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Medical College.

Relieving Lieutenant Christophers, Superintendent of the King Institute of Preventive Medicine, from the duties of Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology at the —, and directing as a temporary measure that Dr. P. S. Chandrasekhar, Assistant to the Professor of Hygiene, should undertake immediately the duties of the Professor of Hygiene without prejudice to his own.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 641, Educational, dated 21st October 1904.

Abstract.—Requesting the Sanitary Commissioner to direct Lieutenant Christophers, Superintendent of the King Institute of Preventive Medicine, to undertake the duties of Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology at the Medical College, Madras.

Read—also the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, C.I.E., I.M.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 2nd November 1904.

With reference to G.O., No. 641, Educational, dated 21st October 1904, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Superintendent, King Institute, addressed to the Principal, Medical College, in which he states his inability to do justice in either function, if he be called upon to fulfil duty both as Superintendent of the Institute and Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology in the Medical College. I need not say that, with reference to the facts already placed before Government in my letter No. 3210, dated 26th August 1904, I am also distinctly of the same opinion. Putting aside the fact that investigation of disease and disease prevention, which are now proceeding most satisfactorily under Lieutenant Christopher's hands, and the great benefit which the whole Presidency now possesses of early diagnosis of routine and epidemic diseases, must at once cease, I am distinctly of opinion that to attempt to continue the work of the Vaccine section of the Institute with the present class of Deputy Superintendent in the absence of efficient supervision by Lieutenant Christophers, may result in complete financial break down and the possible issue of vaccine material either inefficacious or dangerous. Of course, any hope of opening the Serum section, which is on the point of completion, would also be out of the question.

2. Much of the existing difficulty has arisen from the necessity of returning to me the services of a Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, which have been mine but nominally since 1898. But, I would *infinitely* rather attempt my work as hitherto without this officer's help, and without his substitute (a personal Assistant) than that an Institute which properly handled should prove of vast benefit to scientific research and is now of actual practical utility to the Presidency, should suffer ruin. I would therefore respectfully suggest for favour of urgent consideration by Government that the old arrangement of the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner being also Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology be reverted to, until Government has time to make correct arrangements for the Superintendentship of the Institute.

Enclosure.

From Lieutenant S. R. CHRISTOPHERS, M.B., I.M.S., Superintendent, the King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology, Medical College, Madras, to the Principal, Medical College, Madras, dated 29th October 1904, No. 3 M. C.

With reference to G.O., No. 641, Educational, dated 21st October 1904, directing me to undertake the duties of Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology at the Medical College in addition to my duties as Superintendent, King Institute of Preventive Medicine, I have the honour to state that such action will of necessity lead to the neglect of one or other of the duties involved.

The facts upon which this statement is based are the following: My duties as Superintendent of the King Institute have so far kept me continually engaged daily from 6-30 A.M. to 5 P.M. or even considerably later. I have duties in connection with the Vaccine section which necessitate not only a certain time daily but entail a good deal of anxiety and responsibility, thus the mere keeping of the stock in proper condition where things are on so large a scale requires my constant attention; calves coming to the Institute over 200 a month have of necessity all to be closely examined by me for signs of disease; the frequent money transaction connected with the purchase and sale of calves, the keeping up of the supply and the making of arrangements for the sale of "done" calves have all to be personally executed by me and cannot under existing conditions be handed over to a subordinate.

2. In the Bacteriological section I have with the assistance of two as yet perfectly untrained hospital assistants to maintain a laboratory ready for work of the widest possible range. I have without assistance to pronounce upon a gradually increasing amount of material sent for expert opinion and to undertake questions of a general investigatory character which are from time to time submitted such as the bacteriological examination of water supplies, the action of disinfectants, etc. Of reports on specimens sent with a request for an opinion as to plague, cholera, typhoid, malaria, tumours and other subjects, forty-four have been sent out since the first current. Very few of these reports can be made on an offhand examination or without the closest and most undivided attention. It is also evident that as Superintendent of a large Laboratory a certain amount of research work is likely to be expected from me.

3. In addition to my bacteriological duties there will shortly be a Serum section the working of which will also turn entirely upon my personal action. The bacteriological testing of cultures and sera and various other work connected with this section will have to be done by me with, I fear, but little skilled assistance.

4. I think therefore that, as at the College I shall have two classes each containing over 50 students requiring instruction not only in bacteriology but in matters of general hygiene both in the form of lectures and of practical work, I am likely to give satisfaction neither to myself nor to the students. I take it that my duties at the College require at least a whole hearted application on my part but this as you will see from the first portion of my letter I can never hope to give without, by the mere fact of so doing, neglecting my duties as Superintendent of this Institute.

