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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th December 1869.

No. 69. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate of South Canara, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Sarpadi, 7th December 1869, No. 1555.

I have the honour to submit, for the sanction of Government, the following proposals in connexion with the sanitary arrangements to be made on the occasion of the approaching "Pariyaya" at Udipi, a bi-ennial festival which takes place on the occasion of a new priest being installed in his turn as the ministering priest at the Hindoo temple at that place.

2. The festival will commence about the 16th of January 1870, and will last for fifteen days. It is said by the Brahmins to be attended by nearly thirty thousand pilgrims and visitors of all classes, but this seems to be an exaggerated estimate, and the real number is assumed at between twelve and twenty thousand.

3. The town of Udipi is rather a large one and much crowded, but being situated on the seaboard and exposed to the sea breeze, is comparatively free from outbreaks of epidemics such as occur at other localities more removed to the interior.

4. The cost of the proposed sanitary arrangements is estimated by the Tahsildar at Rupees 550; but, in communication with my Acting Head Assistant, I have reduced it to Rupees 337, which sum appears to be ample for all purposes.

The items on which outlay is proposed are as follow:—

(i.) ACCOMMODATION.—None is required to be provided at the Government expense for the visitors, as a great majority of those who come for the festival leave the town on the evening of the same day either to return to their own villages or to put up with friends residing in the neighbourhood of Udipi, and the accommodation in the Maths and private houses, which are let for the purpose in the town, is ample for strangers who have no friends in the town or vicinity.

(ii.) CONSERVANCY.—I propose to have separated latrines for males and females at four places. The cost of these is estimated at Rupees 66. A few pits for the deposit of night soil and rubbish and some dust-bins are indispensable, as also an establishment of fifteen toties and as many sweepers and five coolies for watering the streets daily, morning and evening. For all these purposes an outlay of Rupees 146 will be sufficient, the aggregate cost of conservancy being Rupees 212-12-0.

(iii.) WATER SUPPLY.—No large outlay is necessary on this account, as the town is generally well supplied with private wells, but as most of these belong to the Brahmins, some provision is necessary for the Soodras and for cattle. For this Mr. Sturrock recommends an outlay of Rupees 25 to meet the cost of repairing the walls of a well near the pagoda which is not used by the Brahmins, and providing it with a few pulleys and two or three ropes, and for damming up a nullah, a short distance from the pagoda, and to secure a supply of water for the cattle.

(iv.) MEDICAL SUPERVISION.—Mr. Sturrock considers any outlay in erecting temporary hospital sheds unnecessary, as, in the event of an outbreak of any epidemic, the Subsidiary Jail Hospital may be made available, if there is no sickness

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at the same time among the prisoners. I have, however, entered 100 rupees in the estimate so as to have a safe margin in case of emergency, though, if all goes well, none of it will be spent.

(v.) ACCIDENTS.—The Tahsildar reports that there is at present only one gate to the pagoda, and that on the festival days the greatest confusion occurs by people having to go to, and return from, the pagoda by the same gate, and by a very narrow lane leading to it. The opening of a fresh gate for ingress to the temple would obviate this inconvenience, and the swamy has undertaken to defray the expense of making one.

5. The total outlay involved in the above proposals amounts at the outside to Rupees 337, as per accompanying estimate, and as the time left for making the necessary arrangements is but short, I request that the sanction of Government to the proposed expenditure may be communicated to me by telegram.

6. There is no provision in my budget from which the proposed charge can be met, which should, therefore, be separately provided for.

7. I beg to add that, should the estimate now submitted be sanctioned in full, care will be taken to keep the actual expenditure within the lowest possible limits.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1869, No. 1710.

Ordered that the following telegram be despatched:—

"Authority granted for the expenditure of Rupees three hundred and thirty-seven for Udupi festival."

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of South Canara.
,, Accountant-General, with the estimate.

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From The Magistrate of South Canara.
To The Chief Secretary, Govt.
Fort St. George
Dated 7th December 1869
Recd 13th Dec 1869 No 1555
No 2899
Enclosure
Submitting proposal for the
sanitary arrangements to be
made on the occasion of the
"Pariyaga" at Udupi
Sub
Commenced
sanction by telegram
M.E.
13 Dec: No 1710.
Ordered that the following telegram
be despatched.
"Authority granted for the expenditure
of Rupees three hundred and thirty seven
for Udupi festival."
Chief Secretary.
To the Magistrate of South Canara & Accountant-General
The copy of the estimate and the telegram
submitted on 13th Dec 1869
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To The Magistrate of Canara.
Sec.

Dated Dec 13.

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Encl.

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Nos. 69 & 70.

Granting authority for
the expenditure of Rs
337 for the Udupi festival.

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To

THE MAGISTRATE OF SOUTH CANARA.
Sec., Sec., Sec.

Dated December, 13th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 13th December 1869, No. 1710.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 69 & 70.

Granting authority for the expenditure of Rupees
337 for the Udupi festival.