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***Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
2nd February 1870.***

No. 10. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 3rd January 1870, No. 5.

I submit to Government the accompanying letter, received from my Head Assistant, reporting on the late feast at Trinamallay, and I request sanction for debiting in my Treasury accounts the sum of Rupees 806-9-6, the total expenditure* incurred in connexion with the required sanitary arrangements. I beg to refer Government to the correspondence indicated in the margin bearing on the subject of this outlay.

* *Vide* enclosed bill.

From Collr. to Govt., 7th Oct. 1869,
No. 59.
G. O. thereon, 27th Oct. No. 1468.
From Collr. to Govt., 4th Nov. 1869,
No. 65.

2. Everything appears to have passed off satisfactorily, and it may reasonably be inferred that the temporary sheds contributed in no slight degree to the freedom from sickness of any kind during the festival, and thus the additional outlay incurred over the preceding year was probably timely and well expended.

3. In reference to paragraph 6 of Mr. Lister's letter, Government will recollect that, in the case of feasts elsewhere, the levy of fees for cattle stalls was prohibited, and, therefore, I prohibited it at Trinamallay, and I fully concur in the propriety of the prohibition, since any fee would be regarded as a vexatious impost, and be very unpalatable. The holder of the field appropriated as the temporary market finds ample remuneration in the valuable manure which is accumulated on his land during the feast; but I see not how the cattle-owners could be equitably charged for occupying the allotted stalls on ground which belongs to another, merely because sheds are erected by the Government on the said site for the protection of the public frequenting the market.

4. What is stated in paragraph 4 is quite correct. Every effort has been made to secure persons from distant parts for cleaning the latrines, but without success, and even in Cuddalore scavengers of the kind are with difficulty to be had for the single temporary latrine erected within Municipal limits; consequently, while this difficulty lasts, the erection of these *lieux d'aisance* at the two great annual feasts of this district is useless.

5. In regard to paragraph 7, in which Mr. Lister asks instructions for future guidance in dealing with the impostor beggars who frequent the feast and who feign to be afflicted and diseased, it is to be observed that these people are not found within the town; they usually line the road round the great Trinamallay Hill which lies at some distance from the town itself, and which is usually peregrinated once or twice during the feasts by the pilgrims who resort thither. These people would not dare to lie about the streets as described by Mr. Lister, and I am of opinion that, if the ordinary laws cannot reach the evil complained of, any special interference is inexpedient and could not be enforced. Besides, it is to be remembered that these objects are not loathsome and sickening in the eyes of natives as they are to Europeans; the latter of whom seldom, if ever, make the circuit of the Hill, as did Mr. Lister on this occasion, and only where actual imposture is practised could the law interfere, when it might be punished as a nuisance, so that I deprecate any special repressive measures, and unless authorized by the legislature, none would, in my belief, be effective. I will only add that in the coming year the subject shall have my

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consideration, and anything that may be practicable shall be done to put a stop to the offensive impostures now, for the first time, brought to notice.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1870, No. 130.

The Government are pleased to learn that the sanitary arrangements made by Mr. Lister and Lieutenant Young at the late Karthikay feast at Trinamallay proved entirely successful, and that there was no sickness of any kind among the pilgrims who numbered about 100,000.

2. The attention of the Government of India has been recently drawn to the letter from this Government, dated the 27th April 1868, No. 519, in respect of the levy of a moderate tax on the pilgrims or persons frequenting fairs, and no action can be taken in the matter until the receipt of their reply.

3. Adverting to the difficulty experienced in procuring persons for cleaning

latrines, the Government are of opinion that, if the temporary latrines are formed on the principle* laid down in the rules framed by the Sanitary Commissioner in 1868, there would be no necessity for procuring the services of scavengers from

* VII.—CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES.
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distant localities, as persons of the pariah or vettian caste may be easily found to fill in the parallel trenches.

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of Mr. Reade's letter, it is observed that Section 48 of the Police Act No. XXIV. of 1859 empowers any Police Officer to take in custody, "Any person who wilfully and indecently exposes his person, or any offensive deformity or disease," and that such person shall, on conviction before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50 rupees, or to imprisonment not exceeding eight days. The Government will be prepared to extend the provisions of the Section to Trinamallay and to the roads outside the town traversed by the pilgrims on the occasion of the next festival.

5. The expenditure† is considerably in excess of that incurred‡ in 1868; but

† Rupees 806-9-6.

‡ " 327-6-3.

as the Order of Government, dated the 27th October last, No. 1468, directing

the restriction of expenditure to what was most essential for the prevention of an outbreak of any epidemic, did not reach Mr. Lister until after the erection of the large sheds for the shelter of pilgrims, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to sanction the payment of the bill for Rupees 806-9-6. The charge will be debited to "XXVII., Miscellaneous."

