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23rd November 1870.*

No. 115. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 12th November 1870, No. 91:—

I have the honour to submit, for the information of Government, copy of a letter* from my Assistant, Mr. Gibson, reporting on the sanitary arrangements carried out on the occasion of the late annual festival at Tripathi.

* Dated 1st November 1870, No. 178.

2. Mr. Gibson was specially deputed by me to superintend those arrangements, which I at first intended to have seen to myself in person. I was on circuit with my office in the extreme south of the district at the time, and, therefore, was unable to proceed to Tripathi before the festival had actually commenced. I arrived there on the 27th September, and inspected the town and suburbs, in company with Mr. Gibson, on the 28th and following days. I found that the arrangements made under Mr. Gibson's directions were judicious and very satisfactory. There has fortunately been no outbreak of cholera, either during the feast itself, or subsequently, amongst the pilgrims on their way home. As already reported,† the dresser attached to my office was deputed with a quantity of cholera and fever medicines to be present at Tripathi during the festival, and until the visitors had all left the town, for the purpose of affording medical aid to any person requiring it.

† Letter, dated 7th September, No. 64.

3. While at Tripathi I met the Mahant of the pagoda, and having in course of conversation mentioned to him that the conservancy and sanitation of the town, both above and below the sacred hill, during the annual festival, was a charge which should properly be borne by the Pagoda funds, the Mahant has since contributed Rupees 100 for this purpose, and a further sum of 2 Rupees was given by a merchant of Tripathi named Soobraya Chetty.

4. The expenses incurred in carrying out the sanitary arrangements, at both Upper and Lower Tripathi, amounted to Rupees 143-14-5. Setting off against this the amount of contributions received, the outlay actually met from Imperial funds was Rupees 41-14-3, and for the expenditure of this amount I beg to request that Government will be pleased to accord their sanction.

From F. E. GIBSON, Esq., Assistant Collector, to the Acting Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 1st November 1870, No. 178.

I have the honour to make the following report on the late annual festival, called the Brahmotsavam, at Tripathi in this district:—

1. The festival began on the 26th September 1870, and lasted over the 4th October.
2. The arrangements made under your instructions were much the same as those adopted last year, the chief difference being that the pigs, which it is alleged did the scavenger work in Lower Tripathi last year, were this year replaced by a sufficient number of human scavengers, though most of these had to be procured from Arcot, a circumstance which should be borne in mind by those who are charged with the arrangements next year.
3. Five toties were sent from Arcot at my request by the Head Assistant Collector; but, as I was not informed of the difficulty in procuring the men on the spot until my arrival at Tripathi late on the evening of the 22nd September, and the Head Assistant was, I believe, at the time that my note reached Arcot, absent from head-quarters, these additional men did not arrive till after the

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first three, but least important, days of the festival had passed, but meantime the town was kept as clean as it could be by the staff on the spot.

4. All carts and cattle belonging to travellers were, as usual, encamped on the different stands fixed at convenient spots away from houses, and separate places were set apart for bathing, washing clothes, and drawing drinking water, respectively.

5. I carefully inspected streets and lanes everywhere, and found little that needed correction, the Sub-Magistrate of the town having exerted himself in all matters of conservancy and sanitation, and the inhabitants, apparently, for the most part, cheerfully co-operating.

6. Six temporary latrines were erected in different places of public resort, and were kept tolerably clean.

7. There was, I am happy to say, an almost total immunity from cholera, as only two isolated cases of the disease occurred. Both of these were fatal, but both were the result of the gross imprudence in diet of the two pilgrims who died.

8. An old mantapum, not far from the Alpiri road, was provided and suitably prepared as a hospital, and the dresser attached to your office treated there one of the two cholera cases referred to, but the patient was, unfortunately, not brought in until, under the circumstances, it was too late to save her life.

9. The absence of cholera should, perhaps, be chiefly attributed to the hot dry weather prevailing during the whole time of the feast.

10. The Sub-Magistrate of Chendragherry, and the Police Inspector of Naranavanum, with a special force of Constables and one Head Constable from Chittoor, provided for the maintenance of order in Upper Tripathi, and there was no disturbance and very little crime, and that principally of a trifling nature, and the health of all was good.

11. From enumeration of the travellers conducted by Constables and peons stationed on the different ghauts, it appears that something under 30,000 people ascended the hill, of whom about 3000 were computed to be still remaining there at the termination of the period of nine days, to which this report relates.

12. I have received requests from various quarters that certain improvements should be carried out on the hill, and on the road up, to augment the comfort and security of the numerous pilgrims who are constantly coming and going throughout the year, as well as on these occasions.

