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[Despatch Abstract.]

Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Bhashyakaraswami
and other festivals.

Forwarding to the Resident in Mysore copy of G.O. N^o 458P dated 24th March 1899 prohibiting the attendance of persons from plague infected parts at the — in the Chingleput District, and the sale of Ry. tickets to persons intending to attend the festivals and requesting that the prohibition may be notified.

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G.O No. 458 P., 24th March 1899.

MARCH.

Brahmotsavam Festival of Sri Bhashyakara Swami and certain other Festivals.

Ordering the publication, in the Fort St. George and certain District Gazettes, of notifications prohibiting the attendance of persons from plague-infected parts at the ensuing — in the Chingleput district, and the sale of railway tickets to certain stations to persons intending to attend the festivals; and requesting the Government of India to prohibit the sale of railway tickets outside the Madras Presidency.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Letter from D. W. G. COWIE, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Plague Commissioner (through the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras), dated Saidapet, 7th March 1899, Ref. on No. 10—Plague.

I have the honour to report that the festivals noted in the margin will shortly be held at the places entered against them. As the festivals are likely to be attended by many people from plague-infected areas, I consider it most necessary to impose restrictions on the festivals by the prohibition of the attendance at them of persons from such areas and of the sale of railway tickets to the stations mentioned in the enclosed draft notifications.

2. Though the Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Devaraja Swamiar at Conjeeveram nominally lasts for ten (10) days, the termination of the festival depends upon the car reaching its destination. Hence it is recommended that attendance at that festival of people from plague-infected areas may be prohibited till the 4th June next.

3. I shall arrange with the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, and the Inspector-General of Police for the necessary patrols and guards to stop pilgrims and turn them back.

4. The statement prescribed in G.O., No. 279 P., dated 25th March 1898, as modified by the Plague Commissioner's letter No. 462, dated 22nd February 1899, is enclosed.

[Enclosure.]

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the particulars in respect of certain festivals in the Conjeeveram taluk of the Chingleput district in April and May 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.	From what districts in the Madras Presidency and from what places outside the Presidency pilgrimage should be prohibited and the number of people expected from each of such districts or places.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Sri Bhashyakara Swami's Brahmotsavam.	Sriperumbudur, Conjeeveram taluk.	Eleven miles from the Tiruvallur station on the Madras Railway and fourteen miles from the Vandalur station on the South Indian Railway.	7th to 16th April 1899.	10,000	North Arcot, Salem, Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool districts in the Madras Presidency, the States of Mysore and Hyderabad, the Central Provinces and the Bombay Presidency— North Arcot .. 1,300 Salem .. 200 Bellary .. 200 Anantapur .. 200 Kurnool .. 200 Mysore State .. 200 Hyderabad .. 200 Central Provinces .. 200 Bombay Presidency 300 Total .. 3,000
* 2. Sri Devaraja Swami's Nada Bhavi festival.	Aiyyangarkolam, Conjeeveram taluk.	Six miles from the Conjeeveram station on the South Indian Railway.	25th April 1899.	10,000	North Arcot, Salem, Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool districts in the Madras Presidency and the State of Mysore— North Arcot .. 3,000 Salem .. 50 Bellary .. 50 Anantapur .. 50 Kurnool .. 50 Mysore State .. 50 Total .. 3,250
3. Sri Devaraja Swami's Brahmotsavam festival.	Conjeeveram	Conjeeveram railway station in the town itself.	22nd to 31st May 1899.	80,000	North Arcot, Salem, Bellary, Anantapur, Kurnool districts in the Madras Presidency, the States of Mysore and Hyderabad, the Central Provinces and the Bombay Presidency— North Arcot .. 20,000 Salem .. 1,000 Bellary .. 1,000 Anantapur .. 1,000 Kurnool .. 1,000 Mysore State .. 2,000 Hyderabad State .. 1,000 Central Provinces .. 500 Bombay Presidency .. 1,000 Total .. 28,500

* A few persons are expected to come for the festival from each of the undermentioned places:—
Hyderabad State.
Central Provinces.
Bombay Presidency.

N.B.—I do not think it necessary to prohibit the attendance of persons from the above places.

No. 835-S.

Forwarded.

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

13th March 1899.

Ref. on C. No. 3128, dated 17th March 1899.

Submitted to Government.

