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[Despatch Abstract.]

Making certain arrangements to facilitate the pilgrimage to Benares of H.H. Jonsamba Boi Sahiba one of the Junior Ranis of Tanjore, and addressing the Govts of Bombay the North-Western Provinces & Oudh, the Resident at Hyderabad & the Chief Commr of the Central Provinces on the subject.

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CHIEF SECRETARY * GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS * 17 AUG 1898

From The Government Agent Tanjore

Order

No. 79

Dated 16th August 1898

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding the reply received from H. H. the Gouramba Bai Saheb regarding her pilgrimage to Benares.

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Enclosure No: 1 to letter No. 79 dated 16-8-98.

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From,

H. H. M. Govaraamba Koyi Sahib,

Palace Tanjore.

To

The Government Agent,

Tanjore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 12th August, 1898. I wish it to be understood that in repeating my request and in attempting to justify my own proposal, I mean no disrespect nor am I imperviable to Sound advise I have already arranged to start on the 26th on my pilgrimage, and spend a large Sum in purchasing articles of food

dress, &c

Besides, it is an article of religious belief with us that one should bathe in the Ganges before one's death. As I am now 57 years of age in the decline of life I cannot very well put off the journey any more.

It appears from your letter that I shall not be subject to any medical examination on my way to Benares. It is only on my return that I shall be compelled to undergo to such medical examination. Now I have proposed to spend six months in Benares so that if the plague continues to prevail, I may protract my stay in Benares till such time as the epidemic is completely stamped out. Of course, I shall give you information of departure from Benares.

I have, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to forward this letter to Government for re-consideration, and favourable orders before the 26th instant.

Trivadi
14th August 1898

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t servant

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Current No. 1097

Enc.

No. 79

Tanjore Government Agent's
Office
16th August 1898.
Despatched 16th August 1898

From

J. Twigg Esq:
Government Agent,
Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Political Department.
Madras.

Sir,

In Continuation of my letter dated 29th July 1898. No. 731/Agency of 1898 and with reference to Govern ment Telegram dated 11th August 18 No. 455

I have the honour to report that I Communicated the wishes and advic of Government to Her Highness Srat Sri Gouramba Boi Saheba regarding her proposal to start on a pilgrima to Benares on the 26th instant. H

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enclosed letter is her reply to my Communication.

2. I beg to request that orders, which under the Circumstances now stated by Her Highness I venture to hope may be favourable, may be Communicated to me by wire.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Sd/- Sriman Sukhia
16-8-98

Tr. Govt. Agent.

Sm RV

In Go. 534 Pol
11.8.98

Political Dept

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For Orders

In the notes flagged X the requests of the junior Rani of Tanjore, M Jouramba Bai Sahiba, anent her pilgrimage to Benares, were dealt with. After consulting the Govt dept (vide note flagged Z) it was decided to direct the Political Agent to advise her not to undertake the pilgrimage on account of the prevalence of plague. Go. 534 Pol dy 11-8-98.

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2 The Pol Agent in repg forwards a letter from the Rani and asks that orders may be telegraphed to him as to the circumstances reported. He ventures to hope that the orders will be favourable

enclosure to current

3 The Rani says that in repeating her request she means no disrespect but that she has already arranged

26th

20th and has spent a large sum on the necessary articles of food dress &c.

4 She represents that it is an article of religious belief with those of her conviction that one should bathe in the Ganges before one's death and that she being now 57 years old cannot very well put off the journey any longer.

5 The Rani points out that the medical Exam[n]. to which she will be subjected will apparently be only on the return journey and that she proposes to spend six months in Benares." So that if the plague continues to prevail (she) may protract (her) stay in Benares till such time as the Epidemic is completely stamped out". This is probably

which seems unlikely to be ~~not~~ fulfilment ~~for six weeks or more~~.

6 The Rani asks that Govt will for the above reasons reconsider her request.

7 In para 2 of its note dy 9.0.98 the Lt-Govt Dept said:-

"On the journey to
"Benares there will be no
"plague inspection in
"this Presidency unless
"plague should unfortunately
"establish itself meanwhile."

