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G.O., No. 531 P., 1st June 1898.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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From E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 17th May 1898, Dis. No. 306-P.

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4. The reports on the Mailar and Kuruvatti festivals were forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras with this office Dis. No. 1129, dated 14th March 1898, and No. 1703, dated 21st April 1898, respectively, and have probably reached Government by this time. The measures adopted at those festivals to exclude pilgrims from the Bombay Presidency were quite successful.

ORDER—No. 531 P., dated 1st June 1898.

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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary.

Sanitary Commissioner.

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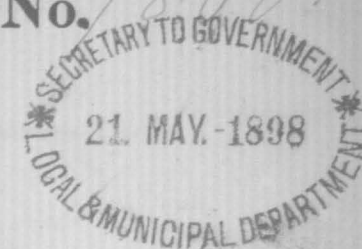
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Bellary Collector's letter, printed
in P. No 531 P. of 1-6-98. Have
the reports on mailas and
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received & what has become
of them. If not, the Sanitary
Comm. has to be reminded.

J. H. M.
29/6/98

Please see the reply of the Manager
of the Sanitary Comm. office, Bellary.
The reports should be checked in the
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The Collector of
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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 17. 5. 1898.

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