2. It is requested that the enclosed draft notifications may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and that the Government of India may be moved to prohibit the sale of railway tickets outside the Madras Presidency. As regards festival No. 2, it seems sufficient if the sale of railway tickets outside Madras Presidency be prohibited only in the Province of Mysore.

3. The arrangements referred to in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter for enforcing the prohibition are approved.

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

To the Secretary to the Government, Local and Municipal Department.
Copy to the Collector of Chingleput.

ORDER—No. 458 P., dated 24th March 1899.

The Plague Commissioner's recommendations are approved and the following notifications will be published in the *Fort St. George* and the *Chingleput, Anantapur, Bellary, Kurnool, North Arcot and Salem District Gazettes* :—

NOTIFICATIONS.

I.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is danger of an outbreak of plague at Sriperumbudūr in the Conjeeveram taluk of the Chingleput district, if persons from the Bombay Presidency, the Central Provinces, the Mysore State, His Highness the Nizam's Dominions, the districts of Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Salem and North Arcot or other plague-infected parts are permitted to visit that town on the occasion of the ensuing Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Bhashyakara Swami :

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council prohibits the attendance at the said festival from the 1st to the 16th April 1899, both days inclusive, of persons from the Bombay Presidency, the Central Provinces, the Mysore State, His Highness the Nizam's Dominions, the districts of Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Salem and North Arcot and other plague-infected parts and also directs that between the said dates no tickets to travel by railway to the Arkonam junction and the stations of Mosur, Chinnammápét, Manur, Kadambattūr, Tiruvallūr, Sevvapet Road, Tinnanūr and Avadi on the Madras Railway, and Pallur, Conjeeveram, Wallajabad, Villiampakkam, Chingleput, Singaperumalkoil, Gúduvanchéri, Vandalūr, Pallávaram and St. Thomas' Mount on the South Indian Railway shall be sold within the said districts to persons intending, or believed to be intending, to proceed to the festival.

All persons proceeding to the festival in contravention of this notification will be turned back.

II.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is danger of an outbreak of plague at Ayyangarkolam village in the Conjeeveram taluk of the Chingleput district, if persons from the State of Mysore, the districts of Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Salem and North Arcot and other plague-infected parts are permitted to visit that village on the occasion of the ensuing Nadabhavi festival of Sri Devaraja Swami on the 25th April 1899 :

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council prohibits the attendance at the said festival, from the 20th to the 25th April 1899, both days inclusive, of persons from the Mysore State, the districts of Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Salem and North Arcot and other plague-infected parts and also directs that between the said dates no tickets to travel by railway to the Arkonam junction and the stations of Pallur, Conjeeveram, Wallajabad, Villiampakkam and Chingleput on the South Indian Railway shall be sold within the said districts to persons intending, or believed to be intending, to proceed to the festival.

All persons proceeding to the festival in contravention of this notification will be turned back.

III.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is danger of an outbreak of plague at Conjeeveram in the Conjeeveram taluk of the Chingleput district, if persons from the Bombay Presidency, the Central Provinces, the State of Mysore, His Highness

the Nizam's Dominions, the districts of Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Salem and North Arcot or other plague-infected parts are permitted to visit that town on the occasion of the ensuing Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Devaraja Swami :

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council prohibits the attendance at the said festival from the 16th May to the 4th June 1899, both days inclusive, of persons from the Bombay Presidency, the Central Provinces, the Mysore State, His Highness the Nizam's Dominions, the districts of Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Salem and North Arcot and other plague-infected parts and also directs that between the said dates, no tickets to travel by railway to the Arkonam junction and the stations of Pallur, Conjeeveram, Wallajabad, Villiampakkam and Chingleput on the South Indian Railway shall be sold within the said districts to persons intending, or believed to be intending, to proceed to the festival.

All persons proceeding to the festival in contravention of this notification will be turned back.

2. The following telegrams will be despatched :—

(i) To the Collector of Chingleput—

"Notify by issue of Gazette Extraordinary and otherwise that attendance of persons from plague-infected parts at (the) three festivals mentioned in your letter No. 10 P., dated seventh instant, to Plague Commissioner, has been prohibited."

(ii) To the Collectors of Anantapur, Bellary, Kurnool, North Arcot and Salem—

"Notify by issue of Gazette Extraordinary and otherwise that attendance at (the) Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Bhashyakara Swami at Sriperumbudūr, Conjeeveram taluk, Chingleput district, from first to sixteenth proximo, of persons from your district, has been prohibited under Epidemic Diseases Act."

