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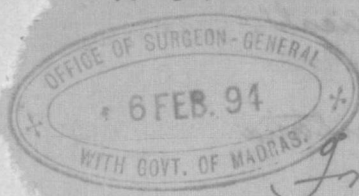
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Civil Surgeon's Office

Botanacommund 22nd December 1893

From,

Surgeon Major G. L. Walker M.D.

Civil Surgeon Botanacommund

To,

The President

District Board Vilgrins

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement dated 4th December 93, on G.O. dated 16th November 93 No 2555, 255 A.L. I have the honour to state that the peculiar conditions of the Vilgrins District place it, with regard to village sanitary inspection, on a completely different footing from Districts on the plains; and preclude any systematic attempt at village inspection by the Civil Surgeon, Botanacommund.

These conditions are as follows:- viz:-

There is no District Surgeon for the District of Vilgrins provided with an Assistant Surgeon to take charge of his duties at Hea

during his absence on Sanitary inspection tours, as is
the case with all other Districts. The Civil Medical
officers on the Nilgiris are attached to the Sanitariums
of Ootacamund and Coonoor; the one is styled Civil
Surgeon of Ootacamund, and holds the additional
Medical charge of Army Head Quarters, Staff,
and establishment; the other is styled, Civil
Surgeon, Coonoor, and holds the additional
Medical charge of the District Military Staff.
Neither of these Medical officers is District Surgeon
of the Nilgiris and neither has an assistant
Surgeon; therefore it is impossible for either
to do inspection work away from Head Quarters,
except for ~~very~~ ^{very} brief periods and at chance
intervals, when there may happen to be nobody
sick at Head Quarters, which is very rarely
the case at a Sanitarium; indeed I consider
that either of these Medical officers runs a
considerable risk in being away from his
Head Quarters at all, not having an
assistant Surgeon there for immediate
attendance on any emergent case of sickness
that might at any time occur.



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Unfortunately systematic Sanitary village inspection
is not needed on the Hills, as it is on the plains.
The villages of the Nilgiris are comparatively few,
small, and scattered; and nature has amply
provided for their sanitation by their situation
on the sides of steep slopes, whereby everything
objectionable flows away from ~~them~~ ^{them}; but even
if Sanitary measures were recommended or
needed, the District Board of the Nilgiris is
not, and never can be, in a financial position
to carry out such measures in any but some
half dozen of the largest and most important
towns on these Hills.

Explanations similar to the above have been
made from year to year with regard to this
District. I would suggest that Government
be asked, either to exclude the Nilgiris from
Districts the villages of which have to be
systematically inspected by the District
Medical officers, or to appoint an assistant
Surgeon for the Nilgiris to take charge during
the Civil Surgeon's absence on such

I doubt however, that the military authorities would give sanction to the absence of the Civil Surgeon from his important military medical charge, i.e. that of H.C. the Commander-in-Chief and the Army Head Quarters staff.

I have &c

(signed) G.D. Walker Esq.

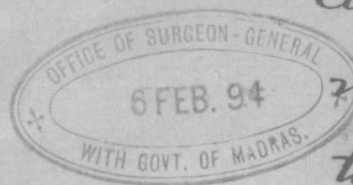
Surgeon Major

Asst. Surgeon

No 159

(True copy)

Submitted to Government, in the local & Municipal Department through the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, with the remarks, that while it is true that the Board is not in a financial ~~position~~ situation to carry out all sanitary measures recommended by the Civil Surgeon, yet there are towns and villages in the South. East. Wyndham, which have with great advantage been inspected by the Civil Surgeon Ooracannund and should be so inspected when his duties permit and that there is now a considerable population on the coast and around the village, near the town of



metropolitan, in which cholera annually makes its appearance and that therefore the President cannot recommend that the Nilgiris should be excluded from District, the villages of which have to be systematically inspected by the District Medical Officer.

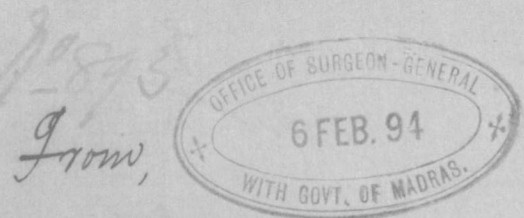
2. Probably some arrangement can be made for supplying the places of the civil Surgeons during an annual tour, which should be made in the cold weather, i.e. in the month of December or beginning of January, when experience shows that cholera generally makes its appearance.

Nilgiri District Office
Ooracannund.
2nd February 94

[Signature]

for President, District
Nilgiris

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From,

The President
District Board
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal
Departments
Madras

Through the Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras

Dated 2
Despatched 2 February 1894

No 159

Enclosure nil

Subject 706 L/94

Forwarding, with remarks, letter
from the Civil Surgeon Coimbatore
requesting that Nilgiris may be
excluded, for reasons stated by
him from the Districts in which
no sanitary inspection
is insisted on.

No. 204

Encl.

From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL W. F. DEFABECK, M.P.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE Hon'ble the Chief Secy. to Government
Local and Municipal Department,

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit
Endorsement no. 159 dated the 2nd
February 1894 from the President
District Board Nilgiris forward-
ing for the orders of Government
a representation from the Civil
Surgeon of Coimbatore and regard-
ing Sanitary Inspections of
villages in the Nilgiris.

