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Local Funds—Vaccination.

No. 77. Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major H. KING, M.B., A.M., Acting Sanitary Commissioner, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 27th April 1875, No. 550 :—

With reference to G.O., No. 835, of the 13th instant, Financial Department, directing me to submit proposals regarding (1) the training of volunteer vaccinators for employment under Local Fund Boards and Municipalities, (2) the returns to be sent to the Inspector of Vaccination, and (3) the extent of this officer's responsibility under the new system, I have the honor to make the following suggestions.

2. Candidates for employment as second-class vaccinators, nominated by the Local Fund Board or Municipality, should pass a period of probation of not less than three months under the immediate observation and instruction of the Superintendent of Vaccination. Being recommended by him as fit for employment, the probationer should be examined by the Inspector, either at the head-office in Madras, or in his own district during the Inspector's tour, and, if qualified, receive a certificate to that effect, without which no second-class vaccinator should be appointed. The knowledge demanded for this grade need not include anything beyond reading and writing the vernacular of the district in which the candidate is to be employed, and thorough acquaintance with the principles and practice of vaccination. Attendance at a dispensary, or teaching by a local medical officer, would only be necessary in those districts where no Superintendent of Vaccination was employed, and where, therefore, the required instruction would have to be obtained from the Civil Surgeon or other competent person. I may add that, though I consider the low qualification above described to be sufficient for a mere vaccinator, and though I think that the grades of first-class vaccinator and Superintendent should almost invariably be filled by promotion from below, I should exact a much higher amount of professional and other knowledge from candidates for these grades. This question, however, does not fall within the terms of the present reference.

3. The Inspector of Vaccination should continue to receive all information upon the progress of vaccination throughout the Presidency which has hitherto been found necessary to efficient supervision on his part. Such returns, therefore, as are now supplied to him through the Superintendents should still be forwarded in duplicate should the Local Fund Boards or Municipalities desire to receive copies of any or all. Reports also should be sent as heretofore, but I think it unnecessary that copies of these should be furnished to the Boards. It is possible that it may be found desirable hereafter to reduce the number and frequency of returns and reports. For the present, however, I think there should be as little disturbance as possible of the organization of the department.

4. The responsibility of the Inspector of Vaccination for the efficient condition of the department under his direction need not, and ought not to, be in any way impaired by the partial or complete transfer of direct control over the vaccinators from himself to the bodies which appoint and pay them. He loses, it is

true, the power of fine, removal, and dismissal of the subordinates by his own immediate action, but being, as he will continue to be, by his own inspections (which should include the entire Presidency every two years at least) and by the Superintendents' reports, accurately acquainted with the needs of each district and the efforts made by the department to satisfy them, it cannot be doubted that immediate attention will be paid by the local bodies to all his recommendations. Should it prove otherwise in exceptional cases, he will relieve himself of responsibility by reporting the circumstances fully to the Sanitary Commissioner, who will bring them to the notice of Government if it appears desirable.

5. I have felt myself bound to restrict my suggestions to the three points with reference to which I was directed to submit proposals. I hope, however, that I may be pardoned if I point out that the subordination of the Vaccination Department to the Sanitary Commissioner and the partial reorganization of the former, which its localization necessitates, afford a favorable opportunity for extending the organization of the Public Health Department. If candidates for promotion to the grade of first-class vaccinators were required to undergo a few months' training under a medical officer and to pass an examination in the elements of Hygiene, while a fuller knowledge of sanitary science were demanded for appointment or promotion to the post of Superintendent, much valuable information upon the sanitary condition of towns not possessing municipalities, of villages, and of rural districts would be obtained, which at present the Sanitary Commissioner is unable to command. The efficiency of the Vaccine Department in its own special province would be in no degree impaired by the instruction of its members in general Hygiene and the utilization of their knowledge in the manner I have ventured to suggest.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1875, No. 1019.

The Government concur in the opinion expressed by the Acting Sanitary Commissioner that for the present there should be as little disturbance as possible of the organization of the Vaccination Department, and the proposals submitted by him are accordingly sanctioned for the present, it being understood, however, that after a candidate for employment has been for three months under the immediate supervision of the Superintendent of Vaccination or of a local medical officer and has given satisfaction, he may be employed on probation in any part of the district in which his services may be required pending the arrival of the Inspector of Vaccination, who is to examine him and pronounce on his fitness for permanent employ.

2. After a few months' experience has been gained of the practical working of the department under the lately-sanctioned conditions, the Acting Sanitary Commissioner will address Government again on the subjects embraced in the present proposals, and will also submit in detail his recommendations in the direction alluded to in the concluding paragraph of his letter, *viz.*, the utilization of the services of the higher grade of vaccinators as local health officers. In the mean time he should place himself in full communication with all Presidents of

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(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Sanitary Commissioner.
,, all Presidents of Local Fund Boards and Municipalities.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

The ACTING SANITARY COMMISSIONER &c. &c. &c.

Dated May, 12th.

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Local Fund Vaccination.—The proposals of the Sanitary Commissioner for the training of volunteer vaccinators for employment under Local Fund Boards and Municipalities sanctioned temporarily and with certain restrictions.

No 550. Office of Sanitary Commissioner Madras 24th April 1875.

From

The Ag: Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

To.

The Chief Secy: to Government Fort St. George.

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The efficiency of the Vaccine Department in its own special province would be in no degree impaired by the instruction of its members in general hygiene and the utilization of their knowledge in the manner I have ventured to suggest.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Henry Sewell
Ag: Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon. Ordered and Resolved - 12 May 1875 - No. 1019.

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To
The Secy. Sanitary Comm.r, for Madras.

S. O. No 1094.

Ordered by Govt. that the Chief Secy. to Govt. Public Dept. be requested to submit proposals for the training of Vaccinators.

Dated 27 April 1875.
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direction alluded to in the concluding para of this letter, viz: the utilization of the services of the higher grade of Vaccinators as local Health Officers. In the meantime he should place himself in full communication with all Presidents of Local Boards and Municipalities, who will doubtless lend their ready Co-operation in the development of what appears to Govt to be a most valuable suggestion.

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