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17th April 1862.

Read the following papers :—

No. 148. From A. W. PHILLIPS, Esq., Civil and Session Judge, Chingleput ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 19th March 1862, No. 116.

1. I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Zillah Surgeon, and to request you will kindly let me know if it is the intention of the Government that the Jail and the Station should be left without a Medical Officer, three or four times in the course of the year for a week or 10 days on each occasion.

2. I cannot but think with reference to the Order of Government regarding the Zillah Surgeon of Salem not absenting himself for more than 24 hours except under particularly urgent circumstances that it was not intended, or if it was, the fact of the station being left without any Medical Officer as this one would be, must have been overlooked ; for, at Salem I would beg to observe there was a resident Native *Surgeon* while there is none here.

3. The presence of a Native Dresser to whom Doctor Shortt alludes, I submit is equivalent to nothing where Europeans are concerned, and as at least a day and night would elapse before another Medical Officer could be summoned in the event of a sudden illness or accident, the objection to the Zillah Surgeon being so long absent seems to me very great.

4. Doctor Shortt would no doubt as he states return to the station with all possible haste, if any thing particular occurred ; all however, who know what village roads are and the means of communication, even if it were known exactly where to send for the Zillah Surgeon, must see that for him to be summoned from 40 or 50 miles off and to arrive in time to be of any use in an emergent case would be most improbable. Under these circumstances, I would earnestly request that some other means should be adopted for carrying out the views of Government with regard to Vaccination without depriving a station of its only Medical Officer.

From JOHN SHORTT, Esq., M.D., Zillah Surgeon ; to the Civil and Sessions Judge, Chingleput, dated 14th March 1862, No. 25.

With reference to your letter of this date, I have the honor to state that invariably when I proceed on a tour of Vaccination I am generally away for a week.

Previous to leaving the station, I am obliged to report my intention to the Collector of the District, as well as the date of my departure from, and return to the Sudder station, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals.

As the greatest obstruction exists to the progress of Vaccination in the Ponnaree Táluq, and the Taluq is some 40 miles from this, it is probable that I shall be away for some 10 or 12 days.

Hitherto I have been enabled to make these excursions 3 or 4 times in the year with the permission of the authorities, the Senior Medical Subordinate carrying out the usual routine of work, but should anything particular occur I return to the station forthwith.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. W. PHILLIPS,
Civil and Session Judge.

Referred to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21th March 1862.

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No. 149. From R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Depatment, Fort Saint George; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, Fort Saint George, dated 5th April 1862, No. 71.

Adverting to the letter as per margin referred for my observations, I have the honor to remark, that the Zillah Surgeon is responsible for the genuineness of the Vaccine lymph employed in his district, and that he is expected to visit (as per Extract Minutes of Consultation Public Department, No. 1,158, dated 6th December 1853) from time to time the Talook Vaccinators, and see that their duties are efficiently performed.

No. 116, dated 19th March 1862, from Civil and Session Judge, Chingleput, and Enclosure herewith returned.

Vide Rules for the Department of Vaccination, dated Fort Saint George, 17th May 1854, paragraph 8.

2. These duties of inspection are not peculiar to the Chingleput district, but are performed by all other Zillah Surgeons as occasion requires.

3. Dr. Shortt has long been favorably known for his zealous exertions in extending the benefits of Vaccination, and I have no reason to suppose that he would absent himself for a longer period than is absolutely necessary in inspecting his Vaccinators, and I should deprecate any prohibitory interference with this very essential part of his duty.

4. The objection in paragraph 3rd of Mr. Phillips' letter to a Native Dresser having to attend upon Europeans in cases of emergency, would, if valid, render necessary the employment of a European Medical Officer with every Collector and Sub-Collector proceeding on duty, away from their usual stations into their districts.

No. 116, dated 19th March 1862.

5. The Government cannot afford the well paid services of a Medical Officer for each branch of the Civil Department, and a Zillah Surgeon's duties must therefore embrace the entire Medical supervision of all branches. The inconvenience of a Medical Offider being occasionally engaged away from his head quarter station must, I submit, be put up with. As regards Chingleput, the Military Station of Palaveram is within a few hours reach, where there are two Military Officers, either of whom would be glad to hasten to the assistance of any one requiring Medical aid emergently. For all ordinary duties, the experienced Native Subordinates are available.

No. 150. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1862, No. 624.

A copy of Mr. Cole's letter will be forwarded to the Civil and Sessions Judge of Chingleput.

2. Under the explanation submitted by the Principal Inspector General, no orders on Mr. Phillips' letter is called for from Government..

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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From the Civil & Sessions Judge of Chingleput—Inter 19th Mar. 62 No. 116.

" the Principal Inspector Genl., Medl. Dept.——— 5th April 62 No. 71.

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