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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 26th May 1857.

No. 44. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 7th May 1857, No. 638.

Home Department.

SIR,

I am directed to draw attention to my letter, No. 1594, dated the 12th December, calling for the sentiments of the Government of Fort St. George, on the proposal of the Governor of the Straits Settlements for vaccinating all Convicts under sentence of transportation, before leaving India.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 45. From E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated the 26th May 1857, No. 623.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Officiating Under Secretary Chapman's letter of the 7th Instant, calling attention to his previous communication of 12th December last, in which this Government were asked to express their sentiments on the proposal of the Governor of the Straits Settlements respecting the vaccination of Convicts under sentence of transportation before leaving India.

2. On the receipt of this letter, the Inspector of Prisons was requested to report the precautions that had been taken for carrying out the instructions contained in the Circular Orders of the Foujdaree Udalut of 12th and 25th September 1834, viz., that all Prisoners under sentence and those detained on requisition of security should be vaccinated without reference to their wishes. The Government at the same time directed that all Convicts sentenced to transportation should be vaccinated on their arrival at the Depôt at Chingleput whether they had been previously vaccinated or not.

3. The Inspector has as yet, but partially replied to the reference made to him; and from his letter of 12th March last, herewith submitted, it will be observed that in respect of the Jails reported on by him, the orders quoted above have been on the whole attended to though in some of them more strictly than in others. In only one however does it appear that vaccination is employed without reference to marks of cicatrix or small pox. His Lordship in Council directed that the practice at this Jail should henceforward be made the invariable rule in all the other Jails, and approved the instructions issued by the Inspector that whenever the operation is unsuccessful and the failure is not attributable to immunity from previous vaccination or from the individual having had the small pox, it should be repeated at the most proper season. When Mr. Rohde's report on the remaining Jails is received, it will be duly submitted.

4. In a subsequent communication dated 18th April 1857, also enclosed, the Inspector has intimated, that the Convicts who took the small-pox at Penang in September last, were men from Tellicherry who had been vaccinated in their childhood and bore marks of the cicatrix.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department

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To
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