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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
16th April 1869.*

No. 146. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Sydapet, 7th April 1869, No. 63.

With reference to your Under Secretary's Official Memorandum, No. 139, of the 5th instant, I have the honor to state that the Municipal estimate of receipts and charges for the year 1869-70 has been transmitted to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, on the 1st idem, as directed in the Order of Government under date the 31st August last, No. 1080.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1869, No. 494.

The Government observe that paragraph 2 of their Order, dated the 31st August last, No. 1080, to which the President of the Conjeveram Municipal Commission refers, merely directed the transmission to the Public Works Department of *copies* of the estimates of receipts and disbursements in each Municipality and not the *originals*. These must, as required in G. O., dated 11th July 1867, No. 820, be submitted to Government in the Public Department, and the President is requested, therefore, to expedite the transmission of the estimates for 1869-70, with as little further delay as possible.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Conjeveram,
,, President of

No. 148. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Kurnool, 10th April 1869, No. 106.

With reference to Government Order, No. 1421, dated 17th November 1868, regarding the sanitary precautions to be observed during festivals when large crowds of people collect, I have the honor to report Deputy Magistrate Sudersana Row's proceedings regarding the festivals at Mahanaudy in the Nandial taluq, and Ahobalam in the Sirwell taluq.

2. *Mahanaudy*.—The temple of Mahanaudy is situated at the foot of the Nallamala Hills in the jungles, at a distance of about eight miles to the east of Nandial. There are no villages within six miles of the temple. The festival celebrated here was the Sivarathri. It commenced on the 9th February, and terminated on the 11th, but several pilgrims did not leave till after the 11th. So it would be more correct to say that the gathering of the people extended from the 9th to the 12th inclusive, that is, four days.

3. The estimated number of persons was not less than 5000, and there were some 700 or 800 bandies.

4. High and dry ground was selected for the accommodation of the pilgrims near a supply of pure water, and the jungle cleared to the west of the temple at a distance of 20 chains.

5. The site so prepared was laid out into ten streets, the breadth of each being twenty feet in which sheds were erected.

6. Different sections were assigned to different castes, each knowing from legible signboards the portions allotted for its accommodation. Away from the sheds a large plain was set apart for bandies and bullocks, and separate places were chosen for shops of the different trades represented during the festival.

7. Long trenches, two feet deep, and three feet wide, were dug, for the purpose of male and female latrines, and decency was secured by enclosing them with branches and leaves from the jungle. The earth dug from the trenches was stored at the side, and portions daily shovelled in to cover the night soil. After the festival was over these trenches were entirely covered up and refilled.

8. For the disposal of rubbish and filth other pits were dug. The following establishment for the conservancy was organized :—

9th February.....	30 Sweepers.
10th do.....	28 do.
11th do.....	23 do.

9. In the temple of Mahanaudy there is a perennial spring, from which runs a stream which fills a large cistern, and from that are two channels which carry water to some distance for irrigation. For drinking and domestic purposes the water in the cistern was used, and that of the two channels for cattle and all other purposes. Care was taken to prevent the water being in any way fouled.

10. We are indebted to Mr. Ross, Executive Engineer of the Irrigation and Canal Company, for allowing his Dresser to attend the festival as sanitary officer. He proved himself very useful and attentive to the particular work entrusted to him. I am very glad to say there were no casualties, or accidents, or sickness of any kind. One child only was said to have died from convulsions.

Cont. of 1869: *continued*

PUBLIC.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Conseillers
éc., éc., &c.

Dated April, 16th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 16th April 1869, No. 494.

APRIL.

Nos. 146-147.

Requesting the President to expedite the transmission of the estimates for 1869-70, with as little further delay as possible.

11. Notices in the vernacular were posted up, and also distributed to the pilgrims, informing what steps had been taken for their accommodation, and pointing out the sites of the hospital, bazaars, caste-sheds, &c. The police under the charge of Inspector Thorp did their work admirably, so much so, that not one single crime was committed during the four days when such a large concourse took place.

12. I forward a detailed account of the money spent at Mahanaudy, amounting to Rupees 112-12-0, for which I request the sanction of Government.

BILL A.

