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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
19th March 1873.

No. 114. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th March 1873, No. 349 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot and President of the Local Fund Board, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chendragherry, 11th February 1873, No. 96 :—

I HAVE the honour, in acknowledging receipt of the Proceedings of Government No. 80, dated 24th ultimo, Public Department, to inform you that the improvement of the operations of the Vaccine Department in this district has been for some time the subject of the anxious consideration of the Local Fund Board of the Chittoor Circle.

2. The Zillah Surgeon, Dr. Ogg, some months ago drew the attention of the Board to the fact that the returns submitted monthly by the Vaccinators were palpably incorrect, the alleged "successful cases" of vaccination being out of all proportion to the "unsuccessful;" and under my orders the various Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars were called on to examine and test the accuracy of the returns thereafter sent in. The Punganur Sub-Magistrate then reported that he had discovered that the Vaccinator in his division had been preparing and sending in systematically false returns; the names of children were sometimes entered over and over again in successive monthly returns. Fictitious names were inserted, and also those of children who had never been vaccinated at all. Orders were issued for the criminal prosecution of this Vaccinator. When at Palmanair in the course of last month I examined myself the returns of the Vaccinator in that taluq, and found them equally untrustworthy. The prosecution of this Vaccinator was also ordered, whereupon he at once fled from the district.

3. The Board have now devised a plan which will, they anticipate, act as a powerful check on the Vaccinators, and also afford the taluq officers an excellent means of supervising their operations.

At the close of each month the several Vaccinators are to arrange with the Tahsildars the villages (not less than thirty) which they shall visit in the course of the coming month; the villages being selected with reference to their proximity to each other. Copy of this tour list will be kept by the Tahsildar, and the Vaccinator will keep a diary in which he shall daily enter the names of the villages visited by him and the extent of his operations; and this will be sent in every month, through the Tahsildars, for the inspection of the Local Fund Board. With these two documents in his hands it will be easy for each Tahsildar in the course of his own tours in the taluq to criticise and test the operations of the Vaccinator.

That the recent examination of the Vaccinator's returns by the Local Fund Board has not been fruitless is proved by the fact that the returns now coming in show a marked and satisfactory difference to those formerly received.

4. The Chittoor Local Fund Board have just directed, in anticipation of the Board of Revenue, the immediate employment of five additional Vaccinators in their Circle, and this augmentation of the number of Vaccinators will be sufficient for the requirements of this portion of the district.

5. I have much satisfaction in informing the Board that I recently learned that a Vaccinator who was dismissed from the department for some misconduct has commenced to practise as a Vaccinator on his own account in one of the Zemindaris of this district, and said to be making from Rupees 8 to Rupees 10 a month by fees from the parents of the children he vaccinates. I am sure the Board will regard this as a most interesting and hopeful fact. It shows that the people are at last becoming so favourably convinced of the benefits derivable from the vaccine operations, that they are actually prepared to pay out of their own pocket for its performance on their children. I have instructed the District Superintendent of Vaccination to cause every encouragement to be shown to the individual in question, to supply him regularly with lymph, and to receive monthly returns from him, exactly as from the Vaccinators employed by the Local Fund Board. A petition has also lately been voluntarily addressed to the Local Fund Board by a number of village-officers in the Venkatagherrikota Division, complaining that no Vaccinator has visited their villages for several years, and that there are now a large number of children whom they desire to have vaccinated. The Local Fund Board have just arranged for the appointment of a Vaccinator to that division.

6. The facts set forth in this letter will, I trust, convince the Board of Revenue that the Chittoor Local Fund Board have been using their best exertions in the manner desired by Government.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 24th January 1873, No. 80.

2. The Board are glad to find the Local Fund Board, Chittoor, taking so much interest in the matter, and to receive this report indicating a desire on the part of the people for vaccination. The arrangements proposed for securing a better check on the Vaccinator's work seem judicious. The instances mentioned prove that such is greatly needed.

3. The cost of the proposed addition to the vaccine staff should be reported for sanction.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1873, No. 366.

Communicated to the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, and to the Sanitary Commissioner. The report is very satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
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Dated March, 19th.

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Considering the report of the measures adopted by the Local Fund Board of the Chittoor Circle for improving the operations of the Vaccine Department in the North Arcot District to be very satisfactory.

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To the Board of Revenue.

Dated March 19.

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Considering the report of the measures adopted by the L. F. Bd. of the Chittoor Circle for improving the operations of the vaccine Dept. in the North Arcot Dist. to be very satisfactory.

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1 Board of Revenue
2 Sanitary Commr.
3 Chittoor Collr.