(iii) To the

Government of Bombay
Administration of Central Provinces
Resident in Mysore
Resident at Hyderabad

"This Government requests Bombay Government
This Government requests the Administration of Central Provinces
Kindly move Mysore Government
Kindly move His Highness the Nizam's Government

to notify that, in consequence of danger of plague, this Government has prohibited, under Epidemic Diseases Act, attendance at Sriperumbudūr, Conjeeveram taluk, Chingleput district, from first to sixteenth proximo, during

(the) Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Bhashyakara Swami, of persons from

Bombay Presidency.
Central Provinces.
Mysore State.
H. H. the Nizam's Dominions."

(iv) To the Agents and Managers of the South Indian and Southern Mahratta Railways—

"Please instruct stationmasters that issue, at any station in (the) Anantapur, Bellary, Kurnool, North Arcot and Salem districts, from first to sixteenth proximo, of railway tickets to (the) Arkonam junction, and Mosur, Chinnammápét, Manur, Kadambattūr, Tiruvallūr, Sevvapet Road, Tinnanūr, Avadi, Pallur, Conjeeveram, Wallajabad, Villiampakkam, Chingleput, Singaperumalkoil, Gúduvanchéri, Vandalūr, Pallávaram and St. Thomas' Mount stations to persons intending to attend (the) Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Bhashyakara Swami at Sriperumbudūr, Conjeeveram taluk, Chingleput district, has been prohibited under Epidemic Diseases Act."

(v) To the Government of India, Home Department—

"A Hindu festival known as Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Bhashyakara Swami, attended by persons from (the) Bombay Presidency, Central Provinces, Mysore and Hyderabad States, commences at Sriperumbudūr, Conjeeveram taluk, Chingleput district, on (the) 7th proximo. This Government requests Government of India to prohibit under Epidemic Diseases Act sale, from first to sixteenth proximo, of railway tickets at any station in (the) Bombay Presidency, Central Provinces, Mysore and Hyderabad States, to Arkonam junction and to Mosur, Chinnammápét, Manur, Kadambattūr, Tiruvallūr, Sevvapet Road, Tinnanūr, Avadi, Pallur,

Conjeeveram, Wallajabad, Villiampakkam, Chingleput, Singaperumalkoil, Gáduváchéri, Vandalúr, Pallávaram and St. Thomas' Mount stations to persons intending to attend (the) festival."

3.

<u>The Bombay Government</u>	will also be requested	<u>to notify</u>
<u>The Admn. of Central Provinces</u>		<u>to notify</u>
<u>The Resident in Mysore</u>		<u>to move the Mysore Government to notify</u>
<u>The Resident at Hyderabad</u>		<u>to move H. H. the Nizam's Govt. to notify</u>

the prohibition ordered in notification No. $\frac{III}{II \text{ and } III}$ in paragraph 1 of this order.

4. The Agents and Managers of the South Indian and Southern Mahratta Railways are requested to issue the necessary instructions to their subordinate staff regarding the prohibition of sale of tickets ordered by notifications Nos. II and III. The Agent and Manager, Madras Railway, is requested to instruct his subordinate staff as regards the prohibition of sale of tickets ordered in the three notifications in paragraph 1 of this order.

5. The Government of India will be addressed to prohibit the sale of tickets to persons from outside the Presidency intending to attend the festivals referred to in notifications Nos. II and III in paragraph 1 of this order.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.
" Collector of Chingleput (A-L).
" " Anantapur, }
" " Bellary, } (A).
" " Kurnool, }
" " North Arcot, }
" " Salem, }
" Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General.
" Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
" Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
" " South Indian Railway.
" " Southern Mahratta Railway.
" Bombay Government
" Administration of Central Provinces } (with C.L.).
" Resident in Mysore
" " at Hyderabad
Gazette.

Local and Municipal Department
(PLAGUE),

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Madras, April 1899.

No. 513P Mis 97 8/4/99

From

The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal Department,

To

THE Resident
in Mysore

SIR,

I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 458P, dated 24th March 99, and to request that the Mysore Government may be moved to notify the prohibition therein referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

V.R.
7/7/99

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for Secretary to Government.

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