5. I request therefore that you will take such steps as are possible to relieve me from such an anomalous position as I now hold.

Order—No. 687, Educational, dated 22nd November 1904.

In G.O., No. 641, Educational, dated 21st October 1904, the Sanitary Commissioner was requested, pending further orders, to direct Lieutenant Christophers to undertake the duties of Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology in the Medical College in addition to his duties as Superintendent of the King Institute of Preventive Medicine, with effect from the date of receipt of that order. Accordingly Lieutenant Christophers has recently been lecturing on Hygiene at the Medical College. The Government however are satisfied that this arrangement can no longer continue without detriment to the work of the Vaccine Institute and they have resolved to relieve Lieutenant Christophers of his duties in the Medical College and to direct as a temporary measure and until other arrangements are introduced that Dr. P. S. Chandrasekhar, the Assistant to the Professor of Hygiene, should undertake immediately the duties of the Professor of Hygiene without prejudice to his own.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Public Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 687, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 22ND NOVEMBER 1904.

[SUBJECT.—*Professorship of Hygiene and Bacteriology at the Medical College.*]

I

Please see notes connected with G.O., No. 383, Educational, dated 21st June 1904. The question of the appointment of a separate officer permanently for the Professorship of Hygiene and Bacteriology in the Medical College is under consideration in Public.

2. The proposal to disconnect the office of Professor from that of the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner emanated from India in the first instance.

3. Submitted in accordance with personal instructions.

H. D. TAYLOR—2-11-04.

Colonel King has been to see me regarding this matter. I confess I had no idea that the lectureship involved so much work. I did not like the arrangement in any case since it involved the Superintendent's making a journey from Guindy to Madras, but as I imagined the lecturing occupied only one or two hours a day, I thought the Superintendent might go on with the Medical College duty until other arrangements could be made.

2. Now Colonel King tells me that the lectureship means practically absence the *whole day*: as in addition to the mere lectures, the lecturer has to do the practical course with the students, make preparations for them, and examine theirs.

3. At the same time the work at the institute is very heavy indeed and necessitates from its very nature the most scrupulous care and trained supervision.

4. Colonel King therefore suggests that meantime his Deputy—the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner—should take the lecturing. He would prefer being thus deprived of the Deputy's services rather than that the institute should want its Superintendent. He points out that for nearly the whole of the past six years he has not had the assistance of his Deputy, owing to deputation, etc.—that in fact he has been able to get no help from him recently beyond compiling and checking vaccination *returns*.

5. I agree that the Superintendent of the Institute must be relieved of the lecturing and the question remains whether the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner should be appointed to it instead of his proper work or whether, as originally proposed by the Director of Public Instruction, Dr. Chandrasekhar should be appointed to it.

A 6. As a *temporary* arrangement, till the whole matter is settled, I think we should appoint Dr. Chandrasekhar to it.

7. Does *Financial Department* see any objection to this, if we give him an extra allowance of, say, Rs. 100 ?

G. S. F[ORBES]—2-11-04.

To the Financial Department.

H. D. TAYLOR—3-11-04.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

It is submitted that the arrangement suggested at **A** above by the Honourable Member appears to be objectionable. It would be virtually *abolishing* an existing appointment carrying with it a pay of more than Rs. 250 and *creating* another distinct appointment also with pay of more than Rs. 250. Under article 76 (i) and

(ii) of the Civil Service Regulations, the Local Government cannot do this. The best thing to do as a temporary arrangement would appear to be to direct the Assistant to the Professor, Dr. Chandrasekhar, to deliver the lectures for the Professor in addition to his own duties, and to sanction a honorarium of such sum as the Director may recommend not exceeding Rs. 500 under article 72 (*a*) and (*b*) of the Civil Service Regulations. It is submitted that the Accountant-General may also be consulted u.o.

F. A. D'Cruz—4-11-04.

The Accountant-General may be consulted?

C. S. Simpson—4-11-04.

I suppose there would be no objection to giving Dr. Chandrasekhar this work with an allowance in addition to his own duties?

M. Hammick—6-11-04.

To the Accountant-General.

B I do not think article 72 (*a*) can be used to make provision for such duties as those of a Professor in the Medical College. Those duties are recurring and the note to article 72 lays down the rule that a recurring honorarium cannot be granted under that article. But apart from this, article 72 cannot be applied for **C** the purpose of providing remuneration for duties for the performance of which a permanent appointment exists. With the sanction of the Secretary of State the duties of Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology in the Madras Medical College as well as others have been allotted to the Provincial Health Officer, and for the combined duties a consolidated rate of pay has been attached to the post. Any alteration of this arrangement whereby the professorial duties are allotted to another officer and a special allowance for their discharge given to him requires the sanction of the **D** Secretary of State. A change in the present arrangement, such as that proposed, in anticipation of the sanction of the Secretary of State should be reported to the Government of India.

