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[Despatch Abstract.]

Meeting of the Madhava Brahmins at Tiruchanur

Passing orders on the letter of the Collector of N. Arcot regarding prohibition of the ~~public~~ ——— near Tirupati

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR AND
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot.

To: The Plague Commissioner
Madras

through The Sanitary Commissioner,
Madras

No. of Enclosures. 2.

Letter, dated 17th Nov 1898.

Reference No. 573/P of 1898.

SUBJECT.

Requesting to move Government to issue notifications prohibiting the attendance of Madhva Brahmins from infected areas at ~~Tiruchanur~~ the Madhva sabha to be held at Tiruchanur between 25th & 28th December 1898 and also the sale of railway tickets to certain stations & that the prohibition may be made applicable only to persons who have not been inoculated within the past 6 months.

No. 2836/S.

Forwarded.

Undersigned concurs with the recommendation. The proportion of scavengers and sweepers stated should be doubled. It should be arranged that the entire sanitary arrangement of the encampment be under the control of such officer as the Collector may appoint.

W. G. King
Lieut Col.
Sanitary Commr for Madras

Office of Sanitary Commissioner
Madras, 23rd November
1898.

Sriman Madhwa Sidhantonná-
hini Sabha office
Kalahasti
9th November 1898

No 1

To
J. K. Batten Esq,
ag. Collector of
North Arcot

Sir,

With many thanks I have the honour to acknowledge receipt, by this days post, of your endorsement dated, 4th Instant on Tirupati division deputy Tahsildar's report ro current 13 plague of 1898 dated 3rd Idem.

I resubmit the letter herewith.

2. I am not the President but only the Honarary Secretary of the Sabha, which is being conducted at Chirtanur for more than 20 years without any break. The ensuing sabha of the 21st year is to be held there in the premises of the sabha from 25th to 29th December 1898 both days

inclusive.

3. Students of Sanskrit religious studies of Dwaita Philosophy and Pandit Examiners and others do attend and earn rewards with reference to the result of examinations. Both oral and written examinations take place under the modern system. Several poor Pandit families live upon such rewards. Generally students of Southern and Ceded Districts of Madras Presidency, of Bangalore and of Mulabágala in Kolar District attend the sabha in a large number and very few from Hyderabad (Deccan) and Telugu Districts of Madras Presidency. Students from Bombay and Upper India do not attend the sabha, as the rewards they may gain are not sufficiently remunerative. Visitors with families used to attend in a large number in former years. Last year, only one gentleman attended from Dharwar. Others did not attend owing to plague. Great religious questions are discussed and determined.

4. His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore is the Chief Patron of the Sabha and it is supported by the Sectarians and sympathisers from Bombay Presidency, Hyderabad Territory, Madras Presidency, Travancore and Benares.

5. Madhwa Brahmins alone attend the sabha. The average attendance thereof on each day, do not exceed 5000. In last year, the daily attendance was below 4000. I fear this year the attendance will ~~be~~ hardly be more than 2000.

6. All the visitors are conveniently accommodated and they are fed with best native meals in the sabha building. The Sabha entertains additional scavengers during the sabha period, to help the Local Fund Scavengers, and take

take every precautions on the point of sanitation.

7. In two or three years when there was cholera prevalent at Tirupati, Chittanur was free from it.

8. The Hospital Assistant at Tirupati annually inspects the camp and gives medical help when necessary.

9. I have therefore, the honour to state that it is not in the province of the administrators of the Sabha to dispense with the meeting this year. On the other hand I am ready on behalf of the Sabha to carryout all the precautionary measures, which you will be gracious enough to suggest, at the expense of the Sabha.

10. It is now decided, I believe, that inoculation is one of the best preventive measures. I therefore ~~request~~ submit that stopping issue of railway tickets from affected, stations, be made applicable only to those who may not be inoculated.

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I have &c

(Sd) Kanchi Subba Row

Honary Secretary

(True copy)

W Salter

ag. Collector

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
1	2	3	4	5	6
Sriman Madhva Siddanthon-nahini sabha	Chiratanur or Tiruchanur in Chandragiri Taluk of the North Arcot District	3 miles from Tirupati East Railway station	Commences on 25th December 1898 and ends on 29th December 1898	5000	2500

North Arcot Collector's office
Chittoor dated 17th November 1898

Ag. Collector

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Plague

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Chittoor. dated 17th Nov 1898
Reference No. 573/88 OF 1898.

