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[Despatch Abstract.]

Gangajatra festival at Tirumpati

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, Reference on C. No. 3965, dated 10th April 1899.

Read—the following letter from R. W. D'ESTCOURT ASHE, Esq., Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Camp, Tirupati, 31st March 1899, Dis. No. 1367-D. :—

I have the honour to state that a festival, called Gangajatra festival, is to be held at Lower Tirupati between the 2nd May and 9th May 1899, both days inclusive. The last four days of the festival are said to be important. The festival is attended by pilgrims from the districts of Cuddapah and Nellore in pretty large numbers and also from Walaja, Arcot, Vellore, Chittoor and adjoining villages of Chandragiri taluk. It is therefore necessary to guard the place from plague during the festival.

2. A statement in the prescribed form and a draft notification are herewith sent.

3. It seems highly probable that all or most of the tracts mentioned will be free from plague before the end of next month if things go on as at present. I recommend that the publication of this notice be delayed as long as possible in order to secure every chance of its not being necessary.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the number of people expected to arrive from plague-infected parts at Tirupati Lower, in Chandragiri taluk, North Arcot district, during the ensuing Gangajatra in 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
Gangajatra festival.	Town of Tirupati.	Half a mile from Tirupati West railway station and only a few yards from the Tirupati East railway station.	Commences on the 2nd and closes on the 9th May 1899.	10,000.	About 5,000 people from Cuddapah and Nellore districts and 2,000 people from Vellore, Arcot, Walaja and other plague-infected parts in the North Arcot district. Pilgrimage from all these places should be prohibited.

Ref. on C. No. 1425-P.

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner, through the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

2. There are plague cases even now in Arcot, Vellore and Walaja, and these places cannot be regarded as safe until a month expires with no case. The notification may therefore be published without delay.

3. The prohibition will be enforced as usual by the establishment of a cordon of police constables and salt peons round the town.

CHITTOOR,
5th April 1899.

(Signed) J. K. BATTEN,
Acting Collector.

Ref. on C. No. 3965, dated 10th April 1899.

Submitted to Government. The Plague Commissioner concurs in the Collector's view expressed in paragraph 2 of his endorsement, and requests that the enclosed draft notification may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The papers should have been forwarded through the Sanitary Commissioner.

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

To the Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department.

Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.

ORDER—No. 570 P., dated 20th April 1899.

The Plague Commissioner's recommendation is approved and the following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George* and the *North Arcot, Cuddapah* and *Nellore District Gazettes* :—

NOTIFICATION.

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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 pilgrimage to Tirupati from the 25th April 1899 to the 11th May 1899, both days inclusive, and to direct that between the said dates no tickets to travel by rail to the stations of Kalahasti, Yerpedu, Renigunta, Tirupati East, Tirupati West, Chandragiri, Panapakam and Pakala on the South Indian Railway and to the stations of Peddapad, Mamanduru, Renigunta, Pudi, Taduku, Puttur, Vepagunta and Nagari on the Madras Railway shall be issued within the district of North Arcot to any person intending or believed to be intending to go on a pilgrimage to Tirupati. All persons proceeding to the festival in contravention of this notification will be turned back.

2. The following telegrams will be despatched :—

(1) To the Collector of North Arcot—

Notify by issue of Gazette Extraordinary and otherwise that pilgrimage to Tirupati from 25th instant to 11th proximo on (the) occasion of (the) ensuing Gangajatra festival has been prohibited.

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(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.
" Collector of North Arcot (A—L).
" " of Cuddapah, } (A).
" " of Nellore, }
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General.
" Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.
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(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secy. to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner. ✓
 " Collector of North Arcot. (H-L) ✓
 " " of Cuddapah. ✓
 " " of Nellore. A ✓
 " Sanitary Commissioner. ✓
 " Surgeon-General. ✓
 " Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue ✓
 " Inspector-General of Police. ✓
 " Public Works Department (Railway Branch) ✓
 Gazette.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 ,

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Current No. 772 P of 1899, dated 10 April 1899, from the Plague Commissioner, Madras
 " " " 189 , " "
 " " " 189 , " "

ORDER. No 570 P of 20-4-99

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in pencil. 20/4/99

To
The Plague Commr.
" Collector of North Arcot
" " Cuddapah
" " Nellore
" Sanitary Commissioner
" Surgeon General
" Commr. of Salt, Alkari & S. R.
" Inspector General of Police
" Public Works Department, Ry. Branch

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This G.O. must form and today
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today. 20/4/99

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CURRENT No. 774 P

Order

From
The Plague Commr.

