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[Despatch Abstract.]

According Progs Public Departt coming to all
collectors and to the Public Works Department
for very early action telegram from the Govt
of India, Foreign Department requesting
to make all possible arrangements to stop
pilgrims to Ujjin for the approaching
religious fair known as the Singhar Mela.

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Order R. No 787 of 22nd April '97.

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SUBJECT.

to Mr. Collyer & Mr. P.W.D.
Communicating for very early
action telegram from the Govt
of India, Foreign Dept re-
-questing to make all possible
arrangements to stop pilgrims
to Ujjain for the approaching
the religious fair known as the
Simhasht Mela.

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Public Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following Telegram

From the Government of India Foreign Department
No 1349 S. A. dated 4th 12th April 1897.

Following Telegram received from Agent Governor General
Central India tenth April begins number 3580 a religious fair known
as the Singhasi Mela is held once in twelve years at Ujjain and is
usually attended by three or four hundred thousand chiefly Sadhus
and mendicants from all parts of India. The period for this fair is
from the 17th April to the 16th May 1897 the dates given being those of the
full moon in months Chait and Baisakh arrangements were being made
more than a year ago for the great influx of people expected at Ujjain
but in October 1896 when famine threatened Maharaja Sindhya
issued orders prohibiting the Singhasi Mela at Ujjain and notices
were printed by his highness and forwarded to me for wide circulation
I sent copies in November 1896 to all local Government and administra-
tions and to all Railways in India and reminders were sent in
March 1897 in spite of all precautions about fifteen thousand
Sadhas have arrived from all parts of India and it is impossible
to prevent them from going to Ujjain I have therefore in consultation
with Sursoorah of Malwa and with Scindhias consent arranged that
these Sadhas shall bathe on 17th April in Siporia at Ujjain under
strict rules as to encampment of city sanitary arrangements and
promises of leaving Ujjain on 16th April these terms have been
agreed to by the Maharaja of Malwa who having bound themselves
to enforce obedience of in all their followers it is most important that
no more Sadhas or other mendicants shall be allowed to leave their homes
or to travel towards Ujjain at present no epidemic exists but I cannot too
earnestly urge the danger of situation if further gathering between 17th
April and 16th May is permitted I trusted Government of Poo India
will move all administrations and local Governments to issue stringent

Stringent orders to stop and turn back all intending pilgrims to
 Ujjain and direct Railways to refuse to carry them. The
 Nagpur Malwa Railway are reported to have booked four hundred
 from Rutlam and one from thousand from Barnagar to Ujjain
 and great Indian peninsula railway on 8th April booked three
 hundred from Burhanpur it must be understood that when
 Sindhia prohibited for Bengal held all arrangements for water
 supply food sanitary arrangements etcetra were stopped and it
 is now impossible to meet requirements of more than the limited
 numbers now at Ujjain report follows. Government of India
 wish any thing possible in order to meet Mahaja Sindhia's desire
 to restrict the Mela should be done.

Order, No 429, dated 14th April 1897.

Communicated to all Collectors of Districts and
 to the Public Works Department (Railway Branch) for very early
 action.

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for Chief Secretary

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