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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd October 1868.

No. 359. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Sanctioning Rupees 88-12-9, being expenditure incurred on account of the late festival at Tirupathy, and noticing with satisfaction the conduct of Mr. Deputy Collector Marjoribanks and Sub-Magistrate Nummiah Chetty on the occasion.	(Here enter 14th October 1868, No. 1,284.)

No. 360. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1868, No. 2,692.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Department, No. 1,284.

Exd. F. B. Bantleman.

Govt. of 1868 20 Octr.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October, 22nd

Read

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G. O. 20th October 1868 No. 2,032.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 359-360.

Deputy Collector Marjoribanks—Order noticing with satisfaction the zealous manner in which he carried out the sanitary arrangements during the festival at Tirupathy, communicated to Revenue Board.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

14th October 1868.

Read the following :—

No. 78. From J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq., Deputy Collector, Zemindary Tracts, North Arcot, to the Acting Magistrate of North Arcot; dated Naggery, 30th September 1868, No. 140.

With reference to your docket, dated 11th instant, No. 189, I have the honor to inform you that I left Naggery on the evening of the 15th instant, and proceeded to Tirupathy, via Raniguntah, and remained at Tirupathy till the morning of the 25th instant.

2. The festival at Upper Tirupathy commenced on the 19th, and lasted till the 28th instant.

3. Before the commencement of the festival, copies of the Sanitary Rules framed last year by Mr. Robinson were exhibited in conspicuous places all over the town of Tirupathy, as well as in the villages noted in the margin. The purport of the rules was also duly proclaimed by beat of tom-tom for the information of the illiterate.

Upper Tirupathy. Kurkumbady. Raniguntah. Mamandur. Trichanoor.

4. Three spots were set apart for cart-stands in Lower Tirupathy—one at Thathiah Gunta, one near the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry, and one at the end of the Weavers' Street.

5. In Upper Tirupathy the elephants of the Pagoda, four in number, were kept near Dhotimantapam, to the south of that place, and the refuse removed every now and then.

6. A horse-stand was also fixed to the north of Upper Tirupathy, where many of the ponies belonging to the pilgrims were picketed.

7. At each of the stands a Police Constable was stationed to see that the place was kept clean, &c.

8. The following is a statement of the expenditure incurred for carts and coolies employed for keeping the streets, &c., clean both in Upper and Lower Tirupathy.

Names of places.	Amount sanctioned by Collector.			Amount actually spent. Coolies, at 4 As. per day for each.			Coolies, at 3 As. per day for each.			Coolies, at lower rates than 3 As. per day for each.			Carts, at 8 As. per day for each.			Total expenditure.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Upper Tirupathy.....	50	0	0	26	12	0	...	...	...	1	0	6	...	...	...	27	12	6
Lower Tirupathy	57	8	0	...	...	...	35	7	0	2	1	3	23	8	0	61	0	3
Total...	107	8	0	26	12	0	35	7	0	3	1	9	23	8	0	88	12	9

9. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting coolies to work in Upper Tirupathy, owing to no pariahs being allowed up there, and to the coolies of other castes obtaining a higher rate of wages than 4 Annas per day from the pilgrims for carrying their bundles, &c. Notwithstanding this difficulty, the place was kept quite clean by the labor that was obtained.

10. In Upper Tirupathy places were set apart at some distance where pilgrims were directed to go for the purposes of nature, and, on the whole, the orders on this head were pretty well obeyed.

11. Two Dressers of the Medical Department arrived at Tirupathy on the 19th instant—one was stationed in Lower and the other in Upper Tirupathy till the 28th instant. On the 29th, they left to rejoin their respective duties. I am glad to say their professional services were not much needed, as there was no sickness of any kind deserving notice. Only three deaths occurred—two from natural causes, and one by accidental drowning.

12. There was no dearth of water either for drinking or bathing purposes in Upper or Lower Tirupathy.

13. About 7,000 people on an average assembled daily at Upper Tirupathy; but, on the 23rd and 26th, being the principal days of the festival, the number increased to about 50,000. The accommodation available for pilgrims in Upper Tirupathy are one choultry, seven muntapums, and about 150 houses and huts; but many of these are ill-ventilated and much out of repair.

14. Three cases of theft, and one of attempt at theft, were brought to notice. All those cases were detected and punished.

15. The Sub-Magistrate and Police Inspector were nearly all the time at Upper Tirupathy, and the Acting Tahsildar of Chendragherry was there for two days on the 23rd and 26th instant.

16. I wished very much to go up the Hills to supervise the sanitary arrangements, but was informed that no European had ever been there, and that I would give cause for offence if I went up, so I had to confine my attention to supervising the sanitary arrangements of Lower Tirupathy, leaving the Sub-Magistrate to attend to those arrangements in Upper Tirupathy, and I cannot conclude this report without bringing to your notice the active, zealous, and successful manner in which the Sub-Magistrate Nummiah Chetty carried out all the sanitary arrangements under my orders.

No. 63.

True copy

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to my letter dated 11th September, No. 58, with request for sanction of Rupees 88-12-9, the sum expended.

(Signed) G. VANS AGNEW,
Ag. Magistrate.

CHITTOOR, 3*rd October* 1868.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1868, No. 1284.

The Government sanction the expenditure, Rupees 88-12-9, incurred on the occasion referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. The Government notice with satisfaction the zealous manner in which Mr. Deputy Collector Marjoribanks and Sub-Magistrate Nummiah Chetty carried out the instructions given by the Magistrate for the observance of sanitary precautions

during the festival at Tirupathy. The measures adopted appear to have been well considered and to have been very successful.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of North Arcot.
" Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
" Accountant General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Revenue Dept.
Govt. of Madras.
No. 3333.

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To

THE MAGISTRATE OF NORTH ARCOT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 14th.

Recd. 20th Inst.

G. O., 14th October 1868, No. 1284.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 78-79.

Sanctioning Rupees 88.12-9, being expenditure incurred on account of the late festival at Tirupathy, and noticing with satisfaction the conduct of Mr. Deputy Collector Majoribanks and Sub-Magistrate Nummiah Chetty on the occasion.

No. 2692. 22d Octr.

With Order

No. 359 & 360

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Comm^d to the Revenue Board.

22 Octr. /68.

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