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„ the Surgeon-General.
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Asd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

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From *Surgeon Lieut-Col. W. G. King* M.B., C.I.E. D.P.H.

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Office of Sanitary Comm^r
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