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
,, Accountant-General, with bill.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Board of Revenue.

Ed. J. Wright.

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No 357

From
 A. L. Roberts Esq.
 City Collector
 South Arcot
 To
 P. L. Roberts Esq.
 City Collector of H. C.
 Madras

I have the honor to report
 that inasmuch as the
 festival of the late Karthikay
 was celebrated with a large
 on the 1st, there were fewer persons
 than in the last year, the
 affair was much less attractive
 than in the last year, there was
 a large attendance, and the
 arrangements which
 were carried out by Lieut. Young
 and myself were identical with
 those of the last two years, the
 only addition was that in
 accordance with the orders of
 Government of the 17th November
 1800, larger sheds were built to
 shelter the poor pilgrims, the
 proceedings of Government of 27
 October 1800, which reached me at
 Madras

Govt. of 1870: Madras.

PUBLIC.

To
 THE COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT
 &c. &c. &c.

Dated February, 2nd.

Recd.
 G. O., 2nd February 1870, No. 130.

FEBRUARY.
 Nos. 10-11.

Approving of the sanitary arrangements made
 during the late Karthikay feast at Tirumalalay, and
 sanctioning Rupees 806-9-6, being expenditure
 incurred on the occasion.

Simamallay on the 5th November
and after that date no sheep
were built.
3. In the last two years the
has been fine weather during
Simamallay feast, but this year
2 1/2 inches of rain fell on the last
4 days when the wind is greater;
and so I think it was very fortunate
that there were no high winds
if 5000 people found shelter in them,
and so I think the responsibility
in this kind of 504-733 will be
deemed moderate.
4. ~~not only can be~~ ~~efforts have been made~~
efforts have been made to locate
Criminal letters from Caddalore
from Vellore, and from Pondicherry
but without success; because the
subject again because of the
in their order of the 27th October
again direct that letters were
to be made.
5. The loss of sheep again
20 last year, and to maintain
cases against last year, the
increase in detection is probably
due to the smaller number of

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pilgrims, and not to any increase
of crime, for no case is even re-
ported, unless the Police actually
detect the thief in the act, in
nothing is heard of the theft,
for pilgrims do not like to leave
their property in a dangerous attendance
at a regulated camp.
6. Mr. Reader will be two
better Regis of the 25th October 1889
that being given from Caddalore
direct was forced down. I have
never been very successful in
regarding the subject, and if
I had been more successful, I
might have laid before you some
indisputable evidence with me.
In thinking it satisfactory,
I have not gone to the field for
indisputable evidence, a field in
which is held an estate, is with
the cause of the Pattadak, in
as in Caddalore, the ground
is all waste land in front of
the Cattle stand in the village.
There are no roads between the
rows of cattle, and no Police
regularly patrol this field, the
capable of accommodating four
hundred animals in the same

is cleared morning and evening;
in fact there is more order and
second cleanliness than I have ever
seen in a cattle market in England,
and the cattle are comparatively
safe, which is a great thing in
this country. Nobody is compelled
to bring cattle into this field; every
one who likes can stay outside
in the yard; my proposal is
to make a small charge to
cover the expenses from all persons
who choose to take advantage
of the cleanliness, the security &
the shelter.
I walked as usual till
on the morning of the 19th and
invested at least 10000 people
doing the same thing, there
was a continuous stream of
people for 7 miles, very long
more listening and disputing
than the instruction which
they were to receive. I was
for some hours, and with those
who are really suffering would
not interfere but I give instruction
for future guidance as to the
cases to be adopted with reference
to

to the many impostors who pretend
to be grievously afflicted. For
instance I saw one man with
a coloured bladder tied on to
the lower region of the abdomen
intended to represent, I suppose,
a protruding bowel. Scores of people
are laid out as corpses and placed
on the road, and numbers have
some red colouring matter which
looks like trickling blood all over
their bodies. I have not interfered
with these old bad practices but
it would seem to be high time
to do so.
I was at a rally from
the 1st to the 23rd November, Lieutenant
Young went there before I did,
and left with me.

Enclosed
1st December 1889 } I have &c
Signed A L Lister
Chf. Med. Officer
/ True copy /

Culverhead
Collector

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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dated 3rd Jan^y 1870 No 5.

Order thereon N. 130. 2 Feb^y 1870.

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To the Coll^y of South Arcot
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Sanitary Comm^{ee} with Bill
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Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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The Collector of South Arcot.
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