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FEBRUARY.

Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Kalahasti Isvara Swami.

Ordering the publication, in the Fort St. George and all District Gazettes, of a notification prohibiting pilgrimage to the ensuing —, at Kalahasti in the North Arcot district from the 1st to 18th March 1899, and the sale of railway tickets to certain stations to persons intending to attend the festival; and requesting the Government of India to prohibit the sale of tickets to pilgrims from the Mysore State.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras (through the Sanitary Commissioner), dated Chittoor, 3rd February 1899, No. 421 P.

I have the honour to report that the Mahasivaratri festival otherwise known as the Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Kalahasti Isvara Swami is to be held at Kalahasti between the 5th March 1899 and 16th March 1899, both days inclusive. The important day of the festival is the Sivaratri day falling on the 10th March. This festival is largely attended by pilgrims from all parts of the Madras Presidency and especially from the districts of Bellary, Anantapur, Kurnool, Cuddapah, and from the Mysore Province. It is therefore necessary to prohibit the attendance of pilgrims during the said festival, and some days before and after it. A draft notification and the statement in the prescribed form are herewith submitted for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. A cordon of police and salt peons will be placed round the town of Kalahasti and pilgrims attending in contravention of the prohibition will be turned back.

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STATEMENT showing the number of people expected to arrive from plague-infected parts at Kalahasti, in the North Arcot district, during the ensuing Mahasivaratri festival in March 1899.

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.	Remarks.
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No. 459-S.

Forwarded.

(Signed) W. G. KING, Lieut.-Col., I.M.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

8th February 1899.

To the Plague Commissioner, Madras.

Ref. on Cur. No. 1786.

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(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

12th February 1899.

ORDER—No. 262 P., dated 20th February 1899.

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NOTIFICATION.

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3. The Agents and Managers of the Madras, South Indian, and Southern Mahratta Railways are requested to instruct Stationmasters about the prohibition of the issue of railway tickets ordered by the notification.

4. The Government of India will be addressed to prohibit the sale of tickets to pilgrims from the Mysore State.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.
„ the Collector of North Arcot (A—L).
„ all other Collectors (A).
„ the Commissioner of Salt, Abkári and Separate Revenue.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Surgeon-General.
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„ the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
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ENCLOSURE.

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.	Remarks.
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In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to prohibit pilgrimage to Kalahasti from the 1st to 18th March 1899 (both days inclusive), and to direct that between the said dates no tickets to travel by rail to the stations of Gudur, Vendodi, Venkatagiri, Yellakaru, Kalahasti, Yerpedu, Renigunta, Tirupati East, Tirupati West and Chandrigiri on the South Indian Railway and to the stations of Peddapadu, Mamanduru, Renigunta, Pudi, Taduku, Puttur, Vepagunta and Nagari stations on the Madras Railway shall be issued at any railway station within the districts of Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, North Arcot and Salem to any person intending or believed to be intending to go on a pilgrimage to Kalahasti. All such persons proceeding to Kalahasti in contravention of this notification will be turned back.

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(True Extract.)

for *Secretary to Government.*

To the Plague Commissioner.
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Exd. P. Seetharam.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .
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Current No. 321P of 1899, dated 14-2-1899, from The Plague Commissioner
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ORDER No. 262 P. dated 20-2-99.

18-2-99

The Plague Commissioner's recommendations are approved and the following notification will be published in the Fort Saint George and all District Gazettes:—

(Here Enter the draft notification as amended by the Plague Commissioner and Government).

2. The Mysore Government will be requested to notify that, in consequence of danger of plague, pilgrimage to Kalahasti in the North West district, to Kalahasti between 5th to 18th proximo, on occasion of the ensuing Pavitrotsavam festival of Kalahasti Easwara Swamy,

Medical officer

otherwise known as the Maha-Sivaratri festival, has been prohibited under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

3. The Agents and Managers of the Madras, the South Indian, and the Southern Mahratta Railways are requested to instruct Stationmasters about the prohibition of the issue of Railway tickets ordered by the notification.

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To

The Government of India
Home Dept.