2. I cannot approve of the
suggestion that the Medical Officer
should be relieved of all inspection
work. As the President points out
there are some towns and villages
which can with advantage be
inspected by him.

3. To meet the difficulties
pointed out by Surgeon Major W.

it will suffice if he is only required to carry out his inspections once a year during the cold weather when the number of visitors to Ootacamund is very small and when his services can therefore be more conveniently spared. I would therefore recommend that the Civil Surgeon Ootacamund be exempted from the operation of G.O. no. (2004-2005) dated 22nd August 91 ^{27862 7 6-11-91} which requires District Surgeons to inspect a certain number of villages during each half year.

4. Considering the small number of villages in the Nilgiri District, the absence of the Medical Officer from Head-Quarters cannot be of a prolonged nature, and as there is a Civil Apothecary at the Station the appointment of an Asst. Surgeon is out of the question.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

W. H. Subramanian

D. M. Gent

Surgeon General

Govt. of Madras

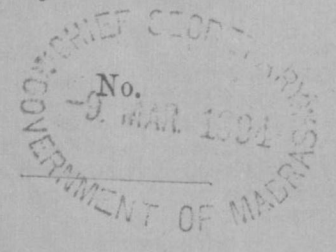
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From
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SURG. MAJOR-GEN. W. F. DEFABECK, M. D.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
To Madras,

No. 204

ENCLOSURES.

Dated 8th March 1894.
Recd.



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Mue:

Order 21/3/94

The Government concurs in the remarks of the Surgeon General and approves his recommendation in para. 3, in which G.O. 6-11-91 no 2785 L should have been quoted as the authority requiring District Surgeons to inspect a certain number of villages during each half year, instead of G.O. 22-8-91 no 2004 L.

P.R. 15/3/94

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Transmitting Encl. from the President Dist. Board Nilgiris forwarding for orders of Government a representation from the Civil Surgeon Coimbatore and regarding San'y. Inspections of villages and submitting remarks thereon.

To the Pres. Dist. Bd. Nilgiris.
Surgeon General.

CNE 7012
NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.
(Not for Record.)

Submitted to the U.S. for perusal and action.

P.R. 25/3/94

Will you please show this to C.S. when he returns. I told him it would not come before he had seen it.

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From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

I have no objection to the
C.S. redrafting the f.O. provided
that he doesn't let all
inspection go by the run - Let
me see the drafts though.

R/S

18/4/97

When I was at Ottumwa at Eastern
M. Walker spoke to me on this subject
and a case occurred showing how
my risks it is for the medical Officer
of Ottumwa to be absent from the
Station. I therefore wrote to the
under Secy asking him if there had
been passed out to stop the
papers until I came down.

The papers were stopped but I have not
been able to attend to them.
Indians is really the only place that the
Civil Surgeon of Ottumwa should
inspect and he might do this in
Apr. when there is and has ^{consequently} medical
who could take up his work for a
day or two. His work in O.S. during
the cold weather is decidedly heavy. I
was up there twice during this period
and D. Walker had on both occasions
his hands full.

The S. J. under as the Apothecary was
available for general work. There is none
do. He is the man in immediate charge
of the Hospital which is always full
and which runs him quite enough to
do.

The case to which I refer above
being with the
with

letter Dr. Walker made up to complete
 his list of books in the way of inspection
 in the shape of visiting Badaga village
 which had no inspection. Whilst he
 was away Mr. Dyer was seized with
 alarming symptoms. ~~Mr. Dyer was seized with~~
 an able missionary doctor was in Ootacamund
 and he was called in and was enabled
 to afford relief. He was caught in only
 the nick of time as he was just starting
 for Coonoor to attend to serious cases of
 typhoid fever which had occurred among
 the staff of his mission. Had the mission
 been nearer or a hour later Dr. Dyer
 would not have been available and
 the staff would have had to wait for several
 hours and until Dr. Walker returned.
 It is true that in the meantime he was
 away only for the day. The urgent nature
 however of the demand, and the case
 would have been very different. Dr.
 Walker could not have been expected
 to remain on in attendance on the base
 and any help would have been dependent
 for medical aid on a medical subordinate
 who has already quite enough to do
 in attending to his legitimate duties.
 The case of Coonoor is dependent to that
 of Ootacamund as there is close at hand
 Wellington where there are two of our
 three Communist Medical Officers who
 could be called in to attend to any
 serious case. Coonoor is also a much
 smaller place than Ootacamund and
 the staff there has no special charges
 such as the Lawrence Hospital and the
 Army Staff.

15/1/94

Again G.O., dated

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Current No. 701 4 of 1894, dated 8-3-94 from the Surgeon General

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with reference to the Surgeon
 General's remarks the 2001.
 observes that the Civil Apothecary
 stationed at Ootacamund is in
 immediate charge of the Hospital,
 the work of which is sufficiently
 heavy to occupy his whole
 time. It is therefore undesirable
 to compel the Civil Surgeon
 to absent himself from the
 station during the cold weather
 when the only medical officer
 available to attend urgent &
 serious cases is the apothecary
 referred to above.

2. The Civil Surgeon should therefore
 conduct his inspections during
 the period when an additional
 commissioned medical officer is
 on duty at Ootacamund, & with
 whom he should make arrangements
 regarding his cases. In order
 that his frequent absence
 from the station

Inspection Dates of
Dist. Civil Surgeon

H. n.

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(Draft submitted to Cs.
for approval.)

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Sanitary inspections of
the Civil Surgeon at
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