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Telegram from the ~~Registrar~~, Home Department (Sanitary), to the Government of Bombay, General Department, dated Simla, 9th April 1898, No. 810.

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Order—Mis. No. 370 P., dated 20th April 1898.

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"India telegram 810. Sanitary 9th April. Are there any Madras pilgrims and what arrangements made to send them to their homes?"

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

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(True Extract.)

for *Ag. Secretary to Government.*

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„ the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
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Exd. P. Seetharam.

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Plague.

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