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11th February 1868.

No. 63. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Trichinopoly, 30th January 1868, No. 4.

Referring to the Order of Government, as per margin, I have the honor to report on the arrangements made during the late Sreerungum festival, which commenced on the 27th ultimo, and ended on the 16th instant.

29th May 1867, No. 600.

2. The great days were the 5th, 6th, and 7th instant, when the number of pilgrims present at Sreerungum was estimated at 30,000. The sanitary arrangements were devised by Mr. Crole (the Head Assistant Collector in charge of the

* Copy enclosed.

District), in conjunction with the Garrison Surgeon. Regulations* to be observed during the festival were drawn up,

translated into the vernacular, circulated among the pilgrims, and posted up in conspicuous places.

3. Cart-stands were provided at five different spots outside the Pagoda, and twelve latrines also (without the walls) were constructed for the use of all who attended the feast. Long trenches, four feet apart and two feet deep, were dug in these latrines, and the excreta kept constantly covered with well powdered earth. Sweepers were employed in cleansing these and carting the excreta away to a distance where it was buried. The latrines were well situated, not too far away to make it a hardship for Natives to visit them. The latrines were fenced round with matted cocoanut leaves, which rendered them private—six were apportioned to males, and six to females.

4. An Apothecary and Dresser were stationed at Sreerungum, and a temporary hospital was also provided in the Asvatatirta Mantapum, situated about half a mile south-east of the Pagoda. Plenty of good drinking water was supplied by the Cavery, and from the Nat Voikal Channel, which flows passed the Pagoda, and into which the full supply of water was turned.

5. Mr. Martin, the Assistant Magistrate, was placed in special charge of the town, which I visited on the 7th and 15th, and I found all clean and in good order, and the arrangements being properly carried out. Only nine deaths occurred from first to last, five from sporadic cholera of a very mild type, and four from other diseases. The town was remarkably healthy during the whole time the feast lasted, and has continued to be so ever since. I attribute this favorable result in no small degree to the improved means of travelling now afforded by the Railway. The greater part of the pilgrims from Madras, Bangalore, Mysore, Salem, and Tanjore, availed themselves of this means of transit, and consequently halted for a much shorter time than they would have done had they travelled the same distance in carts.

6. My acknowledgments are due to Lieutenant Hodges for the ready assistance he gave the Magistracy, and for the general success of the Police arrangements. Nine cases of theft from the person, and eight of cattle lifting, occurred, in all but one of which the crime was brought home to the offenders.

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7. In conclusion, I beg to enclose a statement of the expenses incurred, amounting to Rupees 541-15-0, and request the sanction of Government may be accorded for the same.

Regulations to be observed during the Sreerungum Festival of 1867-68.

The annual Sreerungum feast will commence on the 27th December 1867.

2. Owing to the absence of proper arrangements in former years loss of life and property has resulted.

3. No carts without springs shall be allowed to enter the 6th Pragaram.

4. No sprunged bandy shall, on any pretence whatever, stand or be kept in any of the streets within the Pagoda longer than is absolutely necessary for taking up or setting down its occupants.

5. Carts and other vehicles will approach the Pagoda by the road leading to the southern entrance, and after skirting the south and east sides at the Adiavalanjan Viti will leave by the eastern entrance.

6. As occasion arises measures will be taken to appropriate the gates of the Pagoda, so as to facilitate the means of ingress and egress for foot passengers.

7. The gate leading from inside the Pagoda to the Ayarakal Muntapum, that is, the scene of the feast known as the Kottaram, shall be used only for egress from the Pagoda into this Kottaram. No one shall be allowed to pass through it into the Pagoda from the Kottaram.

8. Occupation of public roads and streets for purposes of trade, amusement, &c., shall not be allowed, unless under the sanction of the Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate, who will act under the orders of the Assistant Magistrate, Mr. Martin.

9. No one will be allowed to keep any bandy, or picket any horse, bullock or tattoo in the streets or in front of houses. Five sites for keeping these have been marked outside the Pagoda, one near each of the four outer main entrances, and one near the Teruvanakanel Tippokolum.

10. All perpetrators of any public nuisance will be prosecuted by the Police.

11. Separate privies for males and females have been erected in the following six places :—

- (1). At the north Gopurum, outside the 7th Pragaram.
- (2). At the south Gopurum do.
- (3). At the east do. do.
- (4). At the west do. do.
- (5). Midway between the south Gopurum and Tirumanjanam Paditorai.
- (6). Near the Tippokolum.

No person will be permitted to obey the calls of nature at any other places in or about Sreerungum.

12. Urinals will be provided inside the walls.

13. Above the Tirumanjanam Paditorai the Voikal shall be used for drawing water and for drinking purposes only.

14. The Asvatatirta Muntapum shall be used for a Civil Dispensary, under the charge of a Medical subordinate.

15. No person suffering from any contagious or infectious disease shall be allowed to enter the Pagoda.

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STATEMENT shewing the amount of expenditure incurred for Sanitary purposes during the great festival of Sreerungum in the year 1867-68.

Particulars.	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Rent of ground for latrines	11	8	0
Materials for enclosures for 12 latrines and 6 urinals... ..	88	9	0
Cooly for building the above and digging pits, &c.	150	14	3
10 Dust carts for the streets, at 8 Annas per cart per day... ..	55	0	0
10 do. do. for the latrines... ..	61	0	0
16 do. do. for bringing sand to the latrines... ..	50	0	0
43 Toties, at 4 Annas a day... ..	132	0	0
Hospital bearers, 2 Cavilgars, 1 Hospital cook, and sundries... ..	34	15	0
	587	12	3
Deduct the price of the materials sold... ..	45	13	3
Net expenditure.....	541	15	0

TRICHINOPOLY,
30th January 1868.

(Signed) C. W. W. MARTIN,
Assistant Magistrate,
For Acting Magistrate.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1868, No. 164.

The Governor in Council has learned with much satisfaction that the sanitary arrangements made for the preservation of the public health during the late Sreerungum festival, extending as it did over a period of three weeks, and attended by 30,000 pilgrims, proved so eminently successful. From the returns furnished there were only nine deaths during this period.

2. This successful result is mainly due to Mr. Crole, the Head Assistant Collector in charge of the District, who devised, and to Mr. H. T. W. Harper, Garrison Surgeon, and to Mr. Martin, the Assistant Magistrate, who carried into effect the necessary sanitary measures. In these praiseworthy labors the Magistracy were very ably assisted by the Police under Lieutenant Hodges.

3. The Governor in Council sanctions the expenditure incurred by Mr. Martin, viz., Rupees (541-15-0) five hundred and forty-one and Annas fifteen, which will be debited to 28, Miscellaneous.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
,, Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly.
,, Accountant General.
,, Inspector General of Police.
,, Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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