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DATED 3-12-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Dr. A. Craig Hunter.

~~Report on~~ Recording G.O. Public Dept. reporting to the Govt. of India on the misbehaviour of — and requesting that Government to move the Secretary of State for India to modify the form of agreement entered into by the Doctors lately arrived from England.

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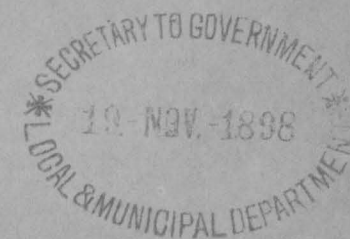
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SUBJECT.

Reporting to the Govt of India about the case of Dr. A. Craig Hunter one of the temporary plague doctors who behaved rudely to Dr. Hakim I. M. S. in charge of the Plague Inspection camp at Jung Bahadur and requesting that Govt to move the Secretary of State in view to modify the form of agreement entered into by such doctors so as to prevent for immediate action against in cases of such misconduct.

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Copy of letter from the Surgeon-General, No.C/65, dated 28th October 1898:-

I have the honour to state for the information of Government that a paragraph appeared in the Madras Mail of the 24th instant - vide cutting attached - regarding one of the temporary doctors from England having behaved rudely towards Major Hakim, I.M.S., in Medical charge Plague inspection station Tungabhadra.

2. I was about to make enquiries as to who the man was when I received a D.O. from Major Hakim (copy enclosed) giving a full account of the case. I caused this letter to be forwarded to Mr. A. Craig Hunter for any explanation he might have to offer and also spoke to him seriously on the subject when he called at my office. I attach a copy of his reply dated 26th October 1898 which appeared to me most unsatisfactory. Accordingly he was directed by me (vide copy of my Secretary's D.O. of the 26th October attached) to apologise to Dr. Hakim but this he declines to do as will be seen from his reply - copy attached.

2. Mr. Craig Hunter appears to me both from his personal conversation and correspondence a hopeless man, wanting in tact and judgment and very arrogant. When I spoke to him he appeared quite unconceived of his indiscretion and want of courtesy and thought for other people. Such a man would be quite useless in this Presidency and likely to prove dangerous amongst the natives. I would therefore propose that he had better be sent back as soon as possible and another and more satisfactory doctor obtained in his place.

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Copy of a D.O. from Major H.M. Hakim, Camp Tungabhadra, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated 23rd October 1898:-

Please submit the following to the Surgeon-General for notice and such action as he may deem fit.

I have to bring to the notice of the Surgeon-General with regret the conduct of Dr. A. Craig Hunter. Dr. Hunter arrived here by the mail yesterday, and as it was English mail ~~yesterday~~ day there were 36 first class passengers. As usual, I examined all the 1st class passengers and went up to the carriage occupied by him, and asked if I may ~~now~~ feel his pulse. But he told me in a tone quite dictatorial that he won't allow me to do so until I had washed my hands, and pointed to the carriage lavatory and ~~said~~ he wanted to go to Madras without being infat^eed with plague. I informed him that I had not touched any plague patients and had only examined 1st class passengers and there was no utility in washing with plain water if I did carry inspection, and if I had to wash each time I touched any one I could not go through my work. The other medical officers did not make the slightest objection, and in spite of their remonstrance he would not be moved and animadverted strongly on the measures adopted against plague. I gave him the option of either being examined or be kept back in Camp, and he preferred the latter alternative. If I had thought it necessary to wash my hands I would have willingly done so, as there is a basin with water and carbolic soap kept ready at hand on the station. Dr. Hunter's idea is that I should have done what he said he would do under the same circumstances and carry a basin about the platform and I bring this to the notice of the Surgeon-General to consider when making an appointment, but of respect for the profession and as I did not like that he should be put to inconvenience, I went up to him again after I had washed my hands on completion of the examination of the whole train as I always do, I offered to examine him and he submitted and was allowed to go on. I bring this to the notice of the Surgeon-General as I think it would be brought to his

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notice from other quarters, as some of the passengers threatened to bring the conduct of Dr. Hunter to the notice of the higher authorities especially one with whom Dr. Hunter had a hot argument and leave the matter completely in the hands of the Surgeon-General to deal with as he pleases.

