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No 132

From The Governor of P.W. Island Singapore and Malacca.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India. Fort William

Home Depart. Judicial

Dated Singapore 21st October 1856.

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(Sigd) C. A. Blundell.
Governor.

№ 38 of 1856.

From

The Civil Assistant Surgeon.

To

The Honble The Resident Councillor.
P. W. Island.

Dated P. W. Island 1st October 1856.

Sir,

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You

You are aware, we have at all times considerable difficulty in keeping a stock of genuine Lymph. I would therefore suggest that every prisoner, before leaving his native Country, should be examined, and those who have not been vaccinated - or who have not undergone small Pox - should be vaccinated before embarkation. This is the only way we can ever expect to limit this fearful scourge and it would be as well also, if the thousands of Coolies who immigrate to these parts, underwent the same examination - I hear the loss annually amongst this Class, is very great from small Pox. -

I have &c
S. J. Rose -
Civil Asst. Surgeon
P. W. Island

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1st October 1856.

True Copy
(Sigd) W. T. Lewis
Resident Councillor.

True Copy
(Sigd) Robt. Church
Secretary to the Governor.

True Copies
(Sigd) R R Kapsee
Hd Under Secy to the Govt of India.

Ds R.G.

No 1594

From

R. B. Chapman Esq^r
off^g Under Sec^y to the Gov^t of India

To

J. D. Bowdillon Esq^r
Sec^y to the Gov^t of Fort S^t George.
Dated the 12^th December 1856.

Home Depart^t Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t Serv^t

Fort William
the 12^th December
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R W Chapman
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Enclosure Absent go Letter.

No. 54.

Extract from the Minutes Consultation under date the 12th January 1857.

Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated 12th December 1856, No. 1594.

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Home Department, Judicial.

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(True Copy)
(Signed) W. T. LEWIS,
Resident Councillor.

(True Copy)
(Signed) ROBT. CHURCH,
Secretary to the Governor.

(True Copies)
Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
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(A true Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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Judicial Department

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