

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1898)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 915

Dated 14-12-98

Despatched 15/12/98.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Employment of Native Nurses instead of European Nurses

Communicating to the Collector of St. Arcot letter from the Surgeon-General with reference to his letter regarding the _____ in the ~~the~~ ^{second} ambulance staffs in St. Arcot.

BACK PAPERS.

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From

SURON-GENL. C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. 531

Dated

Received

6th Decr 1898.

Subject.

Stating that he could not get native women who are qualified nurses except midwives who would not be trustworthy.

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Communicated to the Colls of N. India, with reference to his letter Ref on No 754 of 24-11-98. He is requested to report whether he can easily obtain qualified and trustworthy native nurses and if so, on what salary.

9/12/98

To all Colls (4)

By Surgeon General

Sanitary Commr

Secy of Govt & the Admin

9/12/98

No. 531

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRASMadras, 6th December 1898.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.B., F.R.C.P.J.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE

Plague Commission
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to your Reference
in C.O. 1643 dated 30th November 1898, I
have the honour to state that I know of
no native women who are qualified nurses
except native midwives and these could not
be obtained in any number and would not
be trustworthy as they generally come from
very low classes of natives.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-General,

Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR AND

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

North Arcot.

To The Plague Commission
Madras.

No. of Enclosures. 1.

Letter, dated 24-11-1898

Reference No. 754 of 1898

SUBJECT.

Ref. 18/11/98

Requesting permission
to entertain two native
nurses instead of
two European or
Persian nurses
for the second ambulance
staff.

Propo

Collectors will be
permitted to employ European
or native nurses as they
think best. They should report
their requirements to the
Surgeon-General, who is requested
to state his opinion as to the
salary and allowances which
should be paid to native nurses.

To all Collectors (4)
Surgeon-General
Sanitary Comm.
Secy of Govt. & the Dept
29/11/98

V6/11/98

This is to inform
that the Commission
has decided to
employ two native
nurses instead of
two European or
Persian nurses
for the second ambulance
staff.

Despatched 11/12/98

Ref. C.O. 16430/98
Forwarded to the
Surgeon-General for former
of opinion as to the advisability
of employing native nurses
and as to the pay & allowances that
should be paid to them.

(2m adus)

To the Surgeon-General (2m adus)

accommodation of any kind in
the village for women of her class
and no means of cooking her
food. The nurse will probably be
accompanied by a low caste
Cook or ayah who will not be
allowed into the village.

3. The want of accommodation the
difficulties of means of transit,
the inconvenience connected with her
food and the caste dislike now so
apparent in villages will be serious
drawbacks to the work of a European
or Eurasian nurse. There are other
disadvantages that occur in remote
little villages that must arise and
I therefore think Caste Hindu
or Mohamedan woman will be
more useful than nurses of the
class referred to.

4. A Hindu woman can easily
get about; she can always find
accommodation and food in any
village and will be more readily admitted
into Hindu or Mohamedan houses than
her

her European sister.

I have to
(Sd) John Lancaster M.B.

Lieut. Col

St. Med. & Sanitary
officer.

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(True copy)

M. S. S. S.

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C No 1643

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Chittur dated 24th November 1898

Refuse No. 754. OF 1898.

FROM

J. K. Battew, Esq.,

ag. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

North Arcot,

TO

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Plague Commissioner

Madras

SIR,

I have the honour to forward
herewith Copy of letter no. 103 dated
21st November 1898 from the District
Medical and Sanitary Officer
of this District and to request
that you will be so good as to
permit me under the circum-
stances explained by the District
Medical and Sanitary Officer
to entertain two native nurses
instead of two European or Eurasian
nurses for the second ambulance
staff to be formed in this
District. If you will permit
me

me I will also dispense with the
 services of the two Eurasian nurses
 who are at present employed
 on the ambulance staff already
 formed and stationed at Palmaner
 and entertain two native nurses
 in their places. European or Euro-
 -sian nurses besides being
 costly are less useful than
 native nurses.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,
 your most Obedient Servant

W. S. A. L. T.
 ag. Collector

cc
 Mr.

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Staff to be formed in the
 District