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Government of Madras

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No 661

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

27th May 1870.

No. 114. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bellary, 19th May 1870, No. 59:—

I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, that the festival at Humpy has been held this year, and that no sickness broke out amongst the pilgrims or others congregated at the place.

2. Previous to the festival I had myself visited the place, and seen that all the usual sanitary arrangements were being made. The Tahsildar of Hospett, Chellapathy Naidu, although he had not superintended these in any previous year, still had had some experience at the Mylar festival when he was in another taluq, and was successful in his exertions now. The arrangements to be made are, however, now so well-known to the villagers, to the temple authorities, and to the public generally, that there is no difficulty in even a stranger carrying them out.

3. The great day of the festival fell on the 15th April. I had been on the spot for some days previously, and should have remained some time longer than I did, had I not been obliged to return to Bellary to make departmental arrangements consequent on the sudden removal of the Acting Sub-Collector from the district. I was, however, present on the 15th when the concourse of people might have amounted to some 20,000. Thus the attendance this year was greater than that in 1869. After the 15th a great number of the pilgrims took their departure. The traders and inhabitants of neighbouring villages remained for more than a week.

4. Assistant-Surgeon Summer Hayes was deputed from Bellary to be present at the festival. He will doubtless submit his report in detail, as he remained on the spot for a week.

5. The Tahsildar again advocates a relaxation of the rules regarding the admission of conveyances into the village. This question, however, has been set at rest by Government Order, No. 563, dated 7th May 1868, and Mr. Sullivan's reply to the same in letter, No. 25, dated 4th May 1869, in which he said that, having given the matter his careful consideration, he was reluctantly compelled to admit that the rule could not with safety be relaxed. The people urge that they might be allowed to bring their bandies into the place, and unload them, and send them out again. It is just this "sending them out" which it would be impossible with the small force of Police at our disposal to enforce.

6. The sum sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings, No. 272, dated 7th March last, was Rupees 600. Of this only Rupees 283-3-1 have been expended.

7. There was no crime deserving any special mention.

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1870, No. 661.

The Government learn with much satisfaction that the festival at Humpy, in the Bellary district, passed off without any outbreak of sickness.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

Expressing satisfaction at the recent festival a
Plumby having passed off without any outbreak
of sickness.

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G. O., 27th May 1870, No. 661.

Dated May, 27th.
Recd. Encl.

To
THE COLLECTOR OF BELLARY.
&c., &c., &c.

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Public DEPARTMENT.
MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE
BELLARY.

Dated. 19th May 1870. No. 661.

To, The Chief Secretary to
Government
Madras.

Enclosure."

Received, 27 May
No 872

Depositing in the Plumb
proceeds held in the
present year.

To Bellary
County
Magistrate
19th May 1870

No. 661 - 27 May 1870.
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that the festival at Rumpy in the Bellary
district passed off without any outbreak of
sickness. ~~which the public have recently been~~
W.H.

With an Order

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Govt. of [1870] Madras.

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To

The Collector of Bellary.

For.

Date: May 27.

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