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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1011

DATED 1-7-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Temporary English Doctors

Recording Go Public department regarding the re-engagement on the expiration of their present agreements of the ——— serving in this Pcy

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1698 E.

SECRETARIAT TO GOVERNMENT
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From The Public Dept.

Order No 1011 Mis. 27-7-99 1/7

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6 & 10
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No. 598

Dated 31st May 1899

Received

Registered 26-6-99

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Passing orders regarding the reengagement, on the expiration of their present agreements of the Temporary English doctors still remaining in the Service.

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Public department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers—

From the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras No. 78/206, 78/228 of the 14th May & 22nd May 1899 respectively.

Order No. 598 dated 31st May 1899

The first letter read above contains the result of the Surgeon General's inquiries regarding the reengagement on the expiration of their present agreements, of the temporary English doctors still remaining in the service.

2. The services of Drs. S. F. Lusk, L. W. G. Myler and G. Charlesworth will be retained for a further period of six months from the 25th May 1899, on the terms of the agreement already signed by them.

3. Separate orders will be passed regarding the termination of the employment of Dr. T. W. Illingworth.

4. Dr. A. C. Randle is willing to remain in the service for a further period only on the condition that he is given a district charge, but as no such condition can be admitted, he will be permitted to terminate his engagement at once.

5. Dr. C. S. ~~Longley~~ Langley will be informed that the Government

Government is willing to retain his services on his existing
agreement for a further period of six months from 25th May 1899
but that no guarantee of employment can be given him
beyond 25th November 1899. He will be requested to
state definitely whether he is willing to remain on these terms. *Mr. J. B. Anderson
6. Of the remaining nineteen temporary doctors, whose " H. A. E. Noble
agreements with the Secretary of State have not yet expired " H. T. L. Roberts
the four gentlemen* named in the margin are willing to re- " W. H. Murray.
engage; and they will be requested to state whether they are
prepared to sign agreements similar to those referred to in paragraph
2 of G.O. No. 309 Public dated 11th March 1899. Mr. A. Woodward
7. The marginally named gentlemen, who require further " H. R. Power
information as to terms, will be informed that the Government " W. T. Lubeck
is prepared to retain their services on the conditions stated in " L. Virtue-Tebbs
the agreement referred to in ~~para~~ paragraph 6 above. They will be " A. F. Page
requested to report whether they accept those conditions.
8. The new agreements of the officers mentioned in
~~paras~~ paragraphs 6 & 7 above, if they accept re-employment
will have effect from the termination of their
present agreements with the Secretary of State, that is,
nine months from the date of their embarkation
from England. In submitting replies to paragraphs 6 and
7, the Surgeon General will report the date of
embarkation of each officer who elects to re-engage.
9. The remaining ten* doctors will be permitted to Mr. T. Thomson
terminate their employment, the first two at once, " H. W. Beach
and the others on the expiration of their agreements " W. B. Edwards
with the Secretary of State.

" G. V. Worthington
" C. J. Costello
" J. Hunter
" W. W. L. MacLean
" W. Hanna
" J. S. Low
" L. Thomas

10.

10. The Surgeon General will be authorised to arrange with Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. for the provision of return passage for the gentlemen who are returning to England. Single tickets will be obtained for those who do not possess return tickets, and in the case of those who possess short term return tickets, the difference of passage money demanded by the Peninsular and Oriental Agents will be defrayed by the Government.

E.

(True Extract)

For Chief Secretary

Rc
21/6/99.

To
The Surgeon General
" Accountant General
" Financial Dept.
" Local & Municipal Dept.

