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25th May 1871.

No. 102. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Nellore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Nellore, 16th May 1871, No. 102 :—

I have the honour to submit copy of a letter from my Deputy on General Duties on the subject of certain sanitary arrangements proposed to be undertaken on the occasion of the annual festival shortly to be held at Venkatagiri, and to request sanction for the expenditure of Rupees 250 for the purpose.

2. I am rather apprehensive that cholera may break out on the occasion, and as the Hospital Assistant attached to my office is quite useless from ill-health and no other has yet been furnished to me, I beg that a competent Medical Subordinate may be sent down direct from Madras *via* Tripatty Station to Venkatagiri with the requisite stock of medicines.

From the Deputy Magistrate of Naidoopett, to the Magistrate of Nellore, dated Naidoopett, 13th May 1871, No. 34.

I have the honour to submit, for your approval, certain sanitary arrangements which I intend introducing at Venkatagiri during the approaching annual festival at that station.

2. The annual festival of Kasivisvanadaswami Pagoda at Venkatagiri commences this year on the 28th instant and lasts up to the 7th proximo. The town and its suburbs contain a population of about 7,000 inhabitants, and during the principal days of the above festival large crowds of people gather in the town. The place is not one of any religious celebrity ; but, being the station of the Rajah, the festival is celebrated on a very grand and magnificent scale, and on certain evenings the Rajah and his children march out in procession through the main streets on well-adorned elephants with all their attendants, elephants, camels, and horses. This part of the festival is, I may say, rendered more attractive than at Calastry.

3. It is more to see this *tamasha* that large crowds of people pour in from distant quarters. The number of visitors begins to increase from the 5th day of the festival, and continues, more or less, the same for five days, and then the visitors begin to disperse.

4. In the list of Fairs and Festivals attached to the Sanitary Commissioner's letter, published with the Government Proceedings, No. 1421, of the 17th November 1868, I do not find this festival entered ; but its omission could not have been intentional. On going over the list for Nellore I find that not a single festival that occurs within the limits of the zemindary is entered in it, whereas several festivals of a minor character that occur in the Government taluqs are entered in it. I, therefore, believe that when the statement for the district was prepared no lists were, by an oversight, called for from the Zemindary Sub-Magistrates.

5. Upwards of 15,000 people gather at Venkatagiri during the principal days of this festival, and it is, therefore, very necessary that sanitary arrangements should be made to preserve the health of the country during that period. Last year, when I received information of the date of the commencement of this festival, there was not sufficient time for me to propose the necessary arrangements and obtain previous sanction. I, however, applied for the Cutcherry Dresser, and Mr. Master, directed him to proceed to Venkatagiri with the necessary medicine and stay there until the festival was over. I was also present on the spot and made some local arrangements to keep the town clean.

6. This year, as cholera has made its appearance in these parts and is still lingering in the neighbourhood of Tripatty and Calastry and some parts of this division, I have been very anxious to introduce some effective sanitary arrangements during the approaching festival, and about a fortnight ago sent for the Sub-Magistrate of Venkatagiri and gave him instructions as to what should be done, and desired him to select sites for latrines and to forward to me a rough estimate of the charges that would have to be incurred. I also procured a Telugu copy of the rules published at Calastry during the late festival and gave it to Appiah for his guidance that he might study them and frame similar rules for Venkatagiri.

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7. I have now received all the information, and have the honour to submit, for your approval, a set of draft Rules to be observed by the people, and a rough estimate of the charges that will have to be incurred, and request that you will be pleased to pass the rules with such modifications and alterations as you may deem necessary, cause them to be translated, and issue early orders to the Press Department to strike off 500 Telugu and 50 English copies, and to forward 10 copies of each to this office and the rest to the Venkatagiri Sub-Magistrate with the least practicable delay.

8. The estimate of charges provides for five latrines (of 60 x 50 yards for females, and for four of 80 x 60 yards for males, as well as for a small conservancy establishment for sweeping the streets and for the removal of filth from the latrines and of all the rubbish and refuse of the town daily) and amounts to Rupees 236. The Sub-Magistrate informs me that the Rajah has placed at his disposal a choultry at the distance of about a mile from the town for the accommodation of the people that may be attacked with cholera, and so no expense will be incurred on that account. The Sub-Magistrate does not seem to have made any provision in the estimate for pits required to bury the filth and rubbish, and there may be some other unforeseen expenses. I, therefore, request that a round sum of Rupees 250 may be placed at the disposal of the Sub-Magistrate. As soon as the festival is over I shall submit to you the details of the actual expenditure that may be incurred, together with a report upon the results of these sanitary measures.

