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Copy of the letter from the Sanitary Commissioner with a request that he will report as regards paragraph 3. It will certainly stop all hakims if they are not given the same rules and privileges as European doctors.

26th October 1898.

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Plague Commissioner.

From Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated Egmore, 2nd November 1898, No. 2550-S.

With reference to your No. 406-A., dated the 26th October 1898, I have the honour to state that I am of opinion it would undoubtedly be inadvisable to make rules applicable to European qualified practitioners that were not also put in force as to hakims, and I may add, vydians. All that need be required of such medical practitioners visiting committee hospitals is that, as in the case of European qualified medical men, if they handle patients they should, before departure, wash their hands in a disinfectant held by the District Surgeon to be effectual in killing the plague microbe—it being of itself inoffensive to caste or race prejudices; and that also before leaving the hospital compound the soles of the boots, or other foot covers, should have the same disinfectant poured over them, or over the feet, failing the wearing of any cover which, however, they would be advised to adopt.

2. It would be desirable that indigenous medical practitioners wishing to visit plague patients at committee hospitals should provide themselves with permanent tickets from a Secretary to the Committee concerned, showing that they are recognized medical practitioners. Such tickets should be produced on demanding admission to the hospitals.

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Personal Assistant,
for Plague Commissioner.

To the Secretary, Central Muhammadan Plague Committee.
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