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3. I do not think it necessary to prohibit the sale of tickets as the nearest railway station is 18 miles off in the one case and 20 miles in the other.

4. There are two passes on the Veligondahs by which people from Cuddapah can get into Somasila, the one is the Dornal pass leading into the Udayagiri taluk and the other the Somasila pass. Similarly, there are two passes that lead to Penchulakona. The more frequented is the Rapur pass, used by the people of Chitvel, Badvel, Sidhout and Rázampéta taluks. The other which is less frequented except at the time of the festival is the Penchulakona pass. If the festivals are prohibited, proper measures will be taken to send back persons who come in contravention of the notification.

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.	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.
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Atmakúru Taluk.					
Akshaya Tadiya festival.	Somasila ..	Eighteen miles from Siddhavatam, Cuddapah district.	Commencement, 10th May 1899. Termination, 14th May 1899.	2,000 to 3,000.	From the villages in Sidhout and Pullampet taluks, Cuddapah district. One thousand people are expected from the Cuddapah district.
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No. 1028-S.

Forwarded.

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

27th March 1899.

Ref. on C. No. 3714.

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(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
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In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prohibit the attendance of persons from the North Arcot district and other plague-infected parts at the festivals named below:—

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

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.
" Collector of Nellore (A—L).
" " North Arcot, } (A).
" " Cuddapah, }
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General.
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Nellore Collection office
dated 23rd March 1899

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From C. M. Mulla Esquire
Collector of Nellore

To The Plague Commissioner, Madras
Through Sanitary Commissioner

Sir, I have the honor to state that the
Akshaya Tadiya festival of Somasila in the
Atmakur Taluk and the Narasimhaswami
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I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. A. S. M. K. M.

For Collector

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Name of festival or fair	Place where held	Distance to the nearest Railway Station and	date of commencement and termination of festival
Atmakur Taluk			
Akshaya Tadiya festival	Somatila	18 miles from Siddhar Vatham Cuddapah St.	Commencement 10.5.99 Termination 14.5.99
Rajapur Taluk			
Purchalukona Kara	Purchalukona	20 miles from Rajampet Cuddapah St.	Commencement 23.5.99 Termination 25.5.99
Shri Swami festival	Ganapathi village		

From where districts in the making Broadway and from where places outside the Broadway, pilgrims are expected to be prohibited and the number of people expected from each of such districts or places.	Average attendance during the last 3 years.	4	5	6
From the villages of Siddhar and Pullampet Taluks Cuddapah District. 1000 people are expected from the Cuddapah St.	2000 to 3000.			
Cuddapah District. About 2000 people are expected from that District	10000			

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H. S. Collector

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Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner.

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READ—

The following endorsement of the Sanitary Commissioner, No. 1028/S dated 27th March 1899 on letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 23rd March 1899, No. 260 P/Eng :-

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Read again this office Reference on C. No. 3714 dated 29th March 1899:-

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Read also letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 8th April 1899, No. 304/Eng.

Ref. on C. Nos. 3714 & 4080 dated 11th April 1899.

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To
The Secy: to Govt: L & M Dept;
with copies of Sanitary Commr's endt: & this office Ref. on 3714 & Collr's letters statement & draft notification in original.
Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

for Plague Commissioner.

NELLORE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

DATED 8th April 1899.

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From C. M. Moullaly Esqr. *SM*
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For collector
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ORDER. No. 569 P of 20.4.99

The Plague Commissioner's recommendation is approved and the following notification will be published in the Port St. George and the Nellore, North Arcot and the Cuddapah District Gazette.
(H.E. draft notification as amended by the Plague Commr.)

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a draft noty. prohibiting attendance of persons from plague infected parts at the certain festivals in the Nellore Dist.

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Whereas two imported cases of Plague have occurred recently in Bellary and whereas ^{His Excellency} the Governor of Madras in Council is satisfied that there is danger of an ^{of Plague} (further) out break ^{from the N. West & other places infected from} of pilgrims ^{in the} are permitted to assemble at Somasila Atmakur Taluk and at Gonupalli ^{in the} (Penchalakona) Rapur Taluk ^{of the Kallakurthi} on the occasion of the ensuing festivals: Akshaya Tadiya & Penchalakona Narasimha Swami

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