Copy of a D.O. from Dr. A. Craig Hunter, Buckingham Hotel, to the Surgeon-General, dated 26th October 1898:-

I desire to acknowledge receipt of letter complaining of my conduct in refusing to be examined by medical officer, and in reply have nothing further to say than that I allowed the examination to proceed after ordinary precautions of a sanitary nature had been taken by the medical officer after leaving a native carriage. Regarding Mr. Mullaly, no member of my party or myself, spoke to, or even saw this gentleman after leaving Bombay.

But on our arrival at Victoria station on Friday morning we engaged a carriage for the four, by the evening express. This carriage had our name on it, and was taken possession of by my brother, who put in it his umbrella &c.

During his temporary absence this carriage was taken possession of by Mr. Mullaly who caused the label bearing our name to be removed. We complained to the Station Master who took our part but out of respect to Mrs. Mullaly we allowed them to retain possession at great inconvenience to ourselves.

Copy of a D.O. from the Secretary, Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras to Dr. A. Craig Hunter, dated 26th October 1898:-

I am directed by the Surgeon-General to inform you that he considers your reply of the 26th October most unsatisfactory. You do not attempt to explain your extraordinary conduct in attempting to teach a Senior Medical Officer how he should perform his duty and obstructing him in the performance of his duties. The Surgeon-General must insist on your sending Major Hakim, I.M.S., an ample apology in writing through this office. The Surgeon-General directs me to inform you that your letter should have been addressed to me as Secretary as is the official custom. No medical officer communicates with him direct. As regards your statements

about Mr. Mullaly, the Surgeon-General not having received any complaints from him, does not consider it necessary to make any remarks on them.

Copy of a D.O. from Dr. A. Craig Hunter, Buckingham Hotel, to the Secretary, Surgeon-General, Madras, dated 27th October 1898:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th instant and in reply I wish to state that I did not attempt to teach Major Hakim, I.M.S., how he should perform his work, nor obstruct him in the performance of his duties. My action in this case was due to a conscientious principle and under these circumstances I regret that I cannot apologise to Major Hakim, I.M.S. I was unaware of the regulation regarding communicating with the Surgeon-General through his Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Local and Municipal Department,
on that of the Plague Commissioner, No. Ref. on C.No. 845, forward
ing letter from the Surgeon-General, No. C/65, dated 28th October
1898.

ORDER :—No. 1394 dated 18th November 1898

The Government considers that Mr. Craig Hunter's
services should be dispensed with as soon as possible. Under
the terms of his agreement he must remain in the service of
Government for three months at least from the date of his
departure from England, and until fifteen days notice has been
served upon him. His service in India lasts until this notice
expires. Accordingly a fifteen day notice of the termination
of his agreement should be served upon him, so timed that on
its expiry he will be able to reach England by mail steamer
just after the expiry of three months from the date of his
departure from England. The Surgeon-General will be requested
to serve the requisite notice on behalf of Government.

2. Mr. Craig Hunter should be informed that in view of his
grossly insubordinate conduct the Government is unable to
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place reliance on him, and cannot therefore entrust him with any official duty or responsibility.

3... The following telegram will be despatched to the Government of India:-

"655. My telegram 612, third instant, plague doctors. One of last batch guilty on arrival gross insubordination. Impossible to employ him here - but under agreement no means of getting rid of him till termination of three months. Government considers that agreement signed by doctors engaged on our last indent should give power to Government to dispense with services before termination of period for gross misconduct or disobedience of orders. Request that Secretary of State be moved accordingly. Letter follows".

(True Extract)

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For Chief Secretary.

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To

The Surgeon-General

... Local and Municipal Department

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