I am directed to state that an important Hindu festival called the Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Kalahasti Eswara

Easwara Swamie, otherwise known as the Mahasivaratri festival, which is largely attended by pilgrims from the Mysore State, takes place at Kalahasti, in the North Arcot district, from the 5th to 11th proximo, and to request that, in consequence of the danger of plague, the Government of India will be pleased to prohibit, under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the issue from the 1st to 15th proximo, at any stations in that State, of railway tickets to Gudur, Veerabadi, Venkatagiri, Pottapalem, Kalahasti, Yerpedu, Renigunta, Tirupati, Timpakkam and Chandragiri stations on the South Indian Railway and to Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Renigunta, Jaggayyapeta, Paduthur, Puthur, Veeraghattam and Nagari stations on the Madras Railway, to persons intending, or believed to be intending, to attend the festival

medical officer at Kalahasti station.

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Easwara Swami, otherwise known as the Mahasivaratri festival, which is largely attended by pilgrims from the Mysore State, takes place at Kalahasti, in the North Arcot district, from the 6th to 11th proximo, and to request that, in consequence of the danger of plague, the Government of India will be pleased to prohibit, under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the issue from the 1st to 18th proximo, at any station in that State, of railway tickets to Gudur, Tirutani, Tirukalakundram, Pattakara Kalakundrum &c.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for approval and publication in the Fort St George Gazette a draft notification prohibiting pilgrimage to the Brahmotsavam festival at Kalahasti in North Arcot Dt; and stating that the Govt of India may be addressed to prohibit the sale in the Mysore Province of railway tickets & that the Collr will be requested to look to the prohibition against sale of tickets by deputing a medical officer at Kalahasti station.

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Note

The draft notification submitted by the Collector prohibits (1) pilgrimage to the festival, i.e., attendance at the festival of persons from all places and (2) the issue of tickets throughout the Presy. the sale of Rs. 10 and no railway from the Mysore notification is res. in respect of (2) so as to restrict the prohibition to certain districts of the Presy. only, from which especially people proceed to the festival. The Collector has stated over that "the festival is largely attended by pilgrims from all parts of the Madras Presy."

To
The Plague Commissioner
+ Collector of North Arcot (A-L)
All other Collectors. (A)
√ The Commr of S. A. & S. Revenue
√ — Inspr Genl of Police
√ — Sanitary Commissioner
√ — Surgeon General
+ — √ P. W. D (Ry Branch)
√ — Agent & Manager, M. & S. M. Ry.
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To

The Plague Commissioner
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From

The Collector of North Arcot

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a draft notification prohibiting the attendance of pilgrims during the Maha Swarathi festival to be held at Kalahasti between the 5th March 1899 and the 16th March 1899 both days inclusive for approval

Mahadevaraththri or Brahmotsavam of Kalahasty Swamy, Kalahasty	Name of festival or fair
Town of Kalahasti	Place where held
1½ miles from the Kalahasty Railway Station.	Distance to the nearest Railway Station
Commences on the 5th and Closes on the 18th March 1899.	Date of commencement and termination of festival or fair
2½	Average attendance during the past 3 years.
1½	No. of people expected from plague infected parts.

Remarks.

Applications from Deputy Collectors and Sub-Collectors in charge of Cuddapah, Bellary, Kurnool, Anantapur, Nellore & Salem districts, People from Salem and from the Bhyrose Provinces are debarred the festival season, Persons people from the Coast Taluks of Cuddapah & Nellore also attend.

Asst. Collector.

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Notification

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In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, His Excellency the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council is pleased to prohibit pilgrimage to Kalahasti from the 18th to 28th March 1899 ~~to 28th March 1899~~ (both days inclusive) and to direct that between the said dates no tickets to travel by rail to the stations of Gudur, Venkatagiri, Yellakam, Kalahasti, Tirupedu, Renigunta Tirupati East, Tirupati West and Chandra-

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N. Arcot Collector's Office
Camp Chittoor 3.2.99

J.K. Batten
Ag Collector

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NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

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FROM

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

To

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras
through the Sanitary Commissioner
Madras.

SIR,

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be turned back

3 The President of the Ranipet Sabha
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make the necessary Sanitary arrangement
during the festival.

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

Ag Collector.

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A. Ramachandra
14/2/99
for Plague Commissioner

Plague Commissioner's office
12th Feb: 1899.

To The Secretary to Govt. (Lt. & Dept.) with 3 enclosures in original.

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