

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	874	Press
	210-211	Mis.
Dated	20-7-	1867.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 210. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate, Madras District, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Sydapet, 9th July 1867, No. 134.

An application was made to me yesterday by the Durmakurtahs of the temple at Pariapolyam, in Trivellore Taluq, for permission to carry out the swinging festival usually held at that place.

2. I of course refused permission, and am issuing instructions to the Sub-Magistrate and to the Police to take proper measures for preventing its celebration under any circumstances whatever.

3. I believe Pariapolyam is the only place now in the District at which this barbarous and revolting ceremony is practised, and notice appears to have been given by the Magistrate last year that it could not be permitted in future. The Durmakurtah, however, I understand, realizes large profits from the crowds who attend the festival, and is therefore likely to appeal to the Government from my prohibition. I trust the Government will pass orders on the subject, in such terms as will strengthen the hands of the local officers, in finally putting an end to so disgraceful a spectacle.

4. It is only quite recently that the swinging feast has been discontinued at many other places in this District.

5. I shall issue stringent instructions to both the Sub-Magistrate and Police to prevent the possibility of its revival, and trust I shall have the support of Government in so doing.

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1867, No. 874.

The Government will be prepared duly to consider any address which may be submitted by persons who may question the propriety of the prohibition stated by the Acting Magistrate to have been issued by him for preventing the celebration of the swinging festival under any circumstances whatever. They will not, however, as Mr. Thornhill requests, now signify their approval of the steps he has taken, which, it is observed, exceed the limits to which official interference has been restricted.

Secretary of State's Despatch, dated 11th March 1862,
No. 10, paragraph 6.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of the Madras District,
with copy of paragraph 6 of the Despatch from Secretary of State,
11th March 1862.

To the Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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(Dated 9th July 1867 A.D.)

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To the Magistrate of the
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with copy of para 5 of the Secy 23/
desp. from Secy of State 11 March 1862.
Superintendent of Police

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Henry Adams

Public 1867. Department.

No. 874.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated. 20 July 1867.