

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 1491 Pmis ✓

DATED 2-12-98

Lady doctors for plague duty. [Despatch Abstract.]

Recording G.O., Public, stating that the Govt is not prepared to accept the proposal of the Surgeon General ^{to set} ~~that~~ to lady doctors from England for plague duty.

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SUBJECT.

Stating in the remarks that the Govt is not prepared to accept the proposal of the Swagga General that 10 bady doctors should be got out from England as soon as possible, for plague duty.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper :—

From the Surgeon-General, Madras, No. 424, dated 27th October 1898:—

In continuation of my letter No. 420, dated the 22nd instant, applying for ten more temporary doctors from England, I have the honour to request that the Right Honourable the Secretary of State be requested to send out a similar number of qualified medical women for plague duty in this Presidency.

2. The number of private lady practitioners in this part of India is very small and the few female Apothecaries and Hospital Assistants employed under various Local Fund Boards and Municipalities (regarding whom I am placing myself in communication with the local bodies concerned) are not likely to accept plague duty in preference to their present work and lucrative practice. There is nothing as far as I am aware in their agreement binding them to do any work and to go anywhere. Under these circumstances, it will be most difficult to arrange for the treatment of female patients in plague hospitals (should the disease spread in Madras) and for the inoculation of the female population of the city of Madras and its suburbs, unless we can obtain qualified lady doctors from England. I therefore request that early steps may be taken for obtaining ten such medical practitioners as soon as possible.

Endorsement

Endorsement of the Plague Commissioner, Ref. on C.No.835,
dated 28th October 1898 on the above:-

Forwarded. We shall certainly require lady practitioners,
if plague becomes epidemic in Madras. But possibly Bombay and
Calcutta may have ladies who can be spared. If not I agree with
the Surgeon-General that lady practitioners should be sent for
from England as soon as possible.

Q R D E R :-No.1387, dated 17th November 1898.

Under the existing arrangements it is unlikely
that any considerable number of native females of high caste will
be treated in plague hospitals. Women of lower caste can be attended
to by male doctors. In these circumstances, and looking to the
great expense which the employment of female practitioners would
involve, the Government is not prepared to accept the Surgeon-
General's proposal.

(True Extract)

A. W. M. S.
for Chief Secretary.

K.R.
18/11/98.

To

The Local and Municipal Department ✓
,,, Surgeon- General
,,, Plague Commissioner.

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