8. The outlook has not, it is thought, become more hopeful since. But in view of the circumstances stated the Rani may perhaps be told she may go. that the Govts of Bombay and the N.W. Provinces be addressed as promised in Govt Pol dy 16.11.96, as at the Pol. D. Kaelin.

9. Riders are solicited as to whether the Rani's request for a police guard is to be allowed, the Rani paying for it, and whether it is to accompany her only as far as the limits of the Presidency vide para 6 of the note ~~flagged~~ in fo 534 Poldy 11.8.98 and notes at O in fo. 630 Poldy 20.9.88

10. To have time drafts are submitted

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The Rani appears to be bent upon this trip & it will probably take a great deal to persuade her to give it up the idea Before passing orders on 9 it might be asked if the recent cases of plague will make any alteration in the rules to render the Rani liable to examination on her journey to Benares. The trip appears to be a very ill-advised one for the Rani at her age & being grsha she will be greatly inconvenienced if she falls under the plague Exam^n regulations.

There seems to be no objection to the supply of a Police guard on payment if the D^y can arrange for this

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Let the D^y & the Inspector be told accordingly.

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Political Dept

Read again

9.0. 534 Pol dy 11.8.98

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Order No. 585, dy 19th August 1898.

Mil

The Govts of Bombay,
the Central Provs
& the North West Provinces

will be addressed (Resdt at Hyderabad & the C. C. of the C.P.)

2. Orders will issue in the P. W. Dept. (Ry Branch) in regard to the Rani's requests relating to railway arrangement.

3. The following telegram will be despatched to the D. Q. of Police:-

476 × "Junior Rani" Tanjore, H. H. Jansamba Boi Sahiba, starts on pilgrimage Benares 26th instant. Please arrange, if possible for police escort of six accompany her to limits presidency Rani will pay the escort. ×

4. The following telegram

P. W. D. (Ry) for C. i.

C.S.

Please see add. para 5 + add. addresses in the letter to Central Provinces + Hyderabad. This will make the programme sufficiently known.

Chief Secy

Desp 19/8/98

telegram will be despatched to the Post Agent, Tanjore :-
477 "Your 79 sixteenth instant. Bombay & N.W. Provs being addressed and necessary steps taken in P.W.D. & P. requested if possible provide police guard to limits presidency Rani paying."

18/8/98

Letter No. 586, dt 19th August 1898.

To the chief secretary
1) to the Govt of Bombay
2) " " " N.W. Provs
3) to the chief Comr of the CP
4) the Resdt. at Hyderabad

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that H.H. M. Sarasamba Boi Sahiba, one of the junior Ranis of Tanjore proposes

P. 5 Copy of the programme of the Rani's tour will be forwarded to the Collectors of N. Arcot, S. Arcot & Chingleput who will be requested to render H.H. every assistance in their power

Cuddapah, transfer from Bellary.

18/8/98

R.Co. d (Reg/Str)
(P) f current & f/o para 2 of order and para 5 of letter from Rani dt 19.7.98 VIII encl. 554 11.8.98
with programme VII
Sd of Police p.p. (with programme) & para 3 of order
Accl. Govt p.p.
Govt. Agent Tanjore qq

Mark addressed copying instructions cited

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Collector of N. Arcot
" " S. "
" " Chingleput
Cuddapah transfer from Bellary
p.p.

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[omit-in the case of the Resdt at Hyderabad]
& C. Comr

proposes to start on a pilgrimage to Benares on the 26th instant. A copy of her letter dt 19.7.98 and of the programme referred to therein are enclosed. H.H. is not entitled to any salute.

2. I am to request that [with the permission of H.E. the Governor in Council] H.H. the Sovereign of Tanjore may be rendered assistance by the Rajah in procuring supplies and in the performance of her pilgrimage in accordance with Sastra rule.

I have &c
Cuddapah
19/8/98

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