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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 204 P mis

DATED 7-2-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Moplah mendicants.

Ordering the issue of a telegram to the Collector of the Nilgris requesting him to do his best under No. 29 of the Mafassal Regulations to prevent the influx of the —— into Ootacamund on the occasion of the ensuing Ramzan.

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[L. & M.]
250—19-12-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

Again G.O , No. dated 189 .

Current Nos 338+402M of 1899, dated 25th and 30th Jan 99 from the District Magistrate of Nilgiris

" " 242 P " 1899, " 3-2-99, " Do

" " 243 P " 1899, " 4-2-99, " Do

ORDER. No 204 P Mis of 7-2-99

Despd M. [illegible] 7/2

The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector of the Nilgiris:—

"Your telegrams fourth regarding influx of moplah mendicants. Do your best under Mufassal Regulation twenty nine, entertaining special staff, if necessary".

(From orders)

V.R.
7/2/99

7/2/99

To
The Collector of the Nilgiris
" Plague Commissioner

Despd M. [illegible] 8/2

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3 LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .

Current ~~No~~ Nos 338 & 402 M of 1899, dated 25th & 30th Jany 99 from the Dt. Mgte, the Nilgiris

Current No. 242 P. of 1899, dated 3rd Feb. 99 from ~~the~~ Do.

Current no. 243 P of 1899 dd 4th Feby 99 from Do.

SUBJECT.

Prohibition of the influx of Moplah mendicants into Ootacamund.

FOR ORDERS.

H.m. for order.

I still think Regn 29 is sufficient if properly worked. The Ramzan is next Sunday (Feb. 12th) & there is hardly time now to effectively publish prohibition in Malabar & Mysore. The Collr. shd have come up before.

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6.2.99.

Please see the Notes and Orders flagged. The Collector who was asked to state whether Plague Regn 29 would not suffice to stop suspicious pilgrims, says that this Regulation is only effective where there are inspection stations, as pilgrims merely stopped can choose other routes and that he prefers prohibition of pilgrimage, which might prevent pilgrims starting. Also that it will be difficult to deal with large numbers under the Regn

V.R.
6/2/99

To P.C. for favour of v. early remarks.

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7.2.99.

Wire to P.C. for his views. They ought always to be obtained if possible.

M.A. 7.2.99

P.T.O.

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The same difficulty is just arising at Visharam near Vellore, but the Mahomedans will not lift a finger to help Government.

Although the congregation can scarcely be called a festival or pilgrimage I sh'd have supported a Gazette notification, if notice had been given in time. It is, however, in my opinion too late for any notification; it could not be adequately published in time. I think the Collector sh'd be asked to do his best under Regn 29, entertaining a special staff, if necessary —

7/2 L.B.

H.M.

H. 7.2.99

I agree

A.A. 7.2.99

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250—28-9-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

and 402 M

C. Nos. 338 M./99

SUBJECT.

Prohibition of the influx of moplah mendicants into Ootacamund.

P.A.
Mark this v.a. please.
Has not orig. Muf. Regn 29 been applied to the whole Nilgiris? You can ask P.C.'s P.A.
H. 3.2.99

Original muf. Regn 29 has not been applied to the whole Nilgiris. It has been applied only to the Nilgiri plateau — vide G.O. No. 575 P. dated 26th May 1898. Flag K.
V.R. 3/2/99

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes and orders in G.O. No. 1527 M. dated 22nd October 1894.

V.R. 2/2/99

H.M. (Orig. Muf. Regn 29)

I think the Regn may now be extended to the whole Nilgiri district, so that suspicious characters may be turned back at its frontiers. This will meet the case.

I have not consulted the P.C. as he has gone on tour, but I am sure he w'd raise no objection.

H. 3.2.99

I agree.

A.A. 4.2.99

Extend accord'y & inform Coll. by wire.

H. 4.2.99

I regret that the P.C.'s P.A. now says that he has since discovered a subsequent G.O. No. 897 P. d. 25 Aug/98 extending Reg 29 to the whole of the Nilgiri District. May not the Collr's reply to the telegram flagged B be now awaited?

V.R. 4/2/99

W.H. 4.2.99

Local & Munl. (1899.) Department.

CURRENT No. 338 M

From

The District Magistrate
The Nilgiris

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT
29 JAN 1899
LOCAL & MUNL DEPT

Order

Reference **No.** 26

Dated 25-1-1899
Despd 26-1-1899
Received

Registered

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SUBJECT.

Moplah Mendicants

Requesting the favour of reconsideration of the orders passed in G.O. No. 1527 M Mis dated the 22nd October 1894 on the subject of the influx of a large no of Moplah mendicants into the town of Ootacamund on the occasion of Ramzan —

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9 Office of Civil Surgeon Ootacamund
Ootacamund 28th June 1894.

I

Enclosure to No. Reference 26 dated 26th January 1899 from the Dt. Magte the Nilgiris

Dear Mr. Hamnett,

I have read the papers received with yours of 14th Inst. I return them herewith, and apologise for the delay.

