

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 243

DATED 12th Feby 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague

Pres. L. & M. Dept. ordering the issue of a notice directing that no person in the Bombay Presy. shall be permitted to visit Kurnavatti from the 16th to 21st Feby 1898, on the occasion of the ensuing annual Car festival of Lord Basappa, Command to the Dy. Adm. Command.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From E. A. ELWIN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 29th January 1898, Ref. on C. No. 75.

Government having, in its order, No. 158 M., dated 19th January 1898, directed that certain precautionary measures should be taken in connection with the ensuing Mylar festival in view to the prevention of a possible occurrence of bubonic plague, I have the honour to report for orders that it is proposed shortly to celebrate another large festival in the same neighbourhood. This is the annual car festival of the deity Goni Basappa at Kuruvatti in the Harpanahalli taluk of this district. It does not appear to be of any particular religious importance, being virtually a great cattle fair. Accounts of the previous two celebrations are to be found in G.Os., No. 820 L., dated 4th May 1896, and No. 2256 L., dated 22nd November 1897.

2. Not less than 20,000 visitors, one-fourth of whom belong to the Bombay Presidency, attend the fair at ordinary times.

3. Kuruvatti is situated on the Tungabhadra river at a distance of only 4 or 5 miles above Mylar, and approached like Mylar from the Davargudda and Ranibennur Stations of the Southern Mahratta Railway.

4. In case the celebration of this festival is not absolutely prohibited, I beg to recommend the adoption of precautionary measures similar to those ordered in the case of the Mylar festival, the period during which tickets should not be issued to the nearest railway stations being fixed from 16th February 1898 to 21st February 1898, both days inclusive. The Head Assistant Collector and a Commissioned Medical Officer should, I think, be present.

ORDER—No. 297 M., dated 1st February 1898.

The Government considers that it will be sufficient to prohibit the sale of railway tickets to the Byadgi, Devargudda, Ranibennur and Chalgeri stations to persons from the Bombay Presidency intending to be present at the festival, as well as the attendance of such persons at the festival.

* Despatched 1st February 1898.

2. The following telegram* will accordingly be despatched to the Government of Bombay:—

"Car festival of Goni Basappa attended by pilgrims from Bombay Presidency occurs shortly at Kuruvatti, Bellary district. Madras Government requests Bombay Government to prohibit by notification, under Epidemic Diseases Act, issue of railway tickets to Byadgi, Devargudda, Ranibennur and Chalgeri stations from 16th to 21st February, both days inclusive, to any pilgrim or person intending to attend festival from Bombay Presidency and also prohibit attendance at festival of persons from Bombay side."

3. The following notification will also be published in the Fort St. George and the Bellary District Gazettes:—

NOTIFICATION.

WHEREAS the Governor in Council is satisfied that there is a danger of an outbreak of dangerous epidemic disease at Kuruvatti in the Bellary district if pilgrims from the Bombay Presidency are permitted to visit Kuruvatti on the occasion of the ensuing annual car festival of Goni Basappa;

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under section 2, sub-section (3) of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, by the Governor-General in Council, His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to direct that no person in the Bombay Presidency shall be permitted to visit Kuruvatti from the 16th to the 21st day of February 1898, both days inclusive.

4. The Collector is requested to arrange for the enforcement of the above notification by providing a patrol along the bank of the Tungabhadra river, in communication with the Inspector-General of Police and the Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue.

5. The Government agrees with the Collector in considering that the Head Assistant Collector and a Commissioned Medical Officer should be present at the festival and the Surgeon-General is requested to arrange to depute a medical officer for the purpose.

6. The Collector is requested to report if, in the light of the experience gained at Mylar, he considers any further arrangements are necessary.

(True Extract.)

a. L. Hanuman
4/2/98
For Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary.
" Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Judicial Department.
" Public Department.
" Surgeon-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
Gazette.

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No. 243. Dated 12/2/98
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following.

Progs. of the Madras
Govt. Ltr to Depto. } N.E. No. 297-M of 1st Feb'y 98

Communicated to
Railway Administration for
information.

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To
The Agent & Secy. Madras Rly
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- " - Manager of the Rly
- " - Comptroller of the Rly

Disputed on 12/2/98