W. Dobbie—11-11-04.

The Accountant-General's objection at **B** above does not seem to be much to the point. There is no question of a recurring honorarium. The note to article 72 of the Civil Service Regulations says that this rule applies to single payments only and the temporary arrangement proposed is not likely to involve more than a single payment. The objection at **C**, however, seems to be more to the point; but the Accountant-General, in his concluding remark at **D**, would appear to allow that the proposed arrangement can be made provided it be reported to the Government of India. It is submitted that Educational may be informed that this course may be adopted.

F. A. D'Cruz—12-11-04.

The question of appointing a separate officer permanently to be Professor of Bacteriology and Hygiene in the Medical College is under reference in the Public Department to the Surgeon-General.

2. The conditions under which the Secretary of State sanctioned the creation of the appointment of Superintendent of the Vaccine Institute and Bacteriological Laboratory were that he should also undertake the duties of Lecturer on Hygiene and Bacteriology—please see paragraph 2 of the despatch printed at page 8 of G.O., No. 785 L., dated 15th August 1902.

3. The Government of India, in paragraph 3 of their letter which gave cover to the despatch (page 7 of the same Government Order), stated that "it should be clearly "understood that the pay sanctioned by the Secretary of State represents the total "emoluments which that officer will receive".

4. The proposal to allot the professorial duties to another officer and to pay him an allowance of Rs. 100 a month therefor virtually amounts to increasing the cost of the arrangements sanctioned by the Secretary of State. The Accountant-General's contention is therefore correct. If Dr. Chandrasekhar's appointment as lecturer is sanctioned as a purely temporary arrangement, it is submitted that the circumstances should be fully explained to the Government of India.

C. S. Simpson—12-11-04.

The Accountant-General is apparently right and the matter must be reported.

M. Hammick—13-11-04.

To the Educational Department.

Educational Department.

Honourable Member.

H. D. Taylor—13-11-04.

No *recurring* honorarium is proposed. The honorarium is meant only for the present session until the Secretary of State can be addressed and *other* proposals made for the lectureship.

In any case I hope orders have gone out that Dr. Chandrasekhar is to take the course. The question of the allowance can be settled later. There is no *obligation* to give him a honorarium at all; and indeed he has taken the lectures already on former occasions. Only I think it is fair he should get some little allowance.

G. S. F[orbes]—14-11-04.

Please note what is being done at present.

H. D. Taylor—15-11-04.

Orders have not yet gone out directing that Dr. Chandrasekhar should take the course in Hygiene. Lieutenant Christophers is at present lecturing on Hygiene with reference to G.O., No. 641, Educational, dated 21st October 1904. Please see the teleponic reply from the Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction.

V. Krishnaswami—15-11-04.

Telephonic message from the Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction to the Second Assistant, Educational Department, dated 15th November 1904.

"Lieutenant Christophers is at present lecturing on Hygiene. Bacteriology "begins in January next."

A draft may now be put up very urgent directing Dr. Chandrasekhar to relieve Lieutenant Christophers of the course of lectures in Hygiene. Please see also Dr. King's demi-official received to-day, *i.e.*, Lieutenant Christophers' health.

2. Please draft reference to India.

H. D. Taylor—15-11-04.

II

From the Sanitary Commissioner, dated 2nd November 1904.

This may be circulated urgently to Honourable Member in continuation of the papers already sent to him, if they have already been despatched. The proposal made by the Sanitary Commissioner in the last paragraph may be accepted.

H. D. Taylor—2-11-04.

On the other file returned yesterday I proposed the lecturing being as a temporary arrangement undertaken by the *Assistant* to the Professor. I presume he is quite fitted for the work since the Director of Public Instruction originally proposed him as an alternative. Please telephone to the Director of Public Instruction and ask him more distinctly.

G. S. F[ORBES]—4-11-04.

The following telephonic message will be despatched to the Director of Public Instruction :—

"Please state if Dr. Chandrasekhar, the Assistant to the Professor of Hygiene, is fully fitted to undertake the duties of Lecturer in Hygiene at the Medical College ?"

H. D. TAYLOR—4-11-04.

Telephonic message from the Director of Public Instruction, dated 4th November 1904.

I think Dr. Chandrasekhar is fully fitted to undertake the duties of Lecturer in Hygiene at the Medical College, but I will consult the Principal to-morrow.

