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[Despatch Abstract.]

Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Ekambaramatha Swami.

*Forwarding to the Resident in Mysore. Copy of
G.O. no. 305 P. 87 28. Feb. '99. is requesting that
the Mysore Govt. may be moved to notify the
prohibition of attendance of persons at the
at Conjeevaram in the Chingleput Dist.*

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Local and Municipal Department
(PLAGUE),

FORT ST. GEORGE,

No. *No 353 Pmic 276/2/99*

Madras, *march* 1899.

From

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal Department,

To

THE *Resident in*

Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of this Government,
No. *305P*, dated *28th February 1899* 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,

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for Secretary to Government.

Government {1899} of Madras.
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Enclosures

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G.O., No. 305 P., 28th February 1899.

FEBRUARY.

Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Ekambaranatha Swamiar.

Ordering the publication, in the Fort St. George and certain District Gazettes, of a notification prohibiting the attendance of persons from plague-infected parts at the ensuing — at Conjeeveram, in the Chingleput district, from 10th to 20th 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:—

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, Ref. on C. No. 2118, dated 20th February 1899.

Read—the following letter from D. W. G. COWIE, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Plague Commissioner (through the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras), dated Conjeeveram, 12th February 1899, Ref. on No. 356-Gnl.:—

I have the honour to report that Sri Ekambaranatha Swamiar's annual Brahmotsavam festival will be held at Conjeeveram, Conjeeveram taluk, for 14 days from the 16th March next. The festival is an important one and is usually attended by many people from the North Arcot and Salem districts and other plague-infected areas. I therefore consider it most necessary to impose restrictions on the festival by the prohibition of the attendance at it of persons from plague-infected areas and of the sale of railway tickets to the station of Arkonam on the Madras Railway and to the stations of Pallur, Conjeeveram, Walajabad, Villiyampakkam and Chingleput on the South Indian Railway.

2. 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 who may attempt to reach Conjeeveram by road or footpath and turn them back.

3. The necessary draft notification and the statement prescribed in G.O., No. 279 P., dated 25th March 1898, are enclosed.

4. In this connection I may invite attention to the fact that in the case of the festival held at Tiruvallur last week, the Madras Railway Company continued up to the 5th instant to issue tickets to the stations mentioned in Government notification No. 64, dated 24th January 1899, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 24th January 1899 in spite of the Government having prohibited the issue of such tickets after the 1st instant. It cannot be said that the tickets were issued to others than pilgrims for they were issued to large batches of persons. I mentioned this matter as it is of the greatest importance that the railway companies should be made to attend most carefully to the instructions of Government.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the number of people expected to arrive from plague-infected areas at Conjeeveram in the Chingleput district on the occasion of the ensuing Ekambaranatha Swamiar's 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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sri Ekambaranatha Swamiar's Brahmotsavam.	Conjeeveram.	Conjeeveram railway station itself.	16th to 29th March 1899.	16,000	2,000	

No. 531-S.

Forwarded.

2. There can be no doubt as to the necessity, in the sanitary interests of the South of the Presidency, for prohibition of attendance of outsiders in this case.

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

16th February 1899.

Proceedings—Ref. on C. No. 2118, dated 20th February 1899.

Submitted to Government with the recommendation that the draft notification may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and that the Government of India may be addressed to prohibit the sale of railway tickets in the Mysore Province.

2. The arrangement referred to in paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter for enforcing the prohibition is approved.

3. The attention of the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, will be drawn to paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter.

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

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

ORDER—No. 305 P., dated 28th February 1899.

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

NOTIFICATION.

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, Chingleput district, if persons from the State of Mysore, the districts of Bellary, Kurnool, Anantapur, North Arcot and Salem and other plague-infected parts are permitted to visit that town on the occasion of the ensuing Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Ekambaranatha Swamiar.

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 10th to the 29th March 1899 of persons from the Mysore State, the districts of Bellary, Kurnool, Anantapur, North Arcot and Salem and other plague-infected parts, and also directs that between the said dates no railway tickets to the Arkonam Junction and to the stations of Pallur, Conjeeveram, Walajabad, Villiyampakkam 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 Resident in Mysore will be requested to move the Mysore Government to notify that, in consequence of danger of plague, this Government has prohibited, under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, attendance at Conjeeveram, in the Chingleput district, from the 10th to 29th proximo, of persons from the Mysore State, on the occasion of the ensuing Brahmotsavam festival of Sri Ekambaranatha Swamiar.

3. The Agents and Managers of the Madras, the South Indian, and the Southern Mahratta railways are requested to issue the necessary instructions to their subordinate staff regarding the prohibition of the issue of railway tickets ordered by the notification.

No. 305 P., 28TH FEBRUARY 1899.

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.

" Collector of Chingleput (A-L).
" " Bellary,
" " Kurnool, } A.
" " Anantapur,
" " 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.
" " Southern Mahratta Railway.
" " South Indian Railway.
" Resident in Mysore (with C. L.).
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Exd. Md. Fahlwan.

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