13. Prominent amongst these suggested improvements are the fencing of the portion of the path leading, *via* Alpiri from the town of Tripathi, to the top of the sacred hills, which, from the descriptions given me both verbally and in writing by several travellers, appears to be in a very dangerous state, considering that large numbers of persons, very feeble from age or sickness, ascend the hill by this path in palkees, or on foot.

14. The only other suggested improvement that I think it expedient to mention specifically in the present report is the provision of additional shelter for the poorer classes of pilgrims, especially in Upper Tripathi.

15. In connexion with this subject, I would refer you to paragraph 51 of the Deputy Collector's report for last year regarding the large old mantapum in Upper Tripathi, and I would suggest also that, if funds can be made available, additional accommodation should be provided in Lower Tripathi, in the new pettah, where there is ample space available.

16. It is reported, on good authority, that the annual *net savings* of the great pagoda in Upper Tripathi should be estimated at from half a lakh to three quarters of a lakh of Rupees per annum, and it is suggested that out of this source should be available ample sums for the benefit of the pilgrims, whose contributions swell the untaxed exchequer of the pagoda, and this seems the equitable plan on the general principle of the correlation of rights and duties.

17. I have only further to add that the expenses incurred in connexion with the festival were Rupees 109-0-11 in Lower Tripathi, and in Upper Tripathi Rupees 34-13-6, towards which Rupees 114-13-0 was allotted by Government, and Rupees 100 were contributed by the Mahant, and Rupees 2 by M. Soobraya Chetty. The surplus, according to your orders, is to be appropriated to the completion of the road between the holy bathing place called Kapilésavara Theertham and the pagoda, where the principal ascent to the hill begins.

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No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1870, No. 1513.

The expenditure of Rupees 41-14-3, incurred on account of the sanitary arrangements connected with the festival at Tripathi, is sanctioned.

2. The attention of the Mahant of Tripathi should be called to the improvements required for the comfort of the pilgrims, which are detailed in Mr. Assistant Collector Gibson's letter.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

„ Accountant-General.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.
„ Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. J. Wright.

Cost. of 1870. *Shabaz.*

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To
THE COLLECTOR OF NOBIL. ROUL. Ac.
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Noted November, 23rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 23rd November 1870, No. 1513.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 115-116.

Sanctioning the expenditure incurred on account
of the sanitary arrangements connected with the
festival at Tripathi, North Arcot District.

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North Arcot Dist Collector's Office
Chittoor 7th November 1870.

From

J. E. Gilson Esquire
Assistant Collector

To

W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Acting Collector

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Dear Sir

Your most obedient servant
/Signed/ F. B. Gibson

Assistant Collector
/True copy/

C. Whitfield

Acting Collector

North Arcot
Collector's Office
Chittoor 12th November 1870

To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis, C. B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Comd. J. H.

Memos

...atory of the necessity
of the Revenue items entered
in the Acct. Genl's Statement
of Temporary Establishments as
they stood on 1st April 1870.

No. 1 Required for the demarcation
assessment and measurement of waste
lands newly applied for. The breaking
up of the Godavery Survey Party which
formerly did this work, has necessitated
the employment of this establishment.

No. 2 Reported to Government
of India in Revenue Statement of
charges for July 1869 item 2 with explanation
as to the necessity for the charge and
confirmed

Enclosed from the
Asst. Secy. to Govt. of
Madras to you
2/12/11/70 H. G.

confirmed by that Government in
Financial Proceedings 22nd November
1869 N^o 2602.

N^o 3. Necessity explained in letter
to Government of India Financial Depart^t
3rd June 1870 N^o 814.

N^o 4 & 10. The Clerk and Peons in the
Madras Trichinopoly Tanjore North Arcot
Tinnevely Salem and Coimbatore districts
are necessary owing to more than one
Covenanted Assistant being employed in
those districts. These Assistants are each
allowed two Peons. Vide explanations in
Judicial Statement of charges for January
1864, item 1. and in Revenue Statement for
December 1863 item 1.

N^o 11. Reported to Gov^t of India
in Revenue Statement of charges for
August 1865 item 6 with explanation as to the
necessity

necessity for the charge and confirmed by that
Gov^t in Financial letter 14th December 1865 N^o
3382. The Order of October 1868 quoted in this
Statement merely authorized the employment
of two Clerks on 40 and 30 Rs. in lieu of the
one on 75 Rs. sanctioned in 1865.

N^o 12. Required for measuring coconuts culti-
vation and lands applied for. This Establish-
ment was originally sanctioned by the Gov^t
of India in Financial Proceedings N^o 560 dated
29 January 1864 at a cost of Rs. 167 per annum
which has since been reduced to Rs. 146. The
Gov^t have recently ordered the discontinuance
of this Establishment as intimated to the Gov^t
of India (Financial Department) per para
2 of letter dated 3rd June 1870 N^o 111.

