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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd June 1870.

No. 19. Read the following letter from the Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 19th May 1870, No. 170:—

I have the honour to submit a bill for Rupees 77-2-10, being the expenses incurred in the sanitary arrangements made this year during the "Brahmochavam" festival at Ahobalam in the Sirwell Taluq of this district, and to request that Government be pleased to sanction its disbursement.

2. It commenced on the 17th and ended on the 28th March last. The pilgrims did not arrive in large numbers until the 22nd March.

3. The festival was celebrated simultaneously in two places, viz., Chinna Ahobalam at the foot of the Nallamalla Hills, and about thirty-five miles south-east of Nandial, and Pedda Ahobalam higher up in the Hills, and at a distance of about seven-and-a-half miles from the first-mentioned place. The pagodas at both places are situated in the midst of a dense jungle largely infested by tigers.

4. The number of pilgrims, &c., was about 5000. The number of vehicles and animals, which came to Chinna Ahobalam, was as follows:—

Carts with passengers	384
Do. with goods	88
Bullock Coaches with passengers...	7
Palanquins and Dhoolies	8
Horses and Ponies... ..	88
Bullocks (laden)	23
Asses (laden)... ..	76

5. ACCOMMODATION.—The space within the outer walls of the temple at Chinna Ahobalam was used for purposes of encampment. Sheds of suitable dimensions were erected at proper distances from each other. Another open space to the south of the Eastern Gopavam was set apart for bandies. The pilgrims in Pedda Ahobalam halted in *mantapams*.

6. CONSERVANCY.—Several latrines were erected for persons of both sexes, and efficient measures were taken for having them thoroughly cleansed at regular intervals. A Revenue Inspector was specially deputed to superintend the conservancy arrangements.

7. WATER.—In Chinna Ahobalam the supply of water for domestic and bathing purposes was drawn from a pond called the "Sannadhi Koneru" within the walls of the pagoda. The Deputy Collector reports that the supply from this pond failed during the last two days of the festival, and he strongly recommends that it be cleansed and repaired, at Government expense, before the next annual festival comes on. He states that, unless this be done, the failure of the water supply will, in future, subject pilgrims to great inconvenience, and compel them to use the stagnant and unhealthy water in the neighbouring pools. He estimates the cost of its repair at Rupees 150. I beg to recommend that the expenditure of this sum be sanctioned.

8. The water for drinking purposes was drawn from another well called "Alvar Koneru." Signboards were put up at both places, to notify the particular uses to

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which the water in each well should be reserved. In Pedda Ahobalam water was obtained from the Bhovanassi river. Barriers were provided with signboards to show the portions of this stream to be used for bathing and drinking purposes, respectively.

9. No medical officer was available for attendance at the festival, but it fortunately happened that no sickness of any kind broke out, nor did any crime or accident occur. Pilgrims are wont to climb up a very precipitous hill some five miles above Pedda Ahobalam. This they regard as an important portion of their sacred duties. One man was killed last year in falling from the top of this hill. This year the Police, a party of whom were sent to the festival to preserve order, took measures to prevent persons from ascending it.

10. The Deputy Collector, A. Ramachendra Row, was present at the festival and superintended all the sanitary arrangements, the very satisfactory results of which are no doubt almost entirely due to the efficient measures which he took towards carrying out the orders of Government.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1870, No. 707.

The expenditure of Rupees 77-2-10 is sanctioned. The Government are not prepared to sanction the expenditure of Rupees 150 for cleaning a pond within the walls of a pagoda, as recommended in paragraph 7 of the Head Assistant's letter. This work should be done by those interested in the pagoda which doubtless receives offerings from pilgrims.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.

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

Charges incurred during the
Festival at Shobalam in
March 1870.

	P. A. P.
Temporary Sheds	62-0-4
Labours	12-9-0
Wickets	0-8-0
Conservancy Establishment	10-8-0
	85-9-4

Reduce

Sale of materials after the Festival	8-6-6.
Balance Rs	77-2-10

Gurnool
Collector's Office
May 1870

A. M. G. M.
Ag. Secy and Collector
in charge

m. R.

Govt. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF KURNOOL.

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Dated June, 3rd.

Recd.

Recd.

G. O., 3rd June 1870, No. 707.

JUNE.

Nos. 19-20.

Sanctioning. Expenses 77-2-10, 1000/- expenses
incurred in the sanitary arrangements made during
the "Karnool" and "Festival" at Shobalam, in the
Sanctuary of the Karnool District.

No 170. Tirunelveli Collector's Office
 19th May 1870.
 From, S. T. McCarthy Esquire
 As Head Asst. Collector
 in charge
 To, The Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Fort St. George.