9. The latrines are to be constructed of tatties and bamboos, as the Sub-Magistrate states that he will not be able to raise mud walls before the commencement of the festival. Moreover, the construction of walls will be more expensive. Trenches will be made in these latrines, and the soil removed from them will be stored, and used, as laid down in the rules of the Sanitary Commissioner.

10. As the festival begins on the 28th of this month, as has already been stated, I beg you will either direct your Cutcherry Dresser to be at Venkatagiri by the 30th, or apply for a Hospital Assistant to be sent thither by that date with the necessary medicines. I further request that you will ask the Superintendent of Police to strengthen the local Police at Venkatagiri during the festival days.

11. In conclusion, I beg to state that in anticipation of your sanction I have, to avoid delay, instructed the Sub-Magistrate to begin getting materials for the construction of the latrines and to organize the conservancy establishment.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1871, No. 698.

The estimated charge of Rupees (250) two hundred and fifty is sanctioned. The Deputy Collector's proposals seem to be very suitable, and are approved.

2. The Acting Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, will be requested to depute a qualified Medical Subordinate to Venkatagiri for the occasion with the necessary medicines.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Nellore.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

„ Accountant-General.

Estimate for the amount required to make the necessary sanitary arrangements during the annual Festival of Narakasthagiri which commences on the 28th May 1871.

Item	Rate	Amount
Materials hire for 5 latrines for females each 60 yards long & 50 yards broad	13 12	68 12
Do. for 4 latrines for males each 80 yards long and 60 yards broad	17 8	70
Scavengers hire for cleaning the 5 female latrines for 8 days at 8 annas a day for each latrine	8	20
Do. for 4 male latrines for 8 days at 12 annas a day for each latrine	12	24
Labourers for working with coolies of 30 sweepers for cleaning the streets for 8 days at 2 annas each per day	8	48
60 Baskets for Dr. Brooms with sticks & sweep the streets	2	30
One Head Cooly for 8 days at	6	48
Car hire for 8 days at	1	8
Drumery Charges	7	2
Total		236

Prepared by Magistrate
13 May 1871

(True copy)
(Chief of Commission)
Deputy Collector
R. K. Ramesh
Collector

Govt. of 18713

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The MAGISTRATE OF NELLORE

Dated May, 25th.
Recd.

G. O. 25th May 1871, No. 698.

MAY.
Nos. 102-103.

Sanctioning estimated charge of Rupees 250 on account of certain sanitary arrangements proposed to be made during the approaching festival at Venkatagiri, in the Nellore District, and requesting the Acting Inspector-General to depute a qualified Medical Subordinate to Venkatagiri for the occasion with medicines.

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Magistrate's Office
16th May 1871.

To Mr. J. J. Lane Esquire,
Magistrate of C. P. M. C.
W. Audleston Esquire,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government J. D.
Fort Saint George.

Sir
I have the honor to submit
copy of a letter from my Deputy
on General Duties on the subject of
certain sanitary arrangements proposed
to be undertaken on the occasion of the
annual festival, shortly to be held
at Venkataswari, and to request
sanction for the expenditure of
Rs 250 for the purpose.

2. I am rather apprehensive
that Cholera may break out on
the occasion, and, as the Hospital
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I beg that a competent
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sent down direct from Madras
via Tripathy Station & Venkataswari

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I have the honor to be,

Yours Most Obedient

Wm. H. H. H.

Magistrate

Govt. of (1871) Madras.

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To
The Magistrate of Bellary.

Dated May. 25.

Recd.

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G. O. 25 May, 1871, No 698.

Nos. 102. 103.

Sanctioning Retainable charge of Rs. 250 on account of District Sanitary arrangements proposed to be made during the approaching festival at Venkateswari in the Bellary District and requesting the Dy. Supt. Genl. to depute a qualified med. Subordinate to Venkateswari for the occasion with medicines.