kalpati from Tulam 22nd to Tulam 30th
Nov. 6th to Nov. 14th

inclusive. We further request the inhabitants
of Kalpati not to entertain their friends, relations
or visitors from other places during this period.

Copy of Notice.

As Government has on account of the plague
forbade the holding of the Kalpati Car festival
this year we hereby request all persons, whether
they live in Palghat Town or Taluk or elsewhere,
not to visit Kalpati from Tulam 22nd to Tulam 30th
Nov. 6th to Nov. 14th

True copy 1

W. Mansur
As Collector

Kal. Colln office }
31st Oct 98. }

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Confidential

S.O

Calicut

31st October 1898.

The Government has on account of the plague
banned the Kalpatti Car festival

this year

Three car owners (residing
near Kalpatti) who from a petition
received from today also want to con-
duct the festival have been to me
today asking to be allowed to conduct
the festival. These three are Valiya
Konikkal Idon Kambi Achen, C. S. S. S. S.
natha Patter Hariakkar, & K. V. Shamu
Patter.

We discussed the whole thing at great
length.

The religious part of the festival might
be held on a small scale on the follow-
ing conditions to which the three
owners have agreed.

- (1) The S.O. forbidding the festival is not
to be modified.
- (2) All four car owners must sign and
print at their expense ten thousand
copies of the enclosed notice for the
Chairman to distribute in the
town and the Tahsildar in the Taluk.

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to be done at once.

(3) The festival lasts 9 days and must be so ordered that the worship during the first 4 days must not be publicly on so large a scale as to make people think the regular festival is being held. In fact nothing must be done during the first part of the festival tending to attract people during the last part.

(4) The Head Assistant Magistrate will be on the spot and will have absolute discretion to put all stop to the festival if he finds people are coming to Kalpati from Dalgat or other places in any numbers.

(5) The four car owners must draw up a joint programme showing exactly what they propose to do during the festival and the hour. This programme must be approved by a Committee consisting of Head Assistant Magistrate, Assistant Superintendent of Police & Chairman Municipal Council, before it is adopted. A copy after approval to be sent to the District Magistrate.

(6) If any case of plague or suspected plague occurs at Kalpati the festival is to be absolutely stopped at once.

(7) The four car owners will be responsible that no one from outside the Malabar District goes to Kalpati during the festival. If any such person arrives they will take steps to turn him out of Kalpati and will report the matter to the Head Assistant Magistrate, Assistant Superintendent of Police & Chairman Municipal Council.

(8) The car owners will do their utmost to prevent crowds assembling at Kalpati and will fully abide by the Head Assistant Magistrate's instructions.

(9) The Head Assistant Magistrate will report on November 10th after consulting with the Assistant Superintendent of Police and Chairman Municipal Council as to whether and under what ~~limitations~~ restrictions cars may be dragged on November 13th & 14th. Cars shall not be dragged on any other day except November 12th when only the Acheni cars may be dragged a few feet with elephants not more than 50 people assisting at each car. Cars shall only be dragged on November 13th and 14th in the manner allowed by the District Magistrate if at all.

(10) The above conditions and any more which Head Assistant Magistrate, Assistant Superintendent of Police & Chairman Municipal Council may jointly consider necessary, must be written in Malagalam & signed by each of the Car owners.

Please see that all the above conditions are carried out. Native officials are not to go to Kalpate during the festival without your permission. I leave minor arrangements to you but crowds must on no account be allowed to assemble.

Yours Sincerely
J. C. Parsons.

/ Enc Cops /

W. Mansoor
Collector

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