

for the Art Gallery.⁷⁹ Paid my respect to H.H. the Senior Rani in the afternoon. Left Trivandrum for Tirunneveli [Tirunelveli] at about 8 in the evening.

Frida-y 27th Ma-y 1898-Vaikas-y 15

Reached Olaganashery at about 10.30 a.m. River stagnant and dirtybathed and took meals at the Chattrum. After a tedious journey reached Nangunery at about 10 at night but learnt that my nephew the Deputy Collector had not arrived owing to indispositions. A [+++] [quarrel occurred] between Rarnaier and the Chattram keeper which was at last amicably settled. Since breakfast took nothing for the whole day except a cup of coffee.

Saturda-y 28th Ma-y j 898- Vaikas-y j 6

Arrived at Tirunelveli in the morning and put up at Jnanamani Chattram-Bathed in the river. In the evening drove to the Railway station. Sent the package containing Mr Brooks' Picture⁸⁰ and then drove to the town of Tirenevelly in a shower of rain. Returned to the Chattram about 5.30.

Sunda-y 29th Ma-y 1898-Vaikas-y 17

Had an early bath in the Tambaraparni [River] and after breakfast took train at 9.30 a.m. as far as Madura, I had only one fellow passenger bur at the latter place two fresh ones came one of whom alighted at [+++] and the other at Dindikal [Dindigul]. Reached Trichi junction at about 7 and from there had two or three travellers till morning. Until I passed Madura it was very hot. I observed great improvements on the line since I had last travelled it two years ago. I paid Rs 23-6- for one 2nd class and 2 third class tickets as far as Madras.

Monda-y :oth Ma-y j 898- Vaikas-y j 8

Reached Madras early this morning and was kindly received by Mr Rajagopalacharia. At 2 p.m. went to Higginbothams, Spencer and Moses's[?] Firm and returned home by way of the beach and China Bazar. Left Madras for [+++] [Bombay] by Mail Train at [+++] p.m. Fellow passengers [+++] a bad pleader, an European gentlemen [*sic*] going to Rajmundri as Deputy Collector and an other pleader going to Renigunta-a sharp shower at night.

T uesda-y :, 1st Ma-y j 898- V aikas-y 1 9

The Hyderabad pleader Ms Govind Naick, a Mahratta by caste, left me at Raichur. In the afternoon, after I left Wadi the heat was intense. At Dhord [Daund] a doctor came and felt my pulse to see if I was plague⁸¹ stricken; at Poona too I had to subject myself to the same examination but it was over in less than a second.

