Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1542 P mcs

DATED 8-12-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Inoculation among women. Declining, with remarks, Reddingorders ~~on the Suggestion of the Sanitary Commissioner~~ to employ Miss McPhail as an agent for the Spread of —— and requesting the Sanitary Commissioner to report on what authority persons other than Commissioned Medical Officers were allowed to inoculate.

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[L. & M.] 200—13-9-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 ,

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Current No. 2678P of 1898, dated 23-11-98, from the Magnr Commissioner.

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ORDER. No 1542 P mis dy 8-12-98

The Govt considers it premature to employ an expensive agent like Miss McPhail for the spread of inoculation among women, when the services of Mrs Huffton, who is sufficiently qualified in the work are already available. Mrs. Huffton should ~~there~~ be employed first in endeavouring to get women in their houses to assent to inoculation; but in doing this, much tact will be required.

2. In paragraph 1 of his letter No 2781/5, dated 21st November 1898, Col. King says that he has issued a circular to all concerned authorizing others than Commissioned Medical officers to inoculate. It should be reported under what

authority and to whom the circular in question was issued.

(From orders)

V.P. 8/12/98

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To The Plague Commissioner
" Sanitary Commr. } Q to D
" Surgeon-General.

Despr. 189. 9.12.

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J. V. [illegible] (R. Prasad)

L & M C No 2578P

Ref no Cur: 849 & 1515

V.P. 23/11/98

Read 28-11-98
Rept

NOTE FOR THE L. & M. Dept.

I submit a letter from the Sanitary Commissioner asking that special efforts be now taken to spread inoculation among women. His immediate suggestion is the employment of Mrs Mc Phail M.D. in Madras & in the Commr found Madras on a salary of Rs 350 per Mensem. The Govt would probably hesitate to employ lady medical practitioners on large salaries on inoculation work. At Bombay there is obviously useless spending any money on inoculation, if we only get hold of women. And up to date we have only got hold of women practically, though I believe a few women have been inoculated here & there. Mr Haffkine who is employed in the City of Madras at present is almost entirely employed in working with the doctors at the public inoculating stations & has done very little work among women. I would recommend

that as an experiment Miss Mephail be employed on Indian that she works among women exclusively & that any further extension of the employment of lady practitioners be made to depend upon whether or not Miss Mephail has any success. The Sanitary Commr might be called upon to report on the work done at the end say of a month. If she does succeed it might be worth while to go further -

I submit to Master for orders as Miss Mephail's Salary is proposed as Rs 350 - & understand that she could not conduct the Cen

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As Mrs Hutton is sufficiently qualified to be employed in inoculation work it is better that she should first be employed in endeavouring to get at women in their houses to assent. much tact will be required among the Brahmin community there will probably be least difficulty.

H.M. Inoculation is rather languishing here in Madras because plague is not epidemic, and because of the six months rule, people fearing that if they are inoculated the six mos may expire before plague becomes epidemic.

2. What work goes on is of an educative character & is therefore invaluable; but in the above circumstances it is doubtful whether a second female worker is required when women's prejudices have not been broken down. Would it not be enough if the first worker were told to try & get at the women? In other words, could not the Superintendent be made by her & not by Mrs Mephail? On the other hand, the latter has better qualifications & has Zenana experience.

3. The marked portion of Col. King's 3rd para. contain suggestions which I submit are hardly wise at present in the present state of the public mind.

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J. Venkasami Rao (Pens. Asst. Rev Sect.) for instance told me that a grown up granddaughter was asking him to let her be inoculated.

It is certainly premature to employ an expensive agent like Miss McPhail when we have an paid agent available already.

I see the P.C. assumes (Rep. on Cir no 849) that the Sanitary Commr is in charge of inoculation.

I should like to know what orders have been passed on this subject & how the matter stands. Gd. 999P 5 Dec 98

on the S. G's recommn. Juto Major Bannerman on plague inoculation.

Para (7) of G.O. 1122-3 / 20 Sept 98 orders the Sany. Commr & his staff to assist the P.C. in every way.

In para 1 of his letter 2781/S dt. 21st Nov. he says he has issued a circular to all concerned authorising others than Commr. Med. Officers to inoculate.

To whom did this circular go. It wd be for the S.G. to issue orders to Medical subordinates. and Sanitary subordinates

Put up Vide G.O. no 1379 Pol/ 26-10-98 W 29/11/98

H.M. Please see above noted order W I 30 11 98

Secy. The arrangement is now right. W 2.12.98.

are not the persons to do such work.
If the S. G's opinion has not been obtained on this point I should like to have it.

SKA 25.11.98

The Surgeon-General's opinion has been already obtained — please see Hdg D in G.O. 1543 F dated 8-12-98.

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1898)

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
No. 3879-8
7 NOV. 98

CURRENT No. 849

8/24/11/98

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~~Order~~

The Sanitary Comr. is requested to report whether he can arrange for inoculation to the ~~Cow assng to depute~~ a Cammiell &c a to Nilgiris or ~~qualified medical woman~~ Elsewhere by Competent Medical ~~person inoculation is made~~. Women.

A proposal that English doctors, Assistant Surgeons and selected apothecaries should be authorised to conduct the operation is now under the consideration of Govt.

W Bannwell
Plague Comr.

To The Sanitary Comr.
(Retd)

Note Inoculation has now been transferred from the D.G. to the S.C.
Secy
2/11/98

From The Surgeon General
Madras

No. 429

Dated 28-10-1898
Received 29-10-1898
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks letter from the Collector of the Nilgiris proposing to utilize a Hospital Assistant or Non Medical woman for inoculation work.