I am of opinion that it would be highly desirable on Sanitary grounds, and for the protection of public health, to stop the annual influx of this large body of mendicants; they belong to a notoriously filthy class of people i.e. poor Moplahs who have no regard even for decency let alone hygiene: there is no accommodation for these people here, in the way of Choultries or Latrines; as for the latter they avoid using these Conveniences as much as possible; they put up in the public market and Commit Nuisance of all kinds in and about that building, which is not only disgusting to think of, but is positively dangerous to the health of the town. I would rather see any class enter the town than the Moplah vagrant, knowing as I do from experience their filthing habits and disregard of the ordinary rules of decency. I can only pronounce the above Strong opinion; it remains for you to work all ordinary and extraordinary laws, rules and regulations at your disposal to keep these people outside Municipal limits

Yours Sincerely
(Sd) Geo. L. Walker.

(True Copy)

S. G. Rob
Hd. Asst. Collr & Magistrate in charge.

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Nilgiri Collector's office
Ootacamund 25th Jany 99

To

1) M. R. Ry. A. R. Hajee Fakeer Mahomed Sait Avl.
2) " " Sithic Bin Meaujie Sait Avl.
3) " " Gool Mahomed Sait Avl.
4) " " Esuff Sait Avl.

II

Enclosure to No.
Reference 26.
dated 26th
January 1899
from the Dr
Magte the Nilgiris

Sir,

As the Season is now approaching when large number of destitute Mahomedans, Moplas in particular, come to Ootacamund, from the low Country to profit by your charity and money doles annually disbursed at the ensuing Ramzan, I write to ask whether it is advisable to attract the filthy poor and indigent from below, whose arrival at Ootacamund will not be unattended with some risk to the health of the community, in general, where there is no Special accommodation for such a large influx, now that plague imminently threatens to attack the district and with plague so close to Bangalore and whether you think, under the circumstances any other method of distributing your bounty might not be equally efficacious and whether you can kindly make any suggestion in the matter.

2. I shall of course take such measures as are open to me to reduce the influx, but if the Collector of Malabar is timely acquainted with of your intentions, if any, to the ~~relief~~ effect that no relief is being given this year to others than local Mahomedans, this will materially assist in keeping away paupers from below whose presence in Ootacamund, just now for the reasons

set

set forth above, is particularly undesirable.

3. The favour of your very early reply is requested.

4. I would point out that the marginally noted× letters were sent by Mr. Rees, when Collector of this district, so this is not the first time the matter has been brought to your notice. Now that a case of plague has occurred in Ootacamund I need~~ly~~ hardly say how important it is that we should not take in any persons who may be likely to spread infection to other districts.

× No. 316 misc, 5.4.94
G. No. 929 D, 23.3.95

(Sd) S. G. Roberts

Hd. Asstt. Collr. & Magiste
in charge
The Nilgiris

(True copy)

S. G. Roberts
Hd asst. collr & magte
in charge
The Nilgiris

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NILGIRI COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Reference No. 26.

Dated 25 January 1899

FROM
S. G. Roberts Esqre.
Head ~~Asstt~~ COLLECTOR ~~OF~~ and Magistrate in charge
~~The~~ Nilgiris,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 338 M

TO
THE SECRETARY TO ~~THE~~
~~COMMISSIONER OF~~ Government
Local & Municipal Department.
Madras.

SIR,

Hay X

I have the honor to request the favour of reconsideration of the orders passed in G. O. No. 1527 M. Mis dated the 22nd October 1894 upon a reference made by the Chairman, O. M. C. on the subject of the influx of a large number of Maplah mendicants into the town of Ootacamund on the occasion of Ramzan.

2. It was represented that such annual influx was objectionable, in the absence of any special accommodation in the town, for the reception of a large body of such mendicants, (poor Maplahs) who belong to a notoriously filthy class of people and whose arrival is therefore not unattended with some risk to the health of the Community (vide D.O. from Lt. Col G. L. Walker to Mr. Hannett, copy of which is enclosed). The town Council is unable to provide special accommodation for want of funds, a want which is more especially felt just now.

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3. It was pointed out by Government in the order

under

under reference that, while the proposed amendment could be made only after communication with the Government of India, which would summarily reject it, the Police have the power to arrest persons having no ostensible means of subsistence and should therefore be able to deal efficiently with the difficulty raised.

4. I would venture respectfully to state that the Police can, I think, only arrest under Sec 55 C. P. C. and if a man gives a reasonable account of himself, cannot proceed further. I believe that such an account as the men could give of themselves, viz. that they come to profit by the customary bounty of rich Saits displayed on the occasion of the Ramzan, a thing *per se* unobjectionable, would be a reasonable account.

5. I therefore continue to think that though the best that can be done has been done, to arrest the influx, we have no legal means of dealing effectually with these men, who are coming in numbers.

6. I have the honor, therefore, to suggest that, as the presence of these men in Ootacamund is undesirable, with plague now so close as Bangalore, and that one suspicious death has actually occurred, the Collector of Malabar may specially be empowered to prevent the influx of these people from

from coming up in such manner as Government may see fit to enforce. I would also point out that in the event of an outbreak of plague the dispersal of these mendicants will constitute a far greater danger to Malabar and the South East (Nilgiri) Wynaad than does their presence in Ootacamund.

