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No. 111. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 16th March 1871, No. 15 :—

I have the honour to report on the sanitary arrangements carried out during the late Sevarathree feast, at Kalastry, which commenced on the 13th and ended on the 23rd February.

2. The number of pilgrims this time was less than usual, owing very probably to the fact that cholera had broken out, at Kalastry, a few days before the festival actually began. On the principal feast day, the assemblage of people was roughly estimated at between four and five thousand.

3. Five latrines, built in previous years, were repaired at a cost of Rupees 27-12-6, and ten scavengers were employed in connexion with the latrines at a cost of Rupees 5.

4. About thirty coolies were employed to keep the principal streets and lanes clean. The rubbish found in each street was heaped in a selected spot, from whence it was carried in carts out of the town.

5. To preserve order, and prevent and detect crime, a party of ten Constables with a Deputy were detailed off duty from head-quarters to co-operate with the Station Constables. Six cases of theft were reported by the Police. In four the prisoners were convicted, and in two discharged for want of evidence.

6. Unfortunately cholera broke out in the town of Kalastry a few days before the feast actually commenced; the medical subordinate deputed to be in attendance at Kalastry during the festival, agreeably to my application of the 21st January last, arrived there in time, and was usefully employed in administering medicines to the patients brought to him. He treated twenty-four cases of cholera, of which only six proved fatal.

7. About 100 copies of the rules, to be observed by pilgrims and other visitors to the Pagoda, were printed in Telugu and Tamil, and posted throughout the town, and every precaution taken, as in previous years, to prevent the commission of nuisances in places of public resort. Care was, likewise, taken to preserve the water, appropriated for drinking purposes, free from contamination.

8. The charges incurred, in carrying out the sanitary and conservancy arrangements during the festival, amounts to Rupees 69-15-0, and this expenditure I beg to request that Government will be pleased to sanction.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1871, No. 380.  
Sanctioned.  
(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,  
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of North Arcot.  
„ Accountant-General.  
„ Board of Revenue.  
„ Inspector-General of Police.  
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.



Chittoor 16 March 1871

From

M. S. Whitte Esquire  
Collector of North Arcot.

To

The Honorable W. S. Ellis, C.B.  
Chief Secretary to Government  
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to report on the sanitary arrangements carried out during the late Sivarathree festival at Kataby which commenced on the 13<sup>th</sup> and ended on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

2. The number of pilgrims that attended was less than usual, owing principally to the fact that Cholera had broken out at Kataby a few days before the festival actually began. On the principal feast day, the population of people was roughly estimated at between four and five thousand.

3. 5 Latrines built in previous years were repaired at a cost of Rs 27-12-6, and 10 scavengers were employed in connection with the latrines at a cost of Rs 5.

4. About 30 coolies were employed to keep the principal streets and lanes clean. The rubbish found in each street was heaped in a selected spot, from whence it was carried in carts out of the town.

5. To preserve order, and prevent accidents, a party of 10 coolies with a number of constables were employed to keep the streets clear of the pilgrims.

Constables by cases of theft were reported by the Police.  
In four the prisoners were convicted, and in two discharged for want of evidence.

6 Unfortunately cholera broke out in the town of Kalarabi a few days before the feast actually commenced; the Medical subordinate deputed to be in attendance at Kalarabi during the festival agreeably to my application of the 1st January last, arrived there in time and was usefully employed in administering medicines to the patients brought to him. He treated 24 cases of cholera of which only 6 proved fatal.

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7 About 100 copies of the pulis to be observed by pilgrims and other visitors to the Nagoda were printed in Telugu and Tamil, and posted throughout the town, and every precaution taken as in previous years to prevent the commission of nuisances in places of public resort. Care was likewise taken to preserve the water appropriated for drinking purposes free from contamination.

8. The charges incurred in carrying out the sanitary and conservancy arrangements during the festival amount to Rs 69-15-7, and this expenditure I beg to request that Government will be pleased to sanction.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant

Ch. S. S. S.

to the Government