2781-3
2/11/98.

are not the persons to do

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C. No 8469

NILGIRI COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
OOTACAMUND, 18 October 189 8

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL WITH GOVT. OF MADRAS 21 OCT. 1898

REFERENCE ON Cir No. 1400/98

FROM

A. Butterworth Esq
as COLLECTOR OF
the Nilgiris,

TO

The Plague Commissioner
through the Surgeon General
with the Government of
Madras

SIR,

I have the honor to suggest with
reference to G.O. of 26th September 1898
No 1181 P, that Government should be
moved to consider the expediency
of permitting inoculations for
protection against plague to
be performed by persons trained
and declared to be competent to
perform the operation by
Commissioned Medical officers.
If this is not done, certain classes
of persons will remain, I fear,
cut off from the benefits of

in circulation however desirous they may be of undergoing the operation. I refer particularly to Cochabamba, to meet which case it was the intention of the Civil Surgeon here to train a respectable woman in the mode of performing the operation. "If the work can safely be entrusted to such hands, it would undoubtedly be a great advantage inasmuch as to protect a class of persons whom we shall otherwise not be able to get at. It is particularly important to protect Cochabamba women not only for their own sake, but because immaculated women can be spared a good deal of the annoyance & interference which naturally rouses such strong feelings on the part of their male relatives. It was further my intention on the occurrence of plague in any village or on any Estate in the S. E. Wynaad, to despatch thither a Native Hospital Assistant from Gudalur with a supply of lymph for the inoculation of persons who have been particularly exposed to infection. This plan may however have to be abandoned if the performance of the operation is to be restricted to commissioned medical officers.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Asst Collector

Capt L
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From

The Collector of

Nilgiris,

To

The Plague Commissioner
Government office
Fort St. George
through the Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras.

~~Dated~~

~~Despatched~~

Dated 8 October 1898

Reference on No.

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Subject.

Inoculation by
Commissioned Medical
officers.

C.N. 8469

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No 429.

To

The Plague Commissioner

Surg. 29/10/98
Shew previous papers
Has Govt passed these
proposals

Govt. No. 2755 Does not
seem to have been
disposed of by Surgeon
General

Forwarded.

2. I consider that a qualified Medical woman should be employed after being duly trained in inoculation work

3. The proposal to utilize a Hospital Assistant or non Medical woman for the purpose is not a sound one; the operation requires the greatest care and might be most dangerous if not carried on properly. The supervision of such persons as proposed would be impossible.

C. Stevenson

Surg. Genl

Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

Madras
28th October 1898 } Ctd

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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CURRENT No. 1515

From The sanitary Commissioner Madras

Order

No. 2781/8

Dated 21 – 11 – 98

Received 22 – 11 – 98

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting methods to encourage female inoculation both in hospitals as well as in professional employing female inoculators such as Miss Macphail in connection with British qualifications

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No. 2781/S

P. C. 22 NOV 1898

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Egmore ~~Fort St. George,~~ 21st Nov 1898.

From

~~SURGEON~~-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE Plague Commissioner
Madras.

Enclosures

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement No 529 dated 2d instant, I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with your agreement to the principle that other than Commissioned Medical Officers should be allowed to inoculate, a circular has been issued by me to all concerned authorizing the requisite departure.

2. I however consider the Collector of Nilgiris passes a most important point of applicability to a wider range than his own District. If inoculation is to be rapidly advanced, and this advance is to be secured in a measure that could operate as a factor in prevention

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of spread of plague, it can only be brought about by enlisting the confidence of the rulers of the native households, namely, the "women." This, again, can only be effected by utilizing the services of trained medical women to operate upon persons of their own sex. I agree with the Surgeon-General in thinking that such women should, however, be professionally qualified, and not merely by skilled women.

3. If the above views be accepted, I think the chance of women being here or there incorporated for work in Districts should not be trusted to. There should be a complete organization to meet female requirements. In attempting this, the aim should certainly be to commence work with a class most likely to succeed. Hence, refined women who are acquainted with language of the country and possessed of a good class of medical skill would best

serve

serve the purpose. To bring about such an organization, I think there should be placed at my disposal not less than three medical ladies possessed of European qualifications, or an Indian University degree. They might be offered Rs. 350 per mensem, with the usual travelling allowances. These ladies I would despatch to the larger towns to co-operate with District Medical Officers in ~~towns~~ areas where the local authorities considered their services could be utilized, with safety and efficiency. Having established work in these and secured the popularity of inoculation in specially threatened districts by this class, I would then ask sanction for additions under them of female Assistant Apothecaries from time to time to proceed to the smaller towns, and thus gradually organize a separate female service for inoculation commensurate with the demand, so far as experience and funds obtainable may dictate

dictate.

4. I have already directed the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner to advise the President Municipal Commissioners to use special efforts to advance the inoculation of females in Madras by female medical agency. The President has met this suggestion by advertising at inoculation stations that a female inoculator is available - Mrs. Hufflon. I, however, think the same principle should be adopted here as I have referred to above of commencing work with a class specially qualified, and gradually bringing in the less qualified, as the people show less resistence to the method. This, I think, in the case of the Madras Municipality could be secured by obtaining the services of Miss Marshall M.D., a lady possessing British qualifications, on Rs 350 per mensem. It would, I think, give the required impulse to the work amongst females to obtain a lady of her large Zenana experience.

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She would be expected to work herself, and supervise the duty of Mrs. Hufflon by directing it into suitable channels. As the Municipal finances are not in a condition to spare the required sum readily, I consider this lady's services might not only be employed in Madras but in any area that can be visited and returned from within daylight by rail or road from Madras. Thus one half her salary might be debited to plague charges recoverable proportionately from local bodies

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
W. J. Young.
Lieut Col. I.M.S.
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

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