

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 457 P. Mis

DATED 23/3/99.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical Officers en place du G.

Recording G.O. Pub. Dept. agreeing with the views of the Surg. General in regard to the suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioners that in the districts should be reminded that in the execution of their sanitary functions they should keep the Sanitary Commr. fully informed of their observations & of their efforts to stay the progress of the disease.

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the Secy agrees with the views of the Surgeon Genl in regard to the suggestions of the Sanitary Comm. that medical officers in charge duty in districts should be reminded that in the execution of their sanitary functions they should keep the Sanitary Comm. fully informed of their whereabouts and of their efforts to stay the progress of the disease.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

From the Surgeon-General, Madras; No. 476, dated 11th November 1898:—

I have the honour to state that the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, in paragraph 2 of his letter No. 1P.T., dated 20th September 1898 to the Plague Commissioner, suggested that "Medical officers performing plague duty in districts should be reminded that in the execution of their sanitary functions they should keep the Sanitary Commissioner ^{ad} inform of their whereabouts and of their efforts to stay the progress of the disease," and I was asked by the Plague Commissioner to issue instructions to Medical officers accordingly vide his proceedings No. 88, dated 7th October 1898.

2. On receipt of these proceedings, I drew the attention of the Sanitary Commissioner to the draft ~~state~~ standing order (copy attached) which I had already proposed to issue on the subject and which I had referred to him for any suggestions or additions he wished to make and at the same time remarked that at a time when the plague is in full swing Medical officers have more important duties to perform than writing a full account of "their efforts to stay the progress of the disease". I had already found in my office that Medical officers were writing unnecessarily long reports on each case of plague and the steps they were taking about it. In one instance the report on a single case of plague had run to four pages of fools cap.

3. The Sanitary Commissioner in his reply No. 2635/S, dated 7th November 1898 (copy attached) considers it essential that all medical officers performing sanitary functions should keep him ~~reasonably~~ ^{well} informed of the progress of the disease in the areas in which they are required to fulfil the duties of District Sanitary Officers and with this view suggests the issue of the following standing order by me.

"District Medical and Sanitary Officers are reminded that it is their duty to keep the Sanitary Commissioner informed ^{well} as to the incidence of plague in their districts, of their movements and of the sanitary measures adopted or advised by them in respect to this disease. This ruling applies also to all ordinary epidemics or outbreaks of special diseases, within the area under their sanitary charge"

"At the termination of an epidemic of cholera or plague the instructions given in para. 1258 (50) of the Civil Medical Code should be obeyed. A copy of the report should be furnished to the office of the Surgeon-General."

"Attention is requested to paras. 1231-4 Civil Medical Code."

4. Government will observe from the above that whenever there is any outbreak of a special disease or an ordinary epidemic in a District, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer or Civil Surgeon will be required to write out from time to time long reports giving a detailed account of the progress of the disease in each Taluk or locality and showing the sanitary measures adopted or advised by him in each instance to combat the same. On submission of these reports the Sanitary Commissioner will naturally not being fully conversant with local circumstances make his own comments which will elicit replies and explanations from the Medical officers concerned, so that a major portion of their time will be ~~absorbed~~ absorbed in time report-writing and correspondence to the detriment of their more legitimate and important duties which require their undivided time and attention. I confess, I fail to realize the necessity for or the utility of such detailed reports, as they cannot serve much useful purpose while they will necessarily prevent the medical officer from devoting that time and attention to his medical duties which

the importance of the occasion demands. As all orders the Sanitary Commissioner has to pass to ~~that~~ ^{these} officers are required to be ~~substituted~~ ^{to and} submitted issued by me under paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 435, Public dated the 17th April 1897, I cannot see what ~~good~~ ^{good} object can be gained by his being furnished with such detail ^{la}.

These officers are the responsible sanitary advisers to the Collectors of the Districts, Presidents of local Boards and Chairmen of municipalities who only receive suggestions from the Sanitary Commissioner.

5. Each District Medical and Sanitary officer or Civil Surgeon is allotted certain duties on such occasions which he is expected and may be depended upon to carry out to the best of his ability and energy. It will, in my opinion, suffice for all practical purposes, if he reports that he has adopted or advised the ~~adepted~~ adoption of necessary sanitary measures, and the inspections made from time to time by the ~~See~~ ^{the} Sanitary Commissioner will place within his reach all necessary details of such measures, if required by him. To overtax the Medical Officer, however, with heavy clerical duties and that too at a time when he can least spare his time for such purpose will be ~~determined~~ detrimental to the efficient performance of his ~~more~~ more important duties and defeat the object for which such ~~elaborate~~ elaborate arrangements are made. In this connection I would invite the attention of Government to G.O. No. 227, Public, dated 14th February 1896, and to para. 22 of the note of the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, recorded therein from which it will be seen that the elaboration of clerical work is to be discouraged as much as possible.

6. The Sanitary Commissioner while admitting (para. 2 of his letter) that District Medical and Sanitary Officers have extra strain thrown upon their energies says that Government has also provided extra means for meeting that strain by additions to the clerical staff of District Medical and Sanitary Officers. I cannot see the force of this argument as the reports of the kind required by him cannot be drawn up by clerks who are only useful in fair copying what is drafted by Medical and Sanitary officers.

officers. His reference to the appointment of assistant Surgeons in 1883 is beside the question at issue. These assistants were chiefly sanctioned to enable District Medical and Sanitary Officers to tour in their districts with a view to inspect outlying hospitals and dispensaries, &c.

7. Under these ~~circ~~ circumstances, I consider that it will be sufficient if the requirements of paras. 1231-4 and para. 1258 (30) Civil Medical Code are complied with by District Medical and Sanitary Officers. The imposition of any additional clerical work on them will detract from the value of their usefulness as medical officers - a result which I am sure Government will not approve.

O R D E R: - No. 1440, dated 30th November 1898.

The Government agrees with the Surgeon-General.

(True Extract)

For Knapp

for Chief Secretary.

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30/11/98

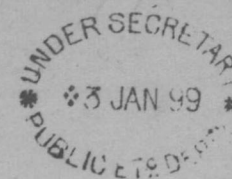
To the Surgeon-General.

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Agartala
 Madras, 31st December 1898.

Dear Mr: Tremenheere,

G.O.NO.1440 dated 30th November 1896 makes such sweeping changes-changes which I think are based upon a misrepresentation by the Surgeon-General of facts and of orders quoted by him in his letter to Government on the subject- that I ask the favour (1) of either Government requiring the Surgeon-General not to communicate this order to his officers and thus let the matter rest as an expression of opinion to him as to the publications of the Standing Order referred to, or, if it be unwilling to do this (2) will kindly require him not to communicate it until I have had the opportunity of receiving from Government an answer to

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Yours sincerely,

(Signed). W.G.King,

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