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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1520	Press Mis.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
24th November 1870.

No. 129. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Combay, 12th November 1870, No. 322:—

I have the honour to submit a report* from the Acting Joint Magistrate on the result of the sanitary arrangements made during the Muttealammen feast at Tadicombu in the Dindigul Taluq.

* Dated 3rd November 1867, No. 114.

2. The arrangements made appear to have been judicious and to have answered the purpose well.

3. I am glad to observe that, although the weather was bad and about 8000 people congregated at the festival, there has been no outbreak of any epidemic amongst men or cattle, and there was but little crime.

4. Under the circumstances represented in the Acting Joint Magistrate's letter, I have the honour to solicit the sanction of Government for payment of Rupees 21-8-0,† being the amount of expenditure incurred.

† An account particular is herewith forwarded.

From the Acting Joint Magistrate of Madura, to the Magistrate of Madura, dated Dindigul, 3rd November 1870, No. 114.

I have the honour to address you on the following subject.

2. Having only recently arrived at Dindigul, I was not aware that a comparatively important feast would be celebrated at Tadicombu,* five or six miles north of that town, on or about the 17th and 18th ultimo till informed thereof some two or three days beforehand. As there was then no time to obtain sanction from Government for the funds for the necessary sanitary arrangements, I took upon myself the responsibility of directing the Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate of Dindigul to incur the necessary expenditure out of his contingent allowance. In case, however, this expenditure may be objected to, I write to request you will be good enough to pass the amount, or, if necessary, to solicit the special sanction of Government for such a procedure.

* Marked incorrectly Tandiombu in Proceedings, Madras Government, November 1868—86.87.

3. I enclose a copy of the account from which you will observe that the expenditure was incurred chiefly on the construction of nine trench-latrines surrounded by screens or tatties of straw and mats, and the excavation of pits for filth and rubbish. Sweepers were also engaged for general work throughout the site of the festival; four toties being employed to go round with wheel-barrows of earth to throw over the excrement voided in open places by those who did not or would not resort to the latrines. The wheel-barrows were borrowed from the Dindigul Municipality.

4. Conspicuous signs were used to mark the difference between the latrines set apart for the different sexes.

5. The bazaars and booths, carts and cattle, were arranged in rows; the upper part of the stream which flowed through the centre of the scene of the feast was ordered to be reserved for drinking purposes, and the lower part left for the watering of cattle (about which directions were issued for them to be taken down in regular batches) for bathing and clothes washing. All inflammable rubbish was burned, all other buried; cattle-dung was removed to a distance from the festival by persons undertaking the work.

6. The visitors were separated into bodies of about 500 persons, in order to avoid undue crowding; fires were burned for purposes of fumigation, and, as the weather was damp and heavy rain fell a part of the time, visitors were instructed to sleep in or under their bandies.

7. A shed was erected in a central position for the accommodation of the Dresser of this office, who attended with medicines during the feast.

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8. Notices for the regulation of traffic in conspicuous tamil characters were posted up, and officials stationed at a narrow bridge, by which a large proportion of visitors passed to and from the festival, to prevent crushing and confusion.

9. At one part of the route between Dindigul and Tadicombu (part of the Dindigul—Veda-sendur road) the traffic, rain, and probably leakage or percolation from a tank close by had, by the first day of the festival, rendered a piece of the road so heavy a quagmire as to be literally almost impassable for carts. As the repair of the road has been sanctioned for this year by the Revenue Department, I had the worst part temporarily mended by depositing layers of small branches of trees and cholam straw, with a layer of earth on the surface, as any attempt at repair by ordinary materials would only have made matters worse by increasing the mud. The cost hereof I intend to recover from the amount sanctioned for the repair of the road.

10. The attendance at, or in connexion with, the festival continued with varying numbers some two or three days and may be estimated at about 8000 persons.

11. In conclusion, it is gratifying to add that, though the weather was most unsuitable for the camping out of large bodies of travellers, no sickness amongst men or cattle and no accidents were reported. Two cases of theft were promptly disposed of by the Dindigul Sub-Magistrate.

No. 130. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1870, No. 1520.
Sanctioned, Rupees (21-8-0) twenty-one and Annas eight.
(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Madura.

- „ Inspector-General of Police.
- „ Board of Revenue.
- „ Sanitary Commissioner.
- „ Accountant-General, with the account.

Exd. J. H. Burns,

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Disent Bullcherry,
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Lamp. Lumbay,
12th November 1870

The Honorable, H. Arbuthnot,
Magistrate of Madras

The Chief Secretary,
to Government.
St. George's.

* 10 Oct 30 Remembrance
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I have the honor to submit a report from the Acting Joint Magistrate on the result of the Sanitary arrangements made during the Mutual =
= amon. feast at Landisnabos in the Lendigue Saluy.

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THE MAGISTRATE OF MADURA,
 &c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 24th.

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G. O., 24th November 1870, No. 1520

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Nos. 129-130.

Sanctioning the expenditure incurred on account of the sanitary arrangements made during the Mortuehmen feast at Taldombu in the Dindigul Taluk, Madurai District.

honor to solicit the sanction of Government for
payment of Rupees 25-0-0 being the amount of ^{an account particular} expenditure incurred — ^{is herewith forwarded.}

I have the honor to be,

^{Sir}
your most Obedt Servt

A. H. H. H. H.
Magistrate

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Sanctioning the expenditure
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during the Poothalamman
feast in the Dindigul Taluk,
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