C No 2957

PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

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For orders

Please see flag A for list of Temporary doctors connected with Madras - Presidio but also[illegible]

CURRENT No. 2957

9/3 **Progs.** / **Letter** / **Ref.**

In Madras there are besides Dr Bannerman 4 English doctors & 3 Asst Surgeons doing practically nothing. Either the doctors or the Asst Surgeons may be withdrawn

In Salem, we have Drs Noble & Tebbs in addition to 3 doctors at the Jalarpet camp. The Tungabhadra Station is now in charge of a military Asst Surgeon & 2 of the doctors at Jalarpet may be replaced by asst surgeons. I do not know whether the number of trains to be examined at Jalarpet is so much greater than that at Arkonam, as to require 3 English doctors. The latter has only one English doctor and one Asst Surgeon under it.

In Anantapur, there are Drs Murray, Hunter, Roberts & Beach in addition to 4 Asst Surgeons in charge of Inspection Stations, while Kurnool & Bellary Dts have each ~~been~~ been managing with but one addl. medical officer (including the medical officer attached to inspection stations).

N. Arcot has Dr Costello, Edwards Lubeck, & Sage. Where there is a military or other European officer in charge of plague operations at a place, it does not seem essential to have also an English doctor. An officer of the grade of asst surgeon or apothecary seems enough to ~~[illegible]~~ assist him.

Lang
9/3/99

Telegram to Salem / Anantapur (desp.)

Can you spare Tebbs / Murray.

From

Surgeon General C. Sibthorpe,
C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras.

No. 87/1

Dated 7th March

Received P. C. 9 - MAR 1899

Registered 9-3-99

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting that the District Officers may be consulted soon as this Department stands in need of medical men.

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C.No.2957

Urgent

No. 37/1

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Camp Chittoor ~~Madras,~~ the 7th March 1899.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

Madras,

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 620 dated the 4th March 1899, I have the honor to suggest that the District Officers may be consulted soon as this Department stands in urgent need of Medical men.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-General,
Surgeon-General with the Government of
Madras.

P. C.
15 MAR 1899

SURGEON GENERAL WITH GOVERNMENT
MADRAS

No 131

Nungumbaukum
13th March 99

My dear Buckley,

Mr Taylor, Actg Medl Offr Cuddapah tells me that there is no plague in the Dist. If so can you let me have his services back? We are in great need of workers.

Yours sincerely
C. Sibthorpe

Mr Fitz[illegible] [illegible] The Govt are in great need of workers [illegible] for [illegible] His [illegible]

13/3 LD

Anantapur wired put up
no reply yet from Salem

Code Class.

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

Monthly Number.

To (Office) Telephonic
From (Office) Message

Words. Day. 13 Hour. 14 Minute. 25 Official Instructions.

To (Person) Plague Commissioner
From (Person) Surg Genl

Please see my letter No 7 dated 7.3.99 A plague Medical officer is urgently required for Arkonam when can you spare.

Surgeon Genl C. Sibthorpe
C.B. F.R.C.S.
[illegible]

C.S.O.

Reply to S.G.

Your message regarding ~~docto~~ spare doctors. I have wired to the Collectors of Salem & Anantapur & shall reply on receipt of their answers.

Papers put up.

[illegible]
for P.C
13/3/99

(To be returned after despatch)

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[No. 4]

No. 238.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, the 13th March 1899.

From

SURGEON-~~MAJOR~~-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Plague Commissioner,
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to my letter T 7/1 dated 7th March 1899 and in continuation of my telephonic message of this morning, I have the honor to request that the services of another plague doctor may be placed at my disposal at a very early date.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J Donovan
Capt. IMS.

for *Surgeon-General*
with the Govt. of Madras.

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DG 15/3/98

NOTE FOR THE D.G.

My dear D.G.

Your letters re relieving officers on plague duty. I have consulted Salem & Anantapur. I enclose their replies (to be kindly returned).

