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[Despatch Abstract.]

MUHAMMADAN PILGRIM AGENTS.

Reporting to the Government of India the result of the enquiries into the allegation that----in this country appropriate a large portion of the money subscribed to defray the expenses of indigent pilgrims to the Hedjaz.

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The letters of the Cumbum
Dy Magt of the Hannilam
Taluk Magt was for
sent on. I don't think
became adopt the recom-
mendation in the former
that Govt had set up as an
agent to promote these pil-
grimages - The Hannilam
man is more to the point.
Had we don't be sure to
have British Agents at the
chief places to whom pilgrims
C. apply for aid and advice
with whom they might deposit
their valuables. But at such
particular places they should
be under some order
to Liant express any
opinion as I don't know
any part of the circles -
If there is no further info
in the office I don't see
what we can say

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Note for orders.

In their letter in G.O. 889 of the
12th September last India enquired to
what extent the practice prevailed in
this Presidency ^{the employment} of ~~agents being employed~~
by wealthy Muhammadans to induce ^{for the purpose of inducing} ~~people~~
to proceed to the Hadjaz ^{agents} who appropriate
a large portion of the money subscribed
for the purpose. India further enquired
what measures should be adopted to remedy
the evil.

From the replies of District Magi-
strates and the Commissioner of Police it
appears that the practice exists - as far
as known - only in Cumbum, and that there
have been agents of the kind there since
1883 or 1884 only.

^{Deputy}
The District Magistrate of Cumbum
suggests that Government should receive
the money subscribed by wealthy Muhammad-
dars to send their indigent brethren to
the Hadjaz and should invite applications
for grants to be made for the purpose
from the funds so subscribed.

It is submitted that it would be
better for Government to have nothing to

District Magistrates should take steps to warn all poor Muhammadans of the practices of these agents and encourage them to furnish information that would lead to the ^{y fully} punishment ^{of} ~~obnoxious persons~~ ^{malpractices}.
The Taluk Magistrate of Masilam ^{the} reports his personal experience of the pilgrimage.

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Gen. H. W. Blissard

Tanjore District Magistrate's
office, Camp Tanjore,

No. 1159
May 7/1894.

24th November 1894.

From,

J. Thomson Esq^{re},
 Ag District Magistrate,
 Tanjore.

To. The Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Public Judicial Dep^t, Madras.

Sir,
With reference to G. O. No 669, Public,
dated 12th September 1894, I have the
honour to state that the Sub Divisional
Magistrates were directed to enquire
and report with reference to the
practice, adverted to, in the last
paragraph of the Government of
India letter No 217-7- Sanitary-
dated 29th August 1894 embodied
therein and their reports disclose

that the practice of subscribing large sums to Muhammedan indigent pilgrims bound to the Hedjas does not exist in this District and no such agents as are referred to in the G. O. are employed as a medium between the wealthy Muhammedans and the indigent Pilgrims.

I would add that, during the past years, no passes to Pilgrims proceeding to the Hedjas have been granted in this District; and I am accordingly unable to offer any remarks on the practice referred to in the G. O. But I submit a copy of letter dated 15th October 1894 on the subject from Mir Abbas Ali Sahib Bahadur, Taluk Magistrate, Kanniam, who made the pilgrimage and whose

opinions may be found deserving of consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
Ag District Magistrate

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Public Department

From

The District Magistrate
Tanjore.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Public Department
Madras.

Dated 24th
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Reporting the result of the inquiries
instituted to ascertain the truth of
the allegation that Mahamadan
Pilgrim agents appropriate a
large portion of the money sub-
scribed to the indigent pilgrims
to the Hedjao.

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Correspondence Department.
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FROM

C. M. Mulla Esqr
ag. ^{of Magistrate} Collector of
KURNOOL.

TO

Chief
THE SECRETARY TO Government
Judicial Department

DATED 9th } January 1895.
RECEIVED 14th }
SECRET 16th }
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS Subject.

Stating with reference to G.O. No
669 12.9.94, that there are no pilgrims
or pilgrim agents in Pattikonda
etc, but ^{that there are} some from Kurumb who
are in good circumstances and of
whom no fraud of the kind referred
to is known to exist and that
he has submitted for the consideration
of Govt a copy of the report of the
Magistrate of Cumbum on the
subject.

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ENCLOSURE 1

Dist Magistrate's
Kurnool Collector's Office.

KURNOOL, DATED 9th January 1895.

From

C. M. Mully Esqr
Dist Magistrate
ag. COLLECTOR OF KURNOOL.

To

chief.
THE SECRETARY TO Government,
Judicial Department.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. no:

Sub- 669 I have the honor to state that
12.9.94

There are no pilgrims or pilgrim agents
in Pattikonda, Sirvel, Koilkumbha and
Nandikotkur Taluqs. There are some
pilgrims from Kurnool but they are
in good circumstances and no fraud
of the kind referred to in the letter
from.

from the Government of India
is known to exist in respect of those
pilgrims.

The Deputy Magistrate of Cumbum,
however, reports that from enquiries
made in his Division Dr. Dickson's
allegations are ascertained to be
correct. I submit for the consideration
of Government a copy of his report
on the subject.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servant

James G.
ag. District Magistrate

D. M.

Public Department

Letter 29 Jan 1895 N° 68

To

The Secretary

to the Govt. of India

Home Dept.

with Encl.

Sir,

In reply to your
No. 2177 Secretary
of the 29th August
last, I am directed
to inform you that
the result of enquiries
throughout the Presidency
shows that the practice
of employing pilgrim
agents exists only
in the Cumbum
Division of the Kurnool
District. A copy of the
report on the subject
submitted by the
local Dy. Magistrate
accompanies this letter.
This Government is
not prepared to adopt
his

his suggestion that
the ^{State} Government
should act as Agents
to promote these
pilgrimages.

2. I am further
~~desired~~ to forward
copy of a communication
from the Taluk

Magistrate of
Manniam in the
Tanjore District in
regard to his personal
Experiences of a
trip to the Hedjaz.

It is suggested that
British Agents should
be appointed at the
principal places
visited by pilgrims
to assist them and
take charge of
valuable ^{articles} ~~things~~
in gardens. This

Government is
however, ^{in the absence of any details with regard to the pilgrims} not in
a position to make
definite proposals
on this point. ~~The~~

28/1/95
Government

Government of India
is no doubt in
^{possession} of full
particulars in
regard to the
pilgrimages
from orders

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