7. I have addressed the Assistant Superintendent of Police and also the leading Mahomedans (copy of the latter letter is enclosed) and if the Mahomedan gentlemen are in a position to say that no relief will be given this year to others than Mahomedans of Ootacamund, this will materially help in keeping away paupers from the plains, and if any nevertheless slip by, they can be warned off in time by the Police at Mettupolliem and at other entries into the District.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Hd. Asst. Collector & Magis
in Charge.

Copied by I.S.A.
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Local + Municipal ~~Judicial~~ (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 402 M

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT
2-FEB.1899
LOCAL MUNL EDL & LEG DEPT

Order

From

The District Magistrate
The Nilgiris

Reference No. 26.

Dated 30-1-1899
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SUBJECT.

Influx of Moplahs

Submitting copy of letter from Messrs Meanji Saib & Co regarding it—

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Ootacamund
28th January 1899.

From,
Meanjee Sait & Co. Ootacamund.

To,
The Head Assistant-in-Charge.
The Nilgiris.

Enclosure to
Reference No 76
dated 30-1-'99
from the Dt Magte
the Nilgiris

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 26 dated 26th Instant, we beg to inform you that we do not call poor people from Malabar or from any other place to come up here and receive alms from us, but they came on their own accord to partake of the same which are distributed at this Station. Our Religion instructs us to give alms to those who lift ups their hands and ask for Charity and we do give them whoever they may be either residents or non-residents of Ootacamund. But it is, we regret to say, against our Religion to make any proclamation that we do not intend to distribute Charity of any kind except to residents of Ootacamund and it is not our bounden duty to distribute alms in Malabar or any other place. We therefore beg to say

That

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that the Civil Authorities may take necessary steps to prevent the recipients coming up here.

We are Sir etc.
(Sd.) Meanji Sait & Co.

(True Copy)

for H. A. Magistrate
in Charge.

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Nilgiri Collector's Office,
Ootacamund, 30th January 1899.

Ref. on Cur: No. 26/1899

From
S. G. Roberts Esquire
~~Head Assistant~~ Magistrate ~~Collector~~ ~~or~~ in Charge
The Nilgiris,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 402 M.

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

Sir,

Enclosures.

In Continuation of my letter R.C. No. 26 dated the 24th January 1899, I have the honour to send a copy of letter received from Messrs. Meanjee Sait and Co. in reply to my appeal to the leading Mohammedan gentlemen on the subject of the influx of the Moplas into Ootacamund.

The letter puts the matter in a new light and I gather from it that little help may be expected from other than official sources.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

~~Collector~~
for H. Asst. Magistrate
in charge

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From

The Collector of
Nilgiris,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Department,
Madras.

Dated }
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Enclosures.

Subject.

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 242 P

Telegram

Order

From The Collector of the Nilgiris, Ootacamund.

No.

Dated 3 - }
Received 3 - } Feb '99
Registered 4 - }
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Requesting that the pilgrimage of Mahomedan mendicants and pilgrims from Mysore, and of the Moplas from Malabar proceeding to the festival of ramzan may be prohibited under the Epidemic Diseases Act.

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C. No. 2428

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number. 26

Code Class. S.

To (Office) Madras Fort St George

From (Office) Ootacamund.

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
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To (Person) The Secretary to Govt L. and Munpl. dept.
Plague Commr

From (Person) Collector

This Office letter number
26 of 26th ultimo
have ascertained moplahs from
Malabar some Mahomadan mendicants
and pilgrims from Mysore
likely to come here
for the ramzan this
would be highly dangerous

Recd. from LN.

At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to LN.

At Hrs. Mts. by

Telegraph Master.

32 Word Form.

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Code Class.} INDIAN TELEGRAPHS Monthly Number. 76

To (Office)	From (Office)

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.

To (Person) 2	From (Person)

32 Word Form

Suggest pilgrimage of such persons be prohibited altogether under epidemic diseases act or at all events pilgrimage from Mysore.

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Does not Regs. 29 suffice to stop suspicious pilgrims?
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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 243 P

Telegram

From The Collector of the Nilgiris, Ootacamund

Order

No.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the Regulation 29 in force there is only effective to stop suspicious pilgrims when there are inspection stations but inadequate when large number of people coming from infected parts have to be dealt with it.

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 243P

Telegram

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From The Collector of
the Nilgiris,
Ootacamund

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the Regulation 29 in force there is only effective to stop suspicious pilgrims when there are inspection stations but is inadequate when large number of people coming from infected parts have to be dealt with it.

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To (Office) Madras Fort St George

From (Office) Ootacamund

Words. 60/4 | Day. 4 | Hour. 13 | Minute. 16 | Official Instructions.

To (Person) Secretary to Govt Local and Munpl dept

From (Person) Collector

Regulation 29 is being worked but is only effective where there are inspection stations as pilgrims merely stopped can easily choose other routes would prefer prohibition of pilgrimage as it might prevent

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P.C.T.

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Pilgrims starting and it will be difficult to deal with large numbers under regulation 29.

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From (Person)

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