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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd March 1868.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 19th February 1868, No. 20.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying copies of two letters from the Joint Magistrate to my address, reporting that the late Chellumbrum feast passed off satisfactorily, together with a Memorandum of the charges incurred.

2. This feast occurs at the very end of December of each year, and is ordinarily attended by about 10 to 20,000 persons, with the proportionate number of carts and bullocks, and in the present year the attendance is reported by Mr. Hatha-

Persons.....	18,000
Carts.....	300
Bullocks.....	600

way not to have been much less, the approximate numbers of persons, carts, and cattle being as given in the margin.

3. The particulars of expenditure are given in the Memorandum adverted to, and I request the authority of Government to debit the amount, Rupees 290-1-9, in my Treasury accounts, in the same manner as was done for a like item incurred at the great feast of Trinomallay.

Vide Government Order, 7th January 1868, No. 9.

4. In anticipation of definite rules and instructions from the Sanitary Commissioner, I had authorized the adoption of very similar measures at the Chellumbrum feast as were carried out by me at the feast of Trinomallay, and although the charges at the former place have exceeded the expenditure at the latter, while the aggregate attendance of people and cattle was far less, yet this excess is to be accounted for by the natural advantages possessed by the one locality over the other for carrying out sanitary and precautionary measures of the kind; and considering that all has passed off without a single case of sickness or any outbreak of diseases of any kind in a town whose position and local circumstances have always been favorable to both, I trust that Government will approve of what has been done, and at once accord their sanction for the outlay as now solicited.

From W. F. HATHAWAY, Esq., Joint Magistrate of South Arcot, to the Magistrate of South Arcot; dated Virdachellum, 15th January 1868, No. 6.

I have the honor to inform you that the Chellumbrum feast passed off peculiarly well, there not being a single case of cholera, and therefore according to your Memorandum, No. 1169, of the 21st ultimo, the whole of the ten bottles of Chlorodyne are herewith returned, as I still have two or three bottles remaining out of that previously received.

2. All the arrangements were very satisfactory. For latrines, ditches were opened at various parts outside the town, with a mud wall or fence as a screen, which were filled in with fresh earth daily—the best kind of latrine in every way for general use. Pits were also dug for depositing all rubbish, and the streets were cleaned daily. A hospital shed was erected just outside the town for any cholera patients that there might be. It was extremely difficult to obtain the temporary use of land for these purposes, but the unceasing efforts of the Tahsildar were at length successful. The drinking water-ponds were carefully preserved, the banks laid down with sand and turf to prevent the mud being stirred up, and fenced in to keep off cattle; while others were set apart for cattle and bathing.

3. The numbers were smaller than usual, owing, it is supposed, to the Pongol feast succeeding immediately; and the expenditure, of which a full account will be sent in a day or two, was less than the amount estimated. The Tahsildar has been instructed to return the balance to your treasury.

4. As far as I have heard, only one case of theft occurred during the feast, which was taken up by the Sub-Magistrate.

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From W. F. HATHAWAY, Esq., Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot; dated Virdachellum, 4th February 1868, No. 41.

I have the honor to enclose account of expenditure at the Chellumbrum feast. You will see that, according to my letter, No. 191, of the 16th December, the sum of 10 Rupees was spent at Virdachellum on the return of pilgrims from Trinomallay. It was also necessary to expend 50 Rupees at Bowanagiri for keeping the streets clean there immediately after the Chellumbrum feast. It is on the high road, five or six miles from Chellumbrum, so that a large proportion of the Chellumbrum visitors halted there. I thought it, however, perfectly legitimate to incur the expenditure, as it was caused entirely by the Chellumbrum feast, and after all the town may be looked upon almost as a suburb of Chellumbrum; added to which the inhabitants of Bowanagiri have themselves contributed for such purposes, as recommended in your letter, No. 617 of the 18th December, in a very liberal manner, subscribing last year a total of 630 Rupees in cash and labor for the repair of the streets and improvement of the town. An account of this expenditure is being made out and will be sent you. A similar account is also being prepared of expenditure at Chellumbrum for the repair of the streets out of the funds raised by the inhabitants, supplemented by an equivalent grant from the Local Funds of Rupees 635, according to your letter, No. 191, of the 1st March last, the work being entrusted to a Panchayet or Committee of the chief inhabitants, according to paragraph 3, No. 75, of the Circular Order volume, under the approval of the Revenue authorities and Assistant Engineer.

P. S.—The Tahsildar has been ordered to return to your treasury the balance of Rupees 109-14-3.

(True Copy).

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

Account of expenditure on account of the Chellumbrum feast, January 1868.

Receipts.			Disbursements.				Remarks.
	RS.	A. P.		RS.	A. P.		
Received as per letter from the Collector, No. 191, of the 1st March 1867.....	400	0 0	Constructing latrines	27	13 0		
			Do. pandal shed as temporary hospital.....	25	10 9		
			Cleaning out drinking water-ponds	20	10 0		
			Removing rubbish and sweepings at Chellumbrum	156	0 0		
			Do. at Bowanagiri.....	50	0 0		
			Do. at Virdachellum on account of Trinomallay pilgrims.	10	0 0		
			Balance in hand.....	290	1 9		
				109	14 3	To be returned.	
				400	0 0		

SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

(Signed)

SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
4th February 1868.

(Signed) W. F. HATHAWAY,
Sub-Collector.

(True Copy).

(Signed) C. W. READE,
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd March 1868.*

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1868, No. 265.

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(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of South Arcot.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.
„ Accountant General.

Ed. J. Talloch.

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From, C. H. Prade Esq^r
Magistrate of South Arcot

To, The Honourable C. S. Ellis C. B.
Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras

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Public Department

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to the Secy. to Govt.
"Recd. for."

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant

South Arcot
Magistrate's Office
Addalve
19th February
1868

Charles Beale
Magistrate

Recd. 19th Feb 1868
19th Feb 1868

Collection

Approved
The Magistrate of
South Arcot
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Madras

Recd. 19th February 1868

Enclosure 3-1

No. 3-19

Forwarding copies of the
letter from the Joint
Magistrate regarding
that the fact at Chel-
= Chellumbram Festival of the
Sanitary measures adopted
sanctions to debit the
amount expended on
accounts of the fact, Rs
290-1-9, in the summary
accounts.

Feb. 1868. Department.

No. 265.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 2. March 1868.