N^o 13. In their Financial letter of 18th
January 1867 N^o 161, the Gov^t of India sanctioned
the continuance of an Establishment for the
sale of Becheals in the Malabar District
for two years. This establishment consisted
of 67 persons and its cost was Rs. 1790 per
annum

mensum. The number actually employed -
however was only 47 at a monthly cost of Rs.
1221. It has been found necessary to retain
this Establishment for another year at the
reduced cost of Rs. 266 for South Malabar
and of Rs. 55 for North Malabar. Of this
latter sum, Rs. 30 only seems to have been
availed of.

No. 14. The remark in respect to items 4 to 10,
applies to this also

No 15. Item 13 of this statement provides only for the conduct of the settlement of the excheats. This is a separate establishment required for realizing the collections and keeping the accounts. This work was formerly entrusted to the Taluk Officials, but the arrangement has not been satisfactory, as those Officials are generally fully occupied with the current duties.

No. 16 *Required to assist the Deputy*
Collector

collector in arranging for the transfer of land
required for the Madras Irrigation and Canal
Company's works.

No. 17. Dr. Dr.

[illegible]

N^o 20 Required for lithographing the District Maps showing the Talooks, as arranged by Mr. Pelly.

N^o 21 This establishment is employed under an Order of this Govt. in 1859 which empowered the Superintendent of Revenue Survey to make temporary changes in his establishment within fixed rates of salary and within the amount sanctioned for a Survey Party.

N^o 22 Reported to Govt. of India in Revenue Statement of charges for April 1869, and in letter dated 28th January 1870 N^o 159, as confirmed by that Govt. in Financial letter 24th February N^o 1269.

N^o 23 Reported to Govt. of India in Revenue Statement of charges for August 1869, item 2 and in statement for October following, item 3 and confirmed by that Govt. in Financial Communications dated 8 December 1869 N^o 2989 and 31st March 1870 N^o 2274.

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It is noted in the N^o 24. Staff. The staff have been brought on the permanent establishment in the 1st of January 1870, which has not yet been paid. The staff are referred to in the 1st of January 1870, which has not yet been paid. The staff are referred to in the 1st of January 1870, which has not yet been paid.

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The Counter, five Workers and six Pressmen (three first items) costing in all Rs 87 a month, were sanctioned for marking the Presses used for impressing the Di-Colour Stamps. The remaining Establishment costing Rs 146 is required to ensure the preparation of a sufficient supply of the large number of different values of stamped papers now necessary, and to keep the requisite accounts. This, and other temporary establishments recently sanctioned for the Stamp Office have been permitted to be continued until 31st January 1871, on the understanding that any reduction which might in the meantime be found practicable, should be at once made, and subject to a report from the Superintendent in October next.

N^o 25. Required to prepare the list required under the Stamp Act.

Required

Adm. of 22/10/16 to the 1st Dec

N^o 29.30.31. appartenente to the first class.

*No 32. Reported to Government of India in Revenue Statement of charges for October 1869 item 1. with explanation as to the necessity for the charge, and sanctioned by

The Feb. 1869 Chart
of charges shows that
the Lemay Station acct.
of the Ohio Pkts consists
of 13 Apt. & 22 Dec. 2
maistries. 3 Apt. & 10
Dec. & 48 hrs. of run-
ing - Of these only the
Apt. & 10 Dec. are
mentioned in the present
Stt. - Why the rest
have been omitted
is not clear.

N^o 37. Reported to Government of India in Revenue Statement of charges for August 1865 item 3 with explanation as to the necessity for the charge and sanctioned by that Government in Financial letter 14th December 1865 N^o 3382.

This charge will continue until
the whole amount sanctioned,
viz Rs 500 is worked out
No 38. Tail Dept

N^o: 39. Required to prepare
 Duties to the number of about
 1,65,364 together with the necessary
 Registers, Indexes and Receipt
 Books.



Memorandum
 explanatory of the
 necessity of the
 Revenue Officer
 in the District
 of South Arcot
 dated 12 April 1870

Prepared for
 the use of the
 Chief Secretary
 (Financial) Dept.

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
 New North Arcot
 6 B. P. S. S. S. S.

No. 91
 NORTH ARCOT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
 Chittoor 12th November 1870.
 From
 W. S. Whiteside Esquire
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W. Phillips
Ag: Collector

For the Asst
Collector's office
Chittoor 12 November 70

The Honorable P. A. Ellis. C. B.
Chief Secretary to Government.
Madras.

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To the Collector North Arcot
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