It is very difficult to say from what place men may be most safely withdrawn; I think, however, that Taylor had better remain in [illegible] as the D.M. & S.O. may be called out at any moment, now that the gold fields at Kolar are infected. There are 4 Doctors & Asst. Surgeons doing nothing in Madras, but with plague in N. Arcot looking bad, it would be unwise to withdraw them unless you can arrange to

recall them at short
notice.
The best ~~arrangement~~ proposals (in order of superiority)
I can make are
(1) take an doctor from
Jalarpet & send an
Asst Surgeon in his
place.
(2) Take Dr. Murray from
[illegible]
(3) Dr. Noble from Salem
or Dr. Page from Kuppam
(provided there is a 1st class
Hosp. Asst at the latter place)

I wish to bring to your notice
that Dr. [illegible] of Arkonam
has been kept hard at
very monotonous work for a [illegible] to suggest
considerable time, & that
it might be a kindness to
give him something more
telling to do.

15/3

To S. G with 3 enclosures
Despd 15/3/99 The [illegible]

Note on reduction of Establishment

Office
Please type as [illegible]
Sent to [illegible]

Recd at 3-55 p.m.
10/[illegible]

P. O.
APR 1899

There are now 26 Temporary English Doctors
of these only 16 are on actual plague work (after the recently proposed leave & transfers); of these 16, 4 are appd to relieve D.M. & S.O.s of ordinary work, ~~2~~ ~~4~~ 3 ~~are~~ occupy a more or less similar position with reference to Presidency Surgeons in Madras. 4 are employed at Railway Stations, & 5 are on actual plague work —
we have one I.M.S. officer on plague duty as Hospt.

Plague is now decreasing rapidly in the Presidency, & it is hoped there may be a clean bill during the hot weather. On this understanding, we start in June or July on the supposition that we have to defend our frontiers as we had last year, but with the addition of the Bengal Frontier.

This will necessitate the upkeep of Railway Frontier Inspection Stations at

Kalikota.
Bezwada ×
Tungabhadra.
Hospet.
Hindupur. ⊗ to be removed perhaps to Penukonda or Dharmavaram
Jalarpet.

× [illegible]. The present station is at Kondapalle, but if this removed to Bezwada, one staff will be able to examine not only trains crossing the frontier from Hyderabad, but also passengers from the north by E.C.R. towards Guntakal & Madras. It is I consider desirable that there shd be some inspection station between Kalikota & Madras.

For the additional protection of Madras & the west coast & hills, the inspection stations at Arkonam & Podanur must be kept up, while it seems necessary to maintain Pakala, as a check on traffic from the Mysore frontier towards the M.R. & E.C.R. north of the S.W. line of M.R. Guntakal too shd I think be kept up for the inspection of passengers from Bezwada – a 24 hours run. This means that 10 Railway Inspection Stations are required. Experience of Assistant Surgeons, with one or two exceptions, shows that they are usually unfitted to be in sole charge of such important work. The 6 Frontier Stations & Arkonam (=7) should be in charge of

Commissioned medical officers or Temporary English Doctors. Of the Assistant Surgeons we have tried, 3 may ~~the~~ be found suitable for the remaining 3 stations.

In Madras 4 medical officers have been doing nothing for many months; one has now been taken to fill a priv: leave vacancy. I think 3 quite enough to start with, if plague does come to Madras; if the whole place be once infected, we shall have enough warning to be able to make adequate provision.

Our weak spot may be expected to be again our districts ~~of~~ on the Mysore frontier. We sh^d have men ready at hand to help the D.M. & S.O.s of Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, N. Arcot & Salem. at least (= 6) Perhaps more may be necessary later for

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I consider it unnecessary to send doctors to the infected centres as is done now; they have practically ~~no~~ medical work to do beyond diagnosing cases, for the ordinary native will not accept our treatment. They are useful as sanitary officers no doubt, but that this can be done by local officers

Coimbatore, West Coast, & Ganjam.

But this is doubtful yet — ⊗ & need not be provided for.

