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(4) Disinfection

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

(1899)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 503
Dated 23.2.99
Despatched 23.2.99



[Despatch Abstract.]

Nurses

Stating that two lady-nurses were employed
on inoculation work, ^{sent to relieve}
on the suggestion of Govt. ^{with the approval of the S.G.} that their case is
exceptional.

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From

The Sanitary Commission
for Madras.

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SUBJECT.

Stating that for the reasons
stated he is of opinion that non-
medical women should not be
allowed to practice inoculation
& suggesting that to meet his
present ruling it is desirable that
notification published with Co. 1
No. 1543 dated 6th December 1893

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PLAGUE.

No. 329
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Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Madras, 2^d February 1899.

From

Lieut.-Colonel W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To

The

Plague Commission
Madras

Enclosure.

Sir,

With reference to your Proceedings N^o 283 dated 27 January 1898 para 2, I have the honor to maintain the opinion already offered you that non-medical women should not be allowed to practice inoculation. In the instance referred to, it cannot be said that no other agency was available as Miss (Dr) Hart was on the spot, and helped to carry out inoculation. This fully qualified lady could have been at the disposal of Government, had my request to obtain qualified ladies attached to my office been granted by Government. I shall

that so long as medical women
are available, they should be
employed. The function of
nurses is nursing, and if
there be no scope for this spe-
ciality, their salaries must
be regarded as wasted. I may
add that I believe I am not
alone in considering that
non-medical women should
not undertake this operation.
The Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras having
already given this as his opinion.

2. So as to meet your present
puling, it is desirable that
Notification published with G.O.
N° 1543 dated 6 December 1898
be modified by ~~placing~~ as
follows:

"All commissioned medical
Officers in military or civil employ,
military and civil Assistant
Surgeons, ~~and~~ such civil Apothecaries
and Nurses as the commissioned
medical officers under whose
orders they are serving may
permit to."

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
W. H. King.

Sanitary Commissioner

Note.

G.O. No 1543-1¹ authorizes
8.12.98
only the following officers
to conduct inoculation
All commissioned medical
officers in military or civil
employ, military & civil
Asst Surgeons & such civil
Apothecaries as the Com-
missioned medical officers
under whose orders they
are serving, may permit,
& also private practitioners
having certain qualifications
not below those possessed
by military or civil Asst
Surgeons.

The Sanitary Comm^{tee}
was requested to supply
the two nurses posted
to Vellore, with the necessary
serum & apparatus for
conducting inoculation.
In compliance with
this request, the Sanitary
Commissioner states that
he is of opinion that only
qualified women should
be allowed to conduct

inoculation & that non-medical women should not be allowed. He ^{however} suggests that nurses may be allowed to practice inoculation, if the Commissioned Medical Officers under whose order they are serving, permit, & that G.O. no 1543 may be amended, in the light of the above ~~fact~~ remark.

He apparently makes this suggestion in order to bring the rules into accord with the C. action in regard to Nurse nurses, but he is decidedly against

the employment of nurses for ^{the} inoculating & in matters like this, his opinion must prevail. Miss Hardman's case may however remain as an exception.

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