Further communication awaited.

H. D. TAYLOR—5-11-04.

Demi-official from the Hon'ble Dr. A. G. BOURNE, Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 5th November 1904, *No.* 98.

With reference to your telephonic message about Dr. Chandrasekhar, I enclose Maitland's letter. I suppose that what is really desirable is that there should be two men—Dr. Chandrasekhar and another either above or below him. Maitland naturally wants a European.

ENCLOSURE.

Demi-official from Lieut.-Col. J. MAITLAND, Principal, Medical College, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 4th November 1904.

Your letter has taken me rather by surprise. Chandrasekhar *has been* lecturing on Hygiene for the past four months. Although I should have preferred to have Lieutenant Christophers back, yet Chandrasekhar can carry on till Christmas. From the 1st January it is absolutely necessary to have two men, viz., the Professor as well as Chandrasekhar. I suppose you know that I have proposed that Elwes, who is to be made Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, should be appointed Professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology and he is now working at the laboratory in view of this.

The connected papers have gone to the Financial Department. Orders are requested whether the Financial Department may be asked to return the file soon.

V. KRISHNASWAMI—9-11-04.

Await return from Financial.

H. D. TAYLOR—9-11-04.

This should be put up with the connected file on which Honourable Member directed that orders should at once issue to Dr. Chandrasekhar to resume the course.

H. D. TAYLOR—15-11-04.

The drafts placed below are submitted for approval. They may issue after approval with the concurrence of the Public Department.

V. KRISHNASWAMI—16-11-04.

A. GALLETTI—17-11-04.

The following telephonic message may go out to Sanitary Commissioner and Principal, Medical College :—

"Pending final orders Dr. Chandrasekhar will continue course of lectures on Hygiene at Medical College relieving Lieutenant Christophers. Please instruct Dr. Chandrasekhar and Lieutenant Christophers accordingly. Formal orders issue later."

Despatched at 11-30 A.M. on the 18th. The Sanitary Commissioner's office and the Medical College were found closed when this file was received down yesterday evening.

V. KRISHNASWAMI—18-11-04.

Draft has been approved by Chief Secretary.

H. D. TAYLOR.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-11-04.

The draft may now be typed for circulation. The draft to the Government of India requires complete revision. It has been very carelessly drawn up and checked and does not in any way refer to the grant of an allowance to Dr. Chandrasekhar which is one of the main objects of the letter to India.

H. D. TAYLOR—17-11-04.

The draft order has been typed and is herewith submitted. It is respectfully submitted that the draft letter to India purposely contained no reference to the grant of an allowance to Dr. Chandrasekhar as the Honourable Member has ordered that the question of allowance can be settled later and that there is no *obligation* to give Dr. Chandrasekhar a honorarium at all. Until this point is settled, no reference to India is necessary, but a draft reference was prepared with reference to the Secretary's instructions.

V. KRISHNASWAMI—18-11-04.

Did not the Honourable Member mean that report to the Government of India on present temporary arrangements might be deferred and incorporated with the letter in which a permanent change in the arrangements will be recommended and that Dr. Chandrasekhar may wait for his allowance. Submitted that there is no *immediate* necessity to report to India; and the questions in issue had better be settled before the Government of India are addressed; in any case they would wait for the second letter before writing their despatch to the Secretary of State.

That letter will, I think, issue in Public and it would be barely possible to bring up in it the question of a temporary allowance.

H. D. TAYLOR.

Very well, the draft may lie over.

H. D. TAYLOR.

A. GALLETTI—18-11-04.

For approval of the draft order to the Sanitary Commissioner. Instructions have already issued by telephone that Dr. Chandrasekhar should relieve Lieutenant Christophers at the Medical College. The present order will confirm that arrangement.

2. The question of an allowance to Dr. Chandrasekhar has now to be considered, and it would be as well to embody any proposals on the subject in the letter to the Government of India reporting the present deviation from the sanctioned arrangements.

3. A draft on the whole question will then be submitted. The general question of the employment of a special officer is being dealt with in Public.

H. D. TAYLOR—18-11-04.

Issue the order please and refer to the Accountant-General again, explaining that the allowance is not recurring but merely temporary. Then a draft on the whole question of other arrangements will be sent to India.

G. S. F[ORBES]—19-11-04.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—21-11-04.

[G.O., No. 687, Educational, dated 22nd November 1904.]

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To

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Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) S.R. Christophers,

Lieut. I.M.S.,

Superintendent, King Institute of Preventive Medicine and professor of Hygiene and Bacteriology, Madras.

(True copy)

Lieut-Col., I.M.S.,

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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