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I have the honor to be

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Your most obedient servant

H. Cleghorn M.D.

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SUBJECT.

Training of caste native nurses for plague duty

Mrs. F.A. Lonsdale

FOR ORDERS.

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W.P.

In para 3 of G.O. 3902 P., dt 12-6-99, Government remarked that European or Eurasian nurses were not necessary except when European patients came up for treatment or in places where plague had established itself & regular plague hospitals had been opened, & that on the ambulance staff, trained native nurses would be found more useful. Discretion was however given to Collectors and they were asked to employ qualified European or Native nurses according to requirements. With reference to this G.O., Surgeon-General Lethbridge said - "I know of no native women who can be called qualified nurses. There are native midwives, but they could not be obtained in any

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salaries will not be a great burden on the Local & Municipal funds.

Bgm
16/12/99

It is submitted that instead of local bodies being required to contribute to Provincial funds for the training of the nurses as for the maintenance of the Reserve Medical staff, they may be requested to arrange for their training by paying their salaries & direct as in the case of midwives.

VR
18/12/99

What pay do the native nurses trained at the maternity Hospl get when they go out. And what is the pay of midwives attached to L.F. & M. Institutions.

MA 20.12.99.

Note for the Secretary.
Please see page 5. this will be enough. It is not advisable to saddle the Local Bds. w Municl. wk with larger permanent Expenditure. If this kind have aid is necessary.
MA. 22.12.99

Yes. I think
Bgm
21/12

JM.
There seems no pressing necessity at present to form a large staff of Plague nurses. Still it would perhaps be enough to commend the D.S.'s proposal to the attention of D.Bs & Municipalities

VR
19.12.99

NOTE FOR THE Secretary
(Ref - H this query a page 3)

So far as places outside Madras are concerned, there is only one class of trained servants who are known as midwives & who attend to both sick-nursing & midwifery cases. Their pay ranges from Rs 7 to Rs 20. The rules regarding their training are printed on pages 50-53 of the Civil Medical Code. ~~They~~ These rules leave the details ~~as~~ as regards salary to be settled by each local body. Article 302 of the Code recommends the following scale of ~~salary~~ salary —

I Those trained at a Maternity Hospital
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