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[Despatch Abstract.]

Doctors. Recording G.O. Public dept, requesting the Govt of India to arrange for ten medical off practitioners being sent out immediately from England for duty in this Presidency and requesting the Surgeon General to arrange for the early return of Drs Knapp & Dalal to Bombay

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the Govt of India by telegram to arrange for the medical practitioners being sent out immediately from England for duty in this Presidency, requesting the Surgeon General to arrange for the early return of Dr. Lapp and Dr. Lal to Bombay & in forming the Govt of Bombay of the same.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

From the Surgeon-General, Madras, No. 102, dated 31st January 1898:—

With reference to the G.Os quoted in the margin I have the honour to report the arrival of Drs. Knapp and Dalal at Madras, and Rajahmundry, respectively, and to request the favour of immediate instructions as to whether their services may be utilized or whether orders should be issued to them to return to Bombay forthwith.

2. In the meantime I have ordered Dr. Knapp to take charge of the appointment of Resident Physician, General Hospital, to let Surgeon Captain Pereira proceed to Mylar as ordered in G.O.No.273, Mis., L. & M., dated 29th January 1898 and if the services of Dr. Knapp can be retained, Surgeon Captain Pereira can on the completion of duty at Mylar proceed to Hospet as previously arranged and approved.

ORDER:—No.174, dated 1st February 1898.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Government of Bombay:—

"42. Doctors Knapp and Dalal arrived in Madras are required here but if urgently needed in Bombay can be returned".

(True Extract)

(Signed) A.T.Arundel,

Chief Secretary.

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No 152, Pub 29-1-98

Copy of letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, No. 125, dated 5th February 1898:-

With reference to the latter part of my letter No. 443, dated the 10th November 1897, I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that the Civil Medical Department is at present considerably undermanned as regards Commissioned Medical Officers and unless prompt measures are adopted to meet its requirements the efficiency of the administration must inevitably suffer.

2. The following Districts and Civil Stations are now without a Commissioned Medical Officer and the Subordinate Agencies at present employed in charge can hardly be expected to possess those qualifications both professional and administrative which are so essential for the efficient performance of their duties in their present higher capacities.

- (1) Canara (South)
- (2) Coimbatore-with a Central Jail
- (3) Madura
- (4) Tanjore-with a Medical School
- (5) Tinnevely
- (6) Cocanada
- (7) Cochin.

3. In addition to these Bellary and Ootacamund are now worked by ¹Regimental Medical Officers in addition to their own duties, an arrangement which cannot be considered satisfactory.

4. Again the deputation of Surgeon-Major Reeves to Beypore leaves Coonoor practically without a District Medical Officer and the employment of Surgeon-Majors Sarkies and Patch (as recently proposed) on pilgrim duty will leave Godavary and Kurnool in charge of Assistant Surgeons, one of whom is only a Civil Apothecary acting in the higher grade.

5. To add to these difficulties Surgeon-Lieutenant Colonel Thornhill has passed a Medical Board and when he proceeds on leave either Nellore or in the event of my proposal for the deputation of Surgeon-Major Thomas to act for him being sanctioned, Cuddapah will be without a Commissioned Medical

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Medical Officer.

6. There are also other officers who are in an indifferent state of health and may possibly break down during the hot weather when it will be necessary to arrange for their relief. Some of them are holding very important appointments which cannot be entrusted to Subordinate Agencies.

7. Government will observe from the above facts that the Civil Medical Department is now worked at a great disadvantage and if remedial measures are not at once adopted the results will be most unwelcome.

8. Under these circumstances I request that the Government of India may be addressed with a view to the officers withdrawn from this Department for Military duty being replaced at its disposal at a very early date or if they are not immediately available, Commissioned Medical Officers of the Bengal Establishment may be temporarily spared for employment in this Presidency until their return. If neither of these arrangements be possible at present and if the return of the Madras officers is likely to take long I would suggest the desirability of at least nine well qualified European Medical practitioners being at once obtained through the Secretary of State. Without some arrangement of the sort it will be almost impossible to administer the Civil Medical Department with any degree of efficiency.

Copy of telegram from the Government of Bombay, dated 11th February 1898:-

"1048 P your telegram 42 of first doctors urgently required Bombay Government will be obliged if doctors Knapp and Dalal are returned."

Copy of letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, No. 156, dated 12th February 1898:-

With reference to G.O. No. 174, Public, dated 1st February 1898, I have the honour to enquire if any reply has been received from Bombay regarding Drs. Knapp and Dalal.

2. Dr. Knapp is at present temporarily employed at the General Hospital vice Surgeon Captain Pereira on festival duty at Mylar but can be relieved if his services are required.

3. Dr. Dalal was to have relieved Surgeon Major Sarkies who was then under orders to take charge of the plague inspection station Arkonum but as this order has since been cancelled Dr. Dalal is now awaiting orders at Rajahmundry pending further instructions from Bombay. Any further delay may interfere with the passing of his pay.

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O R D E R:-No. 256, dated 14th February 1898.

The following telegrams will be despatched :-

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"No.57. Civil Medical Department seriously undermanned
owing absence of officers on military duty. Five Doctors in-
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Bombay, Bombay.

"No.58. Your telegram eleventh 1048. Orders issuing for
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(True Extract)

To the Surgeon-General.

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Chief Secretary.

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