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Vaikunta Ekadasi Festival.

Ordering the publication of a notification prohibiting the attendance of persons from plague-infected parts at the ensuing — at Srírangam, in the Trichinopoly district, and requesting the Government of India to prohibit the sale of railway tickets to persons from plague-infected parts proceeding to certain stations for attending the festival.

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13/12/98

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

From R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Plague Commissioner (through the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras), dated 21st October 1898, Ref. on C. No. 2502-Rev.

I have the honour to report * that the Vaikunta Ekadasi festival begins at Srírangam on the 13th December 1898 and lasts for twenty-one days. It is a very popular feast with the Hindus of this and the other Presidencies. Owing to the prevalence of plague in some districts of this Presidency as well as in the other Presidencies, I am afraid that people from the affected parts who will visit Srírangam, may bring the plague with them into the municipal towns of Trichinopoly and Srírangam.

* Statement prescribed in G.O., No. 279 P., dated 25th March 1898, will follow.

2. I therefore request that you will be good enough to move Government to declare the Trichinopoly Fort and junction railway stations to be inspection stations during the occasion of the above festival and to prohibit the issue of tickets to *Trichinopoly* and its adjacent stations of *Tiruvarambur* and *Elamanur* for three weeks from the 1st December 1898 to any person who may be coming, or believed to come, from the plague-infected parts to attend the festival. This was done last year too.

No. 2439-S.

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner.

28*th October* 1898. (Signed) W. G. KING, Lieut.-Col., I.M.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Ref. C. No. 763.

Submitted to Government with draft notifications. The Government of India has to be addressed to prohibit the sale of railway tickets outside the Madras Presidency.

28*th October* 1898. (Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Plague Commissioner.

Telegram to the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 29th October 1898.

Your letter regarding Ekadasi festival. Please expedite statement prescribed G.O., 279, March 25th.

Telegram to the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 2nd November 1898.

My telegram 29th. Please expedite statement Ekadasi festival.

From R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated 3rd November 1898, Ref. (*c*) on C. No. 2502-Rev.

In reply to your telegram, dated the 2nd instant, I have the honour to inform you that the statement therein referred to has been sent to you, through the Sanitary Commissioner, in this office Ref. (*b*) on C. No. 2502-Rev. of 1898, dated the 29th ultimo. A copy of the statement is herewith sent for reference.

Enclosure.

Name of festival.	Place where held.	Distance to the nearest railway station.	Dates of commencement and termination of festival.	Average attendance during the past three years.	Number of people expected from plague-infected parts.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Vaikunta Ekadasi festival.	Srírangam ..	2½ miles ..	Commences on 13th December 1898. Terminates on 2nd January 1899.	5,333	3,000

Order—No. 1435 P., dated 9th November 1898.

The notifications will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council hereby appoints the Trichinopoly Fort and Trichinopoly junction railway stations to be inspection stations under No. 14 of the Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act published on pages 1583–1589, Part I, of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 18th December 1897.

NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is a danger of an outbreak of plague at Trichinopoly and Srírangam, if persons from the districts of Anantapur, Cuddapah, North Arcot and Salem, the State of Mysore, His Highness the Nizam's Dominions, Bombay Presidency, and other plague-infected parts, are permitted to visit those towns on the occasion of the ensuing Vaikunta Ekadasi festival:

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, His Excellency in Council directs that no person from the districts of Anantapur, Cuddapah, North Arcot and Salem, the State of Mysore, His Highness the Nizam's Dominions, Bombay Presidency, or other plague-infected parts, shall visit Trichinopoly or Srírangam from the 3rd December 1898 to 3rd January 1899, both days inclusive. The sale of railway tickets to the stations of Trichinopoly Fort, Trichinopoly junction, Tiruvarambur and Elamanur during the said period to persons from the districts of Anantapur, Cuddapah, North Arcot and Salem intending, or believed to be intending, to attend the festival is likewise prohibited.

2. The following telegram will be addressed to the Government of India, Home Department :—

"Important Hindu festival called Vaikunta Ekadasi festival attended by a large number of pilgrims will soon commence at Srirangam, Trichinopoly district. This Government requests Government of India to prohibit under Epidemic Diseases Act sale, from 3rd December 1898 to 3rd January 1899, of railway tickets to Trichinopoly Fort, Trichinopoly junction, Tiruvarambur and Elamanur to persons from Bombay Presidency, Hyderabad and Mysore States intending to attend festival."

(True Extract.)

A Edgington

for *Secretary to Government.*

To the Plague Commissioner.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Surgeon-General.
„ the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
„ all Collectors (A, F, G, H).
„ the Resident at Hyderabad (with C.L.).
„ the Resident in Mysore (with C.L.)
„ all other Governments.
„ the Resident in Travancore and Cochin (through the Political Department).

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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