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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
31st October 1866.*

No. 235. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Malabar and President of the Municipal Commission at Tellicherry, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vythery, 17th October 1866, No. 138.

With reference to the subjoined Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners at Tellicherry, I have the honor to request compliance with their application.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners held at Tellicherry on Saturday the 6th October 1866.

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Resolved that an application be made to Government for the advance of 1000 Rupees, to enable the Commissioners to commence cleansing and improving the Town, and to pay their Office Establishment, for the three months commencing November 1st, as during that time there will be no funds for Police purposes in the hands of the Commissioners, who would respectfully suggest that Government should, for the 1st quarter, defray this charge out of the Public Treasury, to be repaid from the Municipal Fund.

(True Extract).

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
President.

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1866, No. 1119.

The Government have already sanctioned an advance of a moiety (Rupees 625) of their contribution to the Municipal Funds. But, as this is the first year of the introduction of the Act, they will not object to a further advance of Rupees 1000, re-payable within the current official year.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of Malabar.

„ Inspector General of Police.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

9th September 1867.

No. 95A. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 21st August 1867, No. $\frac{55}{8764}$.

Home Department.

Recent experience has made it abundantly manifest, that serious epidemic disease is very generally engendered among the large multitudes of people who periodically assemble at the various centres of pilgrimage in India, and that the pilgrims not only suffer largely, but propagate disease throughout the country on their return journey.

2. Indeed, the Medical Conference, which assembled last year at Constantinople, believes it to be established that cholera at least emanates from India only, and the Conference indicates the large periodical assemblages at fairs and pilgrimages as one of the most probable sources of its origin, and the most ready means of its propagation.

3. Careful sanitary measures may to some extent serve to mitigate the evil, but such measures require extreme vigilance, entail considerable expense, and frequently cause much inconvenience, not only to the pilgrims themselves, but to the people of the districts through which they pass. And after all, such measures are rarely, and only under exceptionally favorable conditions, wholly successful. It becomes, therefore, necessary, not only in the interests of the people of India, but of other nations, to consider how far preventive measures may be practicable.

4. When epidemic disease already prevails in any locality in which pilgrims are about to assemble, it is of course the plain duty of the Local Governments to prevent their collection by every means in its power.

5. But the Governor General in Council believes that more than this may be attempted, and although nothing is further from his wishes than to interfere in any way with the religious feelings of the people, His Excellency nevertheless thinks that, if it be possible, the people of the country generally should be made aware of the serious risk which they run, and should be dissuaded and discouraged, as far as is practicable, from making pilgrimages, on the ground that they entail largely exposure, disease, and death, and lead often to much demoralization.

6. I am desired, therefore, to suggest that His Excellency in Council will, after careful consultation with Native Gentlemen of character and intelligence, favor the Governor General with an expression of opinion as to what may be practicable in this direction.

7. At any rate, His Excellency desires that some system may be devised under the orders of Local Governments, whereby, at all places of pilgrimage, and at all large fairs, sanitary arrangements should be invariably made and carefully supervised in order to check, as far as may be possible, the outbreak and propagation of epidemic disease.

8. It will probably be possible to meet the cost of such arrangements by levying a small tax, or toll, upon pilgrims, and His Excellency in Council would suggest for consideration the best mode of doing this. In some cases it may perhaps best be done at the place of pilgrimage; in others by the issue of licenses to the pilgrims at their homes, and before they start on their journey.

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Public 1866 Sept.
From
The Magistrate of
Malabar

~~790 6/10~~ The Secretary to Govt.
Int. S. J. J. J.

Dated 17 October 1866
No. 22

No 1349 No. 138.

Requesting compliance
with the application of the
Municipal Commission
at Tellicherry, with regard
to an advance of 1000
Rs. to enable them to
commence cleansing &
improving the Town &c.

Council

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
9th September 1867.*

No. 95B. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1867, No. 1119.
Communicated to the Committee appointed under G. O., No. 216, 27th February 1867, to report on the arrangements to be made for giving practical effect in this Presidency to the recommendations and suggestions of the British Cholera Commissioners.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To R. S. Ellis, Esq., C. B., Sanitary Commissioner.
To the Inspector General, Medical Department.
To Colonel A. C. Silver.

Exd. J. Talloch.

*Public 1867 Dept
No 1119
Proceedings of Govt.
Dated 9th Sept 1867
J. Talloch*

*Recd of 21 Sept
Pub. L. to Govt. 30
Proc. No. 28 of 1868
Reply to 11 March 1869 of
Sanitary*

*Public 1867 Dept
Proc. 9 Sept 3
Recd
Recd Govt. of Public
H. 1867 Sept
No 58
37/64*

*2/21 Aug
Ry 12 Sept
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No 1440.

*Asks for an opinion as to
the means to be taken for
preventing the assemblage
of pilgrims at fair &c
which is believed to be a
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95 A. 95 B.

With an Order

31st October 1886 No 1119.

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W. D.
The Secretary of the
Municipal Council
22/11

No. 55.

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FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India.

TO

*The Secy to the Govt
of Port St George.*

Home Dept.

SIMLA, the 21st August 1867.

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I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. C. Hughes

Secretary to the Government of India.

9th October 1867 No. 1119.
Communicated to the Government Secretary.

Approved under G.O. 206. 27th 28.67
It refers to the arrangements made for the
practical effect of the
The Commission and report of the
Public Works Commission
G.O. 206. 27th 28.67
Secretary to the Government of India.