FROM
J. K. Batten Esqr.
As Collector and District Magistrate,
North Arcot,

TO
THE Plague Commissioner
Madras
through
The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that a meeting of Madhva Brahmins has been held for the last twenty years at Chiratanur (otherwise known as Tiruchanur) near Tirupati in this District in the month of December. The meeting is called "Sriman Madhva Siddanthouna-hini Sabha" and is to be held this year between the 25th December and 29th December 1898 both days inclusive in a permanent building which the Sabha has erected for the purpose. The object of the Sabha is to discuss important religious questions, to to examine pandits belonging to the Madhva sect and to award prizes to the deserving among them. The Honorary Secretary of the sabha is Mr R.R. Kanchi Subba Row garu, a retired Deputy Collector, and the present Dewan to the Rajah of Kalahasti. The average attendance at the Sabha is estimated at 5000. Nearly half the number of people seem to come from Mysore province, Bellary and Anantapur districts and other infected areas. The ~~Honorary~~ Secretary says that it is not within the province of the administrators of the Sabha to dispense with the meeting this year. He is ready on the other hand to carry out at the expense of the Sabha all the precautionary measures which I may ask him to take. He also says that if the sale of railway tickets is ~~prohibited~~ prohibited, the prohibition may be made applicable only to those who are uninoculated.

2. I enclose a copy of the Honorary Secretary's letter and the eighteenth annual report of the Sabha

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Sabha for your information.

3. Under these circumstances I request that you will be so good as to move Government to issue two notifications, one prohibiting
(1) the attendance of Madhva-Brahmins from infected areas at Chiratanur alias Tiruchanur between the 15th December and 31st December 1898, both days inclusive and the other prohibiting
(2) the sale of tickets to such Brahmins to Panapakam, Chandragiri, Tirupati West and Tirupati East stations on the South Indian Railway and to Puttur, Taduku, Pudi, Renigunta, Mamandur and Peddapadu Railway stations on the Madras Railway between the above dates. As requested by the Secretary, the
(3) prohibition may be made applicable only to persons who have not been inoculated within the past six months.

4. With your approval I will ask the Secretary to have the following sheds ready erected at places

to

to be approved of by the District Medical and Sanitary officer (4) and according to the dimensions fixed by him with the necessary latrines and cook houses:—

(a) one suspect camp to accommodate six males

(b) one suspect camp to accommodate four females.

(c) one Hospital to accommodate six males

(d) one Hospital to accommodate four females.

I will also ask him to ~~keep~~ keep a stock of the necessary disinfectants.

At the rate of one scavenger for thousand people and one sweeper for two thousand people, I will ask him to engage the services of 5 scavengers and 3 sweepers.

2 Scavengers & one sweeper for every 1000 - This is the proportion we have all along been advocating -

I will also make him responsible for giving information to the authorities about any case of illness occurring among the people who attend the Sabha.

5. A statement in the form prescribed in G.O. No 279, P, dated 25-3-98, is submitted herewith.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
V. Matthew
Ag Collector

C.N. 1689

FROM
THE COLLECTOR AND
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot.

To.
The Plague Commissioner
Madras

P.C.
29 NOV 1898

No. of Enclosures.

Letter, dated 28-11-1898

Reference No. 57 3/11 of 1898

SUBJECT.

Informing that the Madhwa sabha to be held at Tiruchanur has since arranged for the examination of the students from any one province at a station in that province itself & requesting to be informed whether the arrangements to be made at Tiruchanur suggested by the Collector, are approved of.

Ref & Return sheet

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~~Plague~~

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Chittoor. dated 28 Novr 1898
Reference No. 573/P. OF 1898.

FROM
J. K. Batten Esqr.
Ag. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
North Arcot,

DESPATCHED
28 NOV 1898

TO
THE Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter Reference no. 573.P. of 98, dated 17-11-98, regarding the Madhva sabha to be held at Tiruchanur between the 25th December and 29th December 1898, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorary secretary of the sabha writes to me now to say that the Sabha has since arranged for the examination of the students from Mysore province at a station in that province itself. The principal visitors to the Sabha this year will therefore be a few

few

to be applicable only

few inoculated people from the infected parts and people from non-infected areas.

2. As the date fixed for the sabha is fast approaching, the Secretary requests me to inform him at a very early date the arrangements which he should make. Please therefore inform me as early as possible whether the arrangements suggested by me in para 4 of my letter referred to above meet with your approval.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
A Ramanujachariar

To A. G. Collector.