This means we require 7+3+6 (of comm^d or equiv^t rank) = 16 men on plague duty as an irreducible minimum. If the disease spreads, as is ~~unlikely~~ probable, we may want to open more railway inspection stations, & it is, I think advisable to have a few spare men for emergencies, such as sickness of present officers, or an outbreak in a big Town like Vellore, Bellary or Trichinopoly — wh. will I think require a special medical officer — I should like to be able to count on 20 English Doctors ready at hand as a minimum. This means ~~we can dispense with~~ 6 might go. Probably that number will refuse to renew.

The terms of the following has expired

Drs	Rendle		Madras
	Lusk		Madras
	Mugler.		Cuddapah
	Langley.	Arkonam	transferred to
	Whigworth		Bellary
	Charlesworth.		Rajahmundry.

The two latter may certainly go at once. I know nothing of ~~[illegible]~~ Lusk & Mugler, but Rendle & Langley I think worth keeping, if they wish to stay.

The rest to go are.

Drs	Power *	21. 6. 99.	Kurnool.
	Woodward *	28. 6. 99	Madras
	Anderson *	"	"
	Noble	"	Salem (transferred to
	J. Thomas	"	Jalarpet
	Edwards *	5. 7. 99.	Vellore
	Worthington	"	S. Canara
	Hunter	"	Hindupur (? Kondapalli,
	Wray	"	? sick.
	J. Thomson	14. 8. 99.	Madras.
	Roberts	"	Gooty.
	McKenna	15. 8. 99	Vellore.
	Murray. *	29. 8. 99	To Arkonam
	Lubeck.	"	Arcot.
	Tebbs.	"	Hosur
	Hanna	"	Walajah
	Black *	6. 9. 99	Anantapur
	Lowe	"	Jalarpet
	Pun	"	

It is probable that many of these will not re-engage. I shd. ~~[illegible]~~ ask Thomas, Hunter, & Lubeck to re-engage. Those marked with a star I consider worth keeping. The others may stay or go as they wish.ˣ

+ The time when many of these may renew or go is just about the time when our troubles may be expected to commence again, & we may find that we want more than we have estimated if a great no. of Districts becomes infected. I have made no provision to give set any Doctors free for inoculation alone.

Of the Asst. Surgeons now in employ Todd is respectable but useless, & McDermott is ~~[illegible]~~ hopeless. It is possible he may be tried ~~for~~ for bribery. These officers are available locally. We shall want about 8 or 10 for the inspection stations & 3, as now, for Madras. Including Messrs Taylor Cross & Dorabsett [illegible] are now on duty.

× Tungabhadra 1.
Hospet 1
Hindupur 1

European & Eurasian Nurses are of little use on Ambulance Staffs, & may be well replaced by native nurses on Rs 20 or 30.

They shd. however be engaged for Railway Inspection Stations, ~~[illegible]~~ in this way & are now engaged. They are generally available & may be engaged as required.

to examine women travellers

There shd. also, I consider, be one employed at each R. I. Station to attend on the sick.

7/4 WB

Ref. on C. No. 4155
12-4-99

Put this up with reference from Public

S.P.

Fair copy & despatch at once to Public Supt. 12/4 [illegible]

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	Worthington		"	South Canara
	Hunter		"	Hindupur (? Kondapalli)
	Way		"	? sick
	J. Thompson		14-8-99	Madras
	Roberts		"	Gooty (? transferred)
	Mclean		15-8-99	Nellore
	Murray	*	29-8-99	Arkonam
	Lubeck		"	Arcot
	Tebbs		"	Hosur
	Hanna		"	Walajah
	Beach	*	6-9-99	Anantapur
	Low		"	Jalarpet
	Page		"	Kuppam ? transferred to Chingleput

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I have made no provision for the temporary doctors to fill posts ordinarily held by officers of I.M.S. 10 are now on such duty against 1 Captain on I.M.S. on plague duty.

14/4 [illegible]

Desp 12/4/1899
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No 598 Public of 31-5-88. The G.
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be comm^d to Lon.

A note under Secy's
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