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No. 12. Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 28th March 1871, No. 20 —

I have the honour to submit, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying bill for Rupees 4,744 10, being the expenses incurred for sanitary arrangements made during the celebration of the annual festival at Gorantla in the Hammakota Taluq, between the 10th and 13th of this month.

2 The arrangements made for sanitation were very similar to those made last year, as reported in my letter, No. 215, dated 1st July 1870. A sufficient number of latrines were dug for males and females, and coolies appointed to cover them at intervals. Separate sites were fixed for markets and for carts and cattle. The crowds who attended found accommodation under trees and in small portable tents placed in the dry bed of the Hundry.

3 The water supply in the existing wells not being sufficient, holes were dug in the sand of the river from which abundance of fresh water was procured.

4 The number of pilgrims this year was much less than last year, and hardly did not exceed 12,000 people.

5 Owing to the absence of the Divisor attached to my office on sick leave, and there being no other available, I was not able to send a medical officer to be present on the spot. But I am glad to be able to report that the festival passed off without sickness of any kind making its appearance.

6 The Tahsildar, the Revenue Inspector, the Police Inspector of the Division with some Constables from the Taluq and from the Reserve, were in attendance to preserve order.

7 One case of theft of a head-cloth, valued at Rupees 16 8 0, which was detected, and another case of attempt at theft occurred during the festival. I regret, however, that, on the night of the 11th, after the festival, a serious gang robbery took place about two miles from the village, in which some of the merchants of Kurnool were attacked while on their way from Gorantla to Venkatagherry, and severely beaten, and robbed of property amounting to Rupees 4 11 8. One of the persons I hear subsequently died of the wounds inflicted by the robbers. This case is being enquired into.

No. 13. Camp Gorantla, 5th April 1871, No. 453.

The expenditure of Rupees 4,744 10 incurred on account of sanitary arrangements during the festival of Gorantla, Hammakota Taluq, Kurnool, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool

Commissioner-General of Police

Accountant-General, with bill

Mad. J. Wights.

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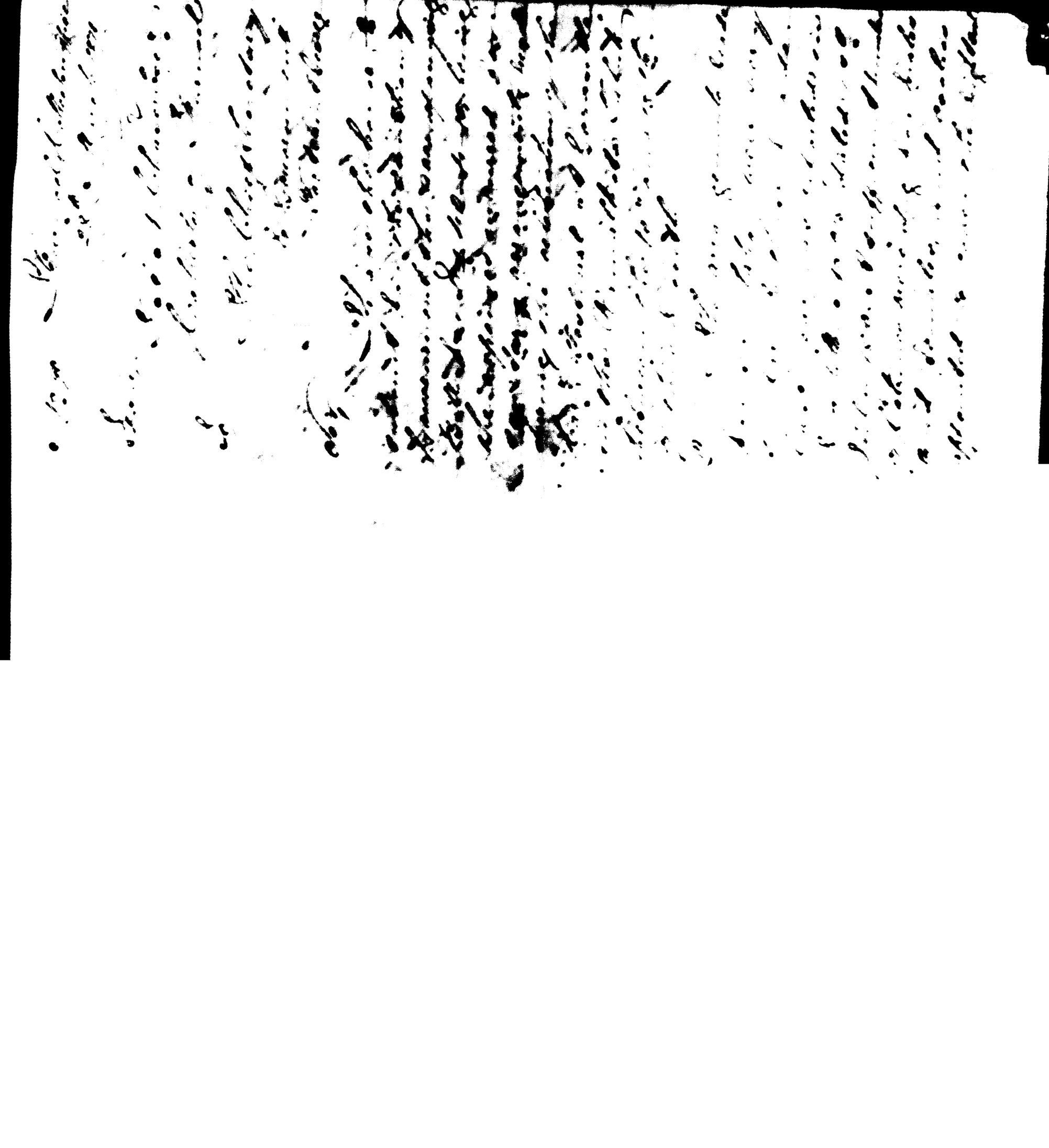
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