13. *Ahobalam.*—Ahobalam is situated in the Sirwell taluq, about 35 miles south of Nundial. There are two temples, Pedda Ahobalam in thick jungle in the Nallamala Hills, and Chinna Ahobalam at the foot of the hills. They are about eight miles distant from any inhabited villages.

14. The festival, Bramha Vuchavam, commenced on the 27th February, and lasted till the 11th March; thirteen days.

15. An immense number of pilgrims attended, amounting to probably 10,000 in all. They did not all arrive together, the daily attendance varying from about 400 to 600. They generally returned to their villages after attending the feast and bathing. The number of bandies did not exceed any day 150.

16. Sheds were erected near the Chinna Ahobalam temple on elevated ground previously selected. The site was laid out in divisions separated by streets assigned to different castes.

17. Latrines similar to those at Mahanaudy were constructed and partly filled in daily, and finally quite filled up.

18. The following conservancy establishments were employed:—

4th March.....	11	Scavengers.
5th do.....	11	do.
6th do.....	12	do.
7th do.....	12	do.
8th do.....	12	do.
9th do.....	11	do.
10th do.....	11	do.

19. The water of the river Bavanassi at Pedda Ahobalam formed the supply. The water of the higher portion of the river being used for drinking and domestic purposes, and that of the lower for bathing and cattle. At Chinna Ahobalam there is a pond and also a well. The former only was used for drinking and domestic purposes, and the latter for all others.

20. There was no Medical Officer available. The Irrigation Company were not able to send their Dresser, and the Dresser attached to my establishment was required in Kurnool, where cholera had made its appearance. I am, however, glad to report that there was no case of sickness during the whole of the festival, which in great part is due to the sanitary arrangements made by Deputy Collector Sudersana Row, and Venkata Ragavarow Naidoo, Tahsildar of the Sirwell taluq.

21. Only one accident occurred, and that was caused by a man falling from the top of a very precipitous and dangerous hill, up which he had climbed to procure some sacred relics. His fall proved fatal. After the accident, which was not foreseen, pilgrims were prevented from climbing up this hill.

22. The presence of the Police Inspector and some Constables had as beneficial an effect as at Mahanaudy, and no crime of any kind whatever took place.

23. The expenses attendant on this festival amounted to only Rupees 86-3-6, as detailed in the bill marked B, which I request the Government to sanction.

24. I think great praise is due to Deputy Collector Sudersana Row, for the very efficient and economical manner in which he has carried out the orders of Government during the celebration of these two festivals.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1869, No. 495.

The Government approve of the sanitary arrangements made at the festivals recently held at Mahanaudy and Ahobalam, and sanction the expenditure, viz., Rupees 112-12-0 and Rupees 86-3-6, respectively, incurred at those places.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Kurnool.

- „ Accountant General, with two Memoranda.
- „ Inspector General of Police.
- „ Board of Revenue.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

from the
Puducherry Municipality

Recd. letter 7th April 1903.

Order thereon No 494 - 16 April 03.

The Government
observe that para 2
of their Order dated the
31st August last No 1080,
to which the President
of the Puducherry Mu-
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the transmission to the
Public Works Department
of copies of the estimates
of Receipts and Dis-
bursements

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THE MAGISTRATE OF KURNPOOL.

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Dated April, 16th.

Recd.

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G. O., 16th April 1869, No. 495.

APRIL.

Nos. 148-149.

Approving of the sanitary arrangements made at the festivals recently held at Mahanady and Abobalam, Kistna District, and sanctioning the expenditure incurred at those places.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Magistrate of Purnool

(Here enter 10th April 1869 N^o 106)

Order thereon no 495. 16 April/69.

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To The Magistrate of Purnool.

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Board of Res

Rec^d 27 April

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To The Magistrate of Purnool.
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Dated April 16 }
Rec^d. } 1869. No 494

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of the Revenue for 1869
with no letter further delay
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^{to}
The Magistrate.
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Dated *April 16* } 1869, No 495
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Apparatus of the *Sanitary*
arrangements made at
the *Sanitary* recently
held at *St. Michael's*
and *St. Michael's*, *St. Michael's*
and *St. Michael's*, *St. Michael's*
in *St. Michael's* place.