Sir, I have the honor to submit
 a bill for Rs 77-2-10, being the
 expenses incurred in the
 Sanitary arrangements made
 this year during the "Kashim-
 chavams" Festival at Shobalam
 in the Tirunelveli Taluk of this
 District, and to request that
 Government be pleased to
 sanction its disbursement.

2. It commenced on the
 17th and ended on the 28th
 March last. The pilgrims did
 not arrive in large numbers
 until the 22nd March.

3. The festival was celebra-
 ted simultaneously in 2
 places, namely Chinnar
 Shobalam at the foot of the
 Tallamulla hills, and about
 85 miles South East of Madurai,
 and Pedda Shobalam -
 higher up in the hills, and

Enclosure in letter
 No 170 dated 19th May
 1870 from the
 Asst. Secy. to Govt.
 in charge of the
 Chief Secretary
 to Government

Bill No 833/70
 No. 170 dated 19th May 1870.

at a distance of about $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the first mentioned place. The pagodas at both places are situated in the midst of a dense jungle largely infested by tigers.

4. The number of pilgrims was about 5000. The number of vehicles and animals which came to Chinna Chobalam was as follows:—

Carts with passengers	— 384
do. with goods	— 88
Bullock coaches with passengers	— 7
Palanquins and coolies	— 8
Horses and ponies	— 88
Balloos (lads)	— 23
Asses (lads)	— 76

5. Accommodation— The space within the outer walls of the temple at Chinna Chobalam was used for purposes of encampment. Sheds of suitable dimensions were erected at proper distances from each other. Another open space to the south of the Eastern Kopavaram was set apart for bandies. The pilgrims in Padda Chobalam halted

halted in Mantapams.

6. Conservancy— Several latrines were erected for persons of both sexes, and efficient measures were taken for having them thoroughly cleaned at regular intervals. A revenue Inspector was specially deputed to superintend the conservancy arrangements.

7. Water— In Chinna Chobalam the supply of water for domestic and bathing purposes was drawn from a pond called the "Samadhi Kothu" within the walls of the pagoda. The Deputy Collector reports that the supply from this pond failed during the last 2 days of the festival, and he strongly recommends that it be cleaned and repaired at Government expense before the next annual festival comes on. He states that, unless this be done, the failure of the water supply will in future subject pilgrims to great inconvenience and compel them to use the stagnant and unhealthy water

water, in the neighbouring pools. She estimates the cost of its repair at Rs 150. I beg to recommend that the expenditure of this sum be sanctioned.

8. The water for drinking purposes was drawn from another well called "Sthana Srinu". Sign boards were put up at both places, to notify the particular uses to which the water in each well should be reserved. In Pedda Chikha: tank water was obtained from the Ghovanacci river. Barriers were provided with signboards to show the portions of this stream to be used for bathing, and drinking purposes, respectively.

9. A Medical Officer was available for attendance at the festival, but it fortunately happened, that no sickness of any kind broke out, nor did any crime or accident occur. Pilgrims are wont to climb up a very precipitous hill some five miles above Pedda Chikhalam. This they

they regard as an important portion of their sacred duties. One man was killed last year in falling from the top of this hill. This year the police, a party of whom were sent to the festival to preserve order, took measures to prevent persons from ascending it.

10. The Deputy Collector Mr. Ramachandra Rao, was present at the festival, and superintended all the sanitary arrangements, the very satisfactory results of which are no doubt almost entirely due to the efficient measures which he took to carry out the orders of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant,

J. S. Srinivas

Off. Secy. and Collector
in charge

J. S. Srinivas

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No 707. 3 June/70
Colo. Hurwood
Acct General
Sanitary Comm.
Board of Health

The expenditure of Rs. 77.2.10 is sanctioned
The Govt are not prepared to sanction
the expenditure of Rs. 150 for clearing
a pond within ^{the walls of} a Pagoda. This work ^{as recommended} in para 7 of the H.D.
should be done by those interested in the ^{appt's letter.} Pagoda. I doubtless receive offerings
from Pilgrims

Colo. Hurwood
The Collector of Hurwood
is charge
of the Sanitary
Comm.
Board of Health
for Rs. 77-2-10 being
the expenses incurred
for Sanitary arrange-
ments during the
Brahmocharam
Festival at Chhotalam.
I am directed to
sanction the
this year and
regarding the
Sanitary Board
with an order

Govt. of (1870) Madras.
Public

To
The Collector of Hurwood

Dated June 3.
Recd.
G. O. 3 June 1870, No. 707.

Nos. 19. 20.

Sanctioning Rs. 77-2-10, being
expenses incurred in the
Sanitary arrangements made
during the Brahmocharan
festival at Chhotalam in the
Civil Taluk of the Hurwood