Ref. No. 3965

Dated 10th April 1899.

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SUBJECT.

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a draft order prohibiting pilgrim-
mage to the Gangajatra festi-
val at Tirupati in the N. Arcot
Dist. & the Sale of Ry. tickets
to all and sundry to persons
proceeding to the festival.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Statement showing the numbers of people expected to arrive from
 plague infected parts at Trupaki tower, in Chandrapur Saluk, in the
 arched district during the ensuing Sangayatra festival in May 1899.

Name of festival	Place where held.	Distance of the nearest Railway station.	Date of Commencement and termination of festival or fair.	Average attendance during last three years.	From what districts in the Maras Presidency and from what places outside the Presidency, pilgrims are expected to come, the number of people expected to come, and the number of districts.	Remarks.
Sangayatra festival	South of Trupaki.	Half a mile from Trupaki West Railway station and only a few yards from the Trupaki East Railway station.	Commenced on the 2nd and closed on the 9th May 1899.	10,000.	From 2000 people from Gadgaon and other places in the Maras Presidency and from other places in the Maras Presidency and from other places in the Maras Presidency.	

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Notification

Whereas ^{His Excellency} the Governor of Fort
Saint George in Council is
satisfied that there is danger
of an outbreak of plague ^{at} ~~at the~~
the town of Tirupati in the district
of arcaot district, if pilgrims
are permitted to assemble
in that town on the occasion
of the ensuing Ganjagatra
festival.

In exercise of the powers
delegated to him under the Epi-
demic Diseases Act, 1897, His
Excellency the Governor of Fort
~~Saint George~~ in Council is pleased
to prohibit pilgrimages to Tirupati
from the ^{25th} ~~24th~~ April 1898 to the ^{11th} ~~10th~~
May 99 (both days inclusive)
and to direct that between
the said dates no tickets to
travel by rail to the stations
of ~~Venkatagiri, Gollaturu, Kala-~~
hasti, Zerpandu, Renigunta,
Tirupati East, Tirupati West,
Chandrapuri, Panapak, Pakala,

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on the South Indian Railway
and to the stations of Peddapadu,
Mamanduru, Renigunta, Pudi,
Taduku, Nutt^{at} (over), Vepagunta
and Nagari on the Madras
Railway shall be issued ^{within the 5th of N. April} to
any person intending or
believed to be intending to
go on pilgrimage to Simpati.

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

Chamamamardungu
for a collector.

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(189)

CURRENT No. 89/65



Progs.
Letter
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From

The Collector of
North Arcot

R.C. No. 1425 of 99.

Dated 5-4-99.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a draft
notification, prohibiting
the attendance of pilgrims
at the Jangajatra festival
at Simpati, for publi-
cation in the Fort St. George
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No.	Date.

Plague C/O 39/85 - Head assistant
NORTH ARCOT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
dated 31st March 1899.
No. 1347 of 1899
Camp. Tirupati.
From R. W. D. Esq. Court House Esq.
Head assistant Collector & District Magistrate,
To North Arcot.
The Collector of
North Arcot.

Sir,
I have the honor to state that
a festival called Jayajatra
festival is to be held at Lower
Tirupati between the 2nd May
and 9th May 1899 both days
inclusive. The last 4 days of
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in order to secure every chance
of its not being necessary.

I have etc.

(cc) B. S. Venkataramana Sasm.

for of Head asst. Cllr.

(True copy)

Re no. 1425 of 99.

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North Arcot Collector's
Office. Chittoor. } for of Collector.
Dated 5-4-99.

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6 APR. 1899

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner.

READ— Letter from the Collector of North Arcot dated 5th April 1899 R.C.No.1425/P forwarding a draft notification^{for} prohibiting the attendance of pilgrims at the Gangajatra festival at ^{the} Tirupati for publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

Reference on C.No.3965 dated 12th April 1899.

Submitted to Government . The Plague Commissioner concurs in the Collector's view expressed in para 2 of his endorsement, & requests that the enclosed draft notification may be approved and ordered to be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

2. The papers should have been forwarded through the Sanitary Commissioner.

Thomascarruthas
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for Plague Commissioner.

To

The Secretary to Government, L. & M. Department,
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