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Car festival of Virupakshaswami at Hampi

Forwarding to the Govt: of Bombay Copy of Ex. no. 350 P of 6th march 99, & requesting that the prohibition therein referred to may be notified

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Madras, March 1899.

From

The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal Department,

To

THE Secretary to the

Government of Bombay

General Depôt (Plague)

SIR,

I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 350 P, dated 6th march 1899, and to request that the ~~Government may be moved to notify the~~ prohibition therein referred to may be notified.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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for *Secretary to Government.*

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Government {1899} of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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G.O., No. 350 P., 6th March 1899.

MARCH.

Car Festival of Virupakshaswami at Hampi.

Ordering the publication, in the Fort St. George and the Bellary District Gazettes, of a notification prohibiting pilgrimage to the ensuing — in the Bellary district from 17th to 30th April 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 railway tickets to intending pilgrims from the Bombay Presidency and the Hyderabad State.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, Ref. on C. No. 2385, dated 25th February 1899.

Read—the following letter from R. H. CAMPBELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras (through the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras), dated 18th February 1899, Ref. No. 581-P.:—

I have the honour to report that the annual car festival of Virupakshaswami at Hampi in the Hospet taluk of this district, which in ordinary seasons attracts 15,000 persons, most of whom come from the Bombay Presidency and the Hyderabad State, will be celebrated this year on the 25th April 1899. On the last occasion pilgrimage to the said festival was prohibited (G.O., No. 208 P., dated 15th March 1898) and having regard to the prevalence of plague at Hospet, only seven miles from Hampi, and on almost every side of the district, it is necessary that this year also pilgrimage to the festival should be entirely prohibited. I do not anticipate that there will be any serious difficulty in preventing the ingress of pilgrims, provided that the Head Assistant Collector, to whom the arrangements may be entrusted, receives from the Police and Salt and Abkári departments assistance in forming a cordon similar to what was given last year and that the issue of tickets to travel by railway to the stations of Munirabad, Hospet, Pápináyakanahalli, Gádiganúru, Tóranagallu and Daróji stations on the Southern Mahratta Railway to any person intending or believed to be intending to attend the festival be stopped from the 17th to the 30th April 1899.

2. There should of course be no interference with the performance by the villagers of any customary ceremonies that they may wish to perform in connection with the festival.

3. The statement prescribed in G.O., No. 279 P., dated 25th March 1898, and a draft notification accompany.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the particulars of the annual Car festival of Virupakshaswami at Hampi in the Hospet taluk.

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.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Hampi Virupakshaswami's car festival.	Hampi village, Hospet taluk.	Seven miles from Hospet railway station.	19th to 30th April. The date of festival is 25th April 1899.	15,000	10,000

Forwarded. No. 562-S.

2. The action recommended is very desirable.

21*st February* 1899. (Signed) W. G. KING, Lieut.-Col., I.M.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Proceedings—Ref. on C. No. 2385, dated 25th February 1899.

Submitted to Government with the recommendation that the draft notification as amended 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 issue of railway tickets outside the Madras Presidency.

2. The Collector is requested to make arrangements similar to those that were made last year for the proper enforcement of the prohibition.

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

To the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.
„ Collector of Bellary.

ORDER—No. 350 P., dated 6th March 1899.

The Plague Commissioner's recommendation is approved and the following notification will be published in the Fort St. George and the Bellary District Gazettes:—

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers delegated by the Governor-General in Council under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council prohibits pilgrimage to the car festival of Virupakshaswami at Hampi, from the 17th to 30th April 1899 (both days inclusive), and further directs that between those dates no tickets to travel by railway to Munirabad, Hospet, Pápináyakanahalli, Gádiganúru, Tóranagallu and Daróji stations on the Southern Mahratta Railway shall be issued within the Madras Presidency to any person intending or believed to be intending to attend the festival. All persons proceeding to Hampi in contravention of this notification will be turned back.

2. The Bombay Government / The Resident at Hyderabad will be requested to notify / to move His Highness the Nizam's Government to notify that, in consequence of danger of plague, pilgrimage to the car festival of Virupakshaswami at Hampi, Hospet taluk, Bellary district, from the 17th to 30th April 1899, of persons from the Bombay Presidency / His Highness the Nizam's Dominions has been prohibited under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

3. The Agents and Managers of the Madras, South Indian, His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State and Southern Mahratta Railways and the Manager, East Coast Railway, are requested to issue the necessary instructions to their subordinate staff regarding the prohibition of the sale of tickets ordered by the notification.

4. The Government of India will be addressed to prohibit the sale of tickets to pilgrims from the Bombay Presidency and the Hyderabad State.

[Here enter No. 351 P., dated 6th March 1899.]

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.
„ the Collector of Bellary (A—L).
„ all other Collectors (A).
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Surgeon-General.
„ the Commissioner of Salt, Abkári and Separate Revenue.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.
„ the Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
„ the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
„ the „ Southern Mahratta Railway.
„ the „ South Indian Railway.
„ the Agent and Manager, His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway.
„ the Manager, East Coast Railway.
„ the Bombay Government (with C.L.).
„ the Resident at Hyderabad (with C.L.).
Gazette.