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NOTE FOR ~~THE~~ orders

A meeting of the Madhwa Brahmins is annually held at Chiratanur, near Tirupati, in the N. Arcot Dt., ~~and~~ ~~I~~ The meeting for this year is to be held from 25th to 29th Dec ~~this~~ next ~~year~~. The meeting is partly religious and partly literary in its character, and the average attendance is stated to be about 5000 nearly half of whom are said to come from Mysore, Bellary, Anantapur & other infected parts. The Collr's proposals are (1) To prohibit the attendance of Madhwa Brahmins from 15 to 31 Dec '98 (2) To prohibit the sale of tickets to Madhwa Brahmins to Tirupati and the adjacent stations (3) The prohibition to be applicable only to persons who have not been inoculated within the past 6 weeks

(4) To order the secretary of the Sabha to erect 2 hospitals & 2 suspect camps – one set for males & one set for females – and to engage the necessary scavengers.

This is the first instance in which it is proposed to prohibit the attendance at a public meeting and to restrict the prohibition to those who have not been inoculated among a particular sect of people viz the Madhva Brahmins.

If the Collr's proposals are sanctioned, the booking clerks of each station will have to find out the sect of each person who asks for a ticket

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~~NOTE FOR THE~~

to Tirupati and the
adjacent stations, an
satisfy himself that
he is not a Madhva
Brahmin, and if
he is a Madhva bra
that he has been
inoculated within
the past 6 months
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possible in the hurr
of issuing tickets a
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not be willing to
undertake the respons
Further, there is no
to prevent one per
to ask another to bu
a ticket for him
and thus evade
the rules. A total
prohibition, or o
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alike, whether M
brahmins or not & wh
inoculated or not
will be announce

They must, if ordered, but it is no use issuing an order which cannot be properly & fully carried out.

It will be quite impossible to carry out the Collector's proposal. C.B. 28/4

Cannot be thought of.

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hardship to others.

Orders are requested on the various proposals of the Collr so that the notification may be drafted on those lines.

It is submitted that this meeting should be dealt with on the same ~~[illegible]~~ lines as the meetings of the Indian National Congress which will take place at about the same time in Madras. If nothing has been done yet, it is suggested that the measures to be adopted should be decided upon at a conference of the Plague Commr, President M.C. [P.E.] Madras and Sanitary Commr

28/11/98

The Director's proposals in his para 4 are approved. Also that the no. of [illegible] & [illegible] proposed shd be doubled.

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I do not consider the meeting can be prohibited. It is not a generally attended meeting, so that we cannot deal with the public generally, & it will be impossible to deal with only a small section of the public. It has since been reported that ~~the~~ arrangements will be made for Mysore people to meet in Mysore. This will remove the greatest danger. The Hindu shd be asked to inform persons from other parts of the inconveniences they are likely to undergo on account of the plague regulations. It is probable that the attendance will be much reduced this year.

It is undesirable to prohibit the general passenger traffic to Tirupati & the surrounding stations at the period of the meeting referred to, for the meeting is not one attended by the general public, & it is impossible

The meeting is, in any case, likely to be less largely attended this year than usual, ~~[illegible]~~ — while as:

The meeting is unlikely to be the cause of any ~~[illegible]~~ ~~additional~~ danger ~~[illegible]~~ to call for its being prohibited.

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~~The meeting referred to by the Collr cannot be entirely prohibited as it is not a generally attended meeting, nor will it be~~ fair or expedient ~~possible~~ ~~to deal with only a small section of the Public as proposed by the~~ the ~~Collector~~. ~~[illegible] as it is, however, since reported that~~ ~~the arrangements will~~ reported in the second letter, ~~be made for the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~meeting and the~~ ~~[illegible] of~~ the Madras Brahmins residing in ~~people from~~ Mysore will ~~[illegible]~~ assemble ~~[illegible]~~ in that Province itself, ~~which will remove the greatest~~ danger ~~and~~ largely ~~reduce the attendance at the~~ Tirupati festivities, ~~it~~

~~It seems~~ therefore,
~~will be~~ sufficient
in the opinion ~~of the~~
~~Plague Commissr~~, if
~~the Hon. Secretary~~
~~of [illegible] is instructed~~
~~by the Collr~~ ~~to inform~~
persons expected to
come from those
ports, of the inconvenience
they are likely to
undergo on account
of the Plague Regulations

2. The Collr's proposals
contained in para
4 of his first letter
are ~~approved~~, but
~~the number of sweepers~~
~~& scavengers~~ proposed
~~shd be doubled~~
~~as recommended~~
~~by the Sany Commr~~

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It will be well if the
Govt. will ~~[illegible]~~ repeat the the
4th Section
Sec. to Govt.

To the Collr of N. Arcot.
copy to the Sany Commr.

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