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Police DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
26th May 1869.

No. 192. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 4th May 1869, No. 25.

I have the honour to enclose, for the information of Government, the report furnished to me by Mr. Clogstoun, the Assistant Magistrate, who was in immediate charge of the sanitary arrangements at Humpy, as to the manner in which the festival passed off this year.

2. The Government will observe that the number of pilgrims continues to decrease every year, and this it is said is owing, and I can well believe it, to the inconvenience to which they are exposed by being obliged to leave their conveyances outside the town. I gave the matter my careful consideration, but was reluctantly compelled to admit that this rule could not with safety be relaxed. The Tahsildar who for the last three or four years has had the carrying out of sanitary measures at this festival, also gave his opinion that this regulation must be enforced. I observe that the enforcement of sanitary rules have caused a similar decrease in the number of pilgrims at celebrated shrines in other parts of India, notably at Hurdwar, where a gathering of three millions of people in 1866 was succeeded in the following year by a comparatively paltry assemblage of 1,00,000.

3. The amount of the expenditure incurred, as per annexed memorandum, was Rupees 555-14-11, which is within the amount sanctioned by the Order of Government, dated 2nd February last, No. 145.

MEMORANDUM.

	RS.	A.	P.
Cost of 1st class Latrines with walls all round	105	0	0
„ of digging Latrines	85	0	0
„ mats for enclosing the Latrines	80	3	0
Hire of Sweepers and cost of Baskets and Brooms	113	15	9
Cost of constructing a Police Station	5	15	6
Hire of Latrine Toties from Bellary, at one rupee per day per man.	75	0	0
„ cleaning the Channels in the Temple	30	12	0
„ of Tools	21	4	0
Travelling allowance, &c., paid to Dr. Arnold and Mr. McKenzie, for proceeding to Humpy	27	13	8
Pay of the two Coolies supplied for the use of the Hospital at Humpy	10	15	0
Total	555	14	11

From H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Assistant Collector of Bellary, to the Collector of Bellary; dated Bellary, 13th April 1869.

I have the honour to report on the sanitary and police arrangements adopted at the festival at Humpy, and to forward an account of the expenses incurred.

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2. All measures connected with sanitation were undertaken by Dr. Arnold, who proceeded to Humpy, some time before the commencement of the feast; and he was ably assisted by the Tahsildar of the Taluq, whose experience, derived from an attendance at the festival on every occasion during the past five years, enabled him to be of essential service.

3. The sanitary measures adopted are briefly detailed below. They were made known to people generally in a body of rules published in successive issues of the *District Gazette* in the months of February and March, and posted up during the feast in every part of the camp.

Sanitary measures.

Nine latrines were formed at different parts of the camp.

The whole of the land to be occupied by the pilgrims was cleared, and a staff of sweepers engaged to sweep the camp during the festival. All the water channels which run through the town were cleaned out, and a constant flow through them of good drinking-water ensured. An Apothecary, with a large supply of medicines, was kept in attendance at the camp throughout the festival.

On previous occasions the pilgrims had been debarred from bathing in the upper part of that portion of the river contiguous to the camp, but that restriction having been found unnecessary was this year removed.

4. A considerable force of police was present under Mr. Sullivan, the Assistant Superintendent, and acted most efficiently in preventing any breaches of the rules. Very few of such breaches were reported, and the state of the camp at all times during the festival rendered it clear that not many could have occurred.

5. The feast properly so-called lasts only three days, and after that the majority of the pilgrims leave the place. Then the merchants and shopkeepers expose their goods for sale, and the festival gives place to the fair. The fair lasts about two weeks, but during this time there are not more than two or three thousand people (besides the resident population which is small) actually living at Humpy. The people who crowd the streets during the daytime are people who have only come for the day to make a few purchases, and who will all have taken their departure before evening.

6. The festival this year was very poorly attended. The numbers present on the festival days in past years are given variously at from 40,000 to 50,000 or even 60,000, but this year on the chief day there were certainly not more than 10,000 pilgrims on the ground. During the remaining days of the feast, during the fair that is, there were daily about 5000 people present, but the greater part of these were, as pointed out above, people who had only come for the day.

7. The expenditure incurred in carrying out the sanitary arrangements was considerable, but having been incurred with a view to the requirements of a daily attendance of from 30,000 to 50,000 people, it could not have been less. In future years the expenditure may be diminished.

8. I rejoice to be able to add that, though fever as is ever the case at Humpy, prevailed to a considerable extent, no case of cholera was reported.

No. 193. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1869, No. 701.

The Government approve the sanitary arrangements adopted during the festival recently held at Humpy, and sanction the expenditure, viz., Rupees 555-14-11, incurred on the occasion.

2. The Government are not satisfied that the decrease in the number of pilgrims is owing to the necessary sanitary precautions being observed, a similar decrease having occurred at other places of pilgrimage such as Ramnad, before these measures were introduced. But, under any circumstances, the decrease in numbers is of very

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minor consequence, compared to the benefit secured by the exemption from epidemic disease in the localities where these festivals are held, and the protection from disease afforded to the districts through which the pilgrims travel.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Bellary.

- „ Accountant General.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
- „ Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
- „ Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. Wright.

Memo

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To

THE HONORABLE SECRETARY.
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Dated May, 26th.

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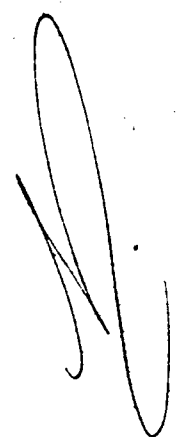
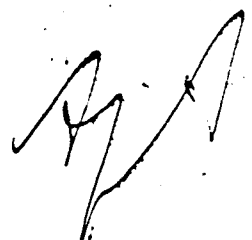
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To the Secy: of Bikaner.

" Secy: General.

" Sanitary Commⁿ for Bikaner, ^{dated 3/5}

" Sup^r: Genl. & Med. Dep^t.

" Inspector Genl. of Police.

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To *The Associates of Bellamy*

Dated *May 26th* } 1869, No. 46
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