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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

Read—the following paper:—

Single inoculation has been proved so infinitely inferior in protection to double inoculation—*vide* statistics from Hubli and Dharwar and evidence before the Bangalore Plague Commission—that it will only discredit inoculation in the eyes of the people if they are done but once and still get the plague. All had better be done again by the apothecary who can then and there take their thumb-marks and issue their certificates of efficient inoculation. To be returned.

COIMBATORE, 17th January 1899. (Signed) C. W. WILLIAMS, M.D., Capt., I.M.S.,
Ag. Dist. Medl. and Sanitary Officer.

Re-submitted.

2. None is willing to submit himself to double inoculation.
3. The question is not whether a single inoculation is inferior to double inoculation. It is certainly less efficacious.

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5. I beg therefore to request that certificates may be granted consistently with the orders of Government and the practice hitherto followed by you in regard to persons whom you operated upon.

19th January 1899. (Signed) E. S. SRINIVASA ROW,
Tahsildar.

The practice hitherto followed by me in reference to persons whom I operated upon has been invariably to withhold the certificates until the second inoculation had been performed, and I have not yet signed a certificate for any one only once inoculated. So far every one has been satisfied and all the more pleased with the additional safety ensured besides the diminished risk of the spread of the disease through him to his family and friends.

COIMBATORE, 25th January 1899. (Signed) C. W. WILLIAMS, M.D., Capt., I.M.S.,
Ag. Dist. Medl. and Sanitary Officer.

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2. There are persons at the district head-quarters who hold certificates for a single inoculation. To require a person to be twice inoculated to get a certificate is against the orders of Government.

26th January 1899. (Signed) E. S. SRINIVASA ROW,
Tahsildar.

Please read paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 837 P., dated 17th August 1898. Note the orders "may be issued" in the first line. Return requested.

COIMBATORE, 30th January 1899. (Signed) C. W. WILLIAMS, M.D., Capt., I.M.S.,
Ag. Dist. Medl. and Sanitary Officer.
To the Tahsildar of Karur.

Re-submitted.

2. I have read the Government order and noted the particular expression to which my attention has been drawn.

3. The word "may" is used in the Government order to confer a power to grant a certificate to a person who has been successfully operated upon once. When an order confers an authority to grant a certificate in a certain case, it is imperative on those so authorized to exercise the authority when the case arises and its exercise is duly applied for by a party interested and having the right to make an application. The exercise of such power does not appear to depend upon the discretion of the officer authorized, but upon the proof of the particular case out of which such power arises.

4. In the present instance all the persons have been successfully operated upon once. In my own case I had fever for three days and have not thoroughly re-established myself yet. The local apothecary, who had under his observation the persons inoculated, can certify to the success which attended upon your operations. If you hold that it is discretionary with you to grant certificate for a single inoculation, I am unable to understand under what other circumstances you will be pleased to exercise discretion vested in you, nor does the regulation framed under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act lay down anywhere that a person should be twice inoculated to obtain a certificate. The Government order simply points out the advisability of inoculating a second time and does not lay it down as an absolute rule.

(Signed) E. S. SRINIVASA ROW,
Tahsildar.

1st February 1899.

Ref. on No. 95-Supr.

Submitted to the Sub-Collector of Coimbatore.

2. It is respectfully requested that the Collector may be moved to take steps for certificates being granted to those who were inoculated with the M. Haffkine prophylactic by the District Medical Officer on the 24th December last.

(Signed) E. S. SRINIVASA ROW,
Tahsildar.

N. Dis. C. No. 293-Rev.

Forwarded to the Collector.

The District Surgeon refuses to grant a certificate for a single inoculation whether successful or not. This goes much further than the Government orders on the subject.

(Signed) J. A. CUMMING,
Sub-Collector.

10th February 1899.

R. O. C. No. 15-Plague.

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner through the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, for favour of his opinion and instruction in the matter.

COIMBATORE, 15th February 1899. (Signed) C. H. MOUNSEY,
Acting Collector.

No. 547, 28TH FEBRUARY 1899.

No. 558-S.

Forwarded to the Plague Commissioner.

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In the class of cases referred to, the contention apparently is that to qualify for a certificate/re-inoculation—in the sense that a successful inoculation inducing a suitable reaction has already been accomplished—must be submitted to. This view is erroneous; although the contention as to its being enforced in the patient's interest is correct. The Medical officer should be required to furnish the certificate claimed.

21st February 1899.

(Signed) W. G. KING, Lieut.-Col., I.M.S.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 547, dated 28th February 1899.

The Plague Commissioner concurs in the view expressed by the Sanitary Commissioner. The Collector is requested to arrange with the District Medical and Sanitary Officer for the issue of inoculation certificates to those who, in the latter's opinion, have been successfully operated upon.

Personal Assistant,
for Plague Commissioner.

To the Collector of Coimbatore. (428th)
Copy to all other Collectors.
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Surgeon-General.
" the President, Madras Municipal Commission.

Ed. A. Rungasamy Aiyangar.

Karur Taluk office

13th January 1899

Dear Sir,
From

The Tahsildar of
Karur.

To, The District Medical and Sanitary Officer,
Coimbatore.

Sir,

I beg to request that you will kindly grant inoculation certificates to those on whom the operation was performed by you on the 24th December last at Karur.

The Local Apothecary brought to my notice that they should be twice inoculated before they become eligible to get a certificate from you. I am not aware of any such order having been passed by Government. If it should be made a rule to be twice inoculated to obtain a certificate, it will certainly discourage people from coming forward to inoculate themselves. It is the intention of Government to popularize inoculation as far as possible.

Indeed provision is made in the certificate itself

itself for cases once inoculated.

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(Sd) J. A. Cunningham
(True Copy) 10.2.99 Sub Collector

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and instruction in the matter.

Coimbatore Collector's
Office 15th February 1899

Principal
Ag Collector

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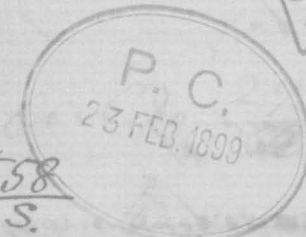
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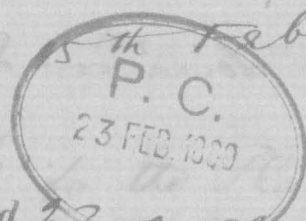
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for favour of opinion and instruction copies of certain correspondence between the Tahsildar of Karur and the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Coimbatore re the issue of certificates to persons who have been once inoculated.

W. H. R. S.
 Lt. Col. R. S.

San. Comr. in Charge

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NOTE FOR THE C. No 238/99.

Proceedings 547 of 28/2/99

The Plague Commission fully concurs in the view expressed by the Sanitary Commissioner. The Collector ^{is requested to} ~~will now~~ arrange with the D. Medical & Sanitary Officer for the issue of ~~the~~ inoculation certificates to those who in the latter's opinion have been successfully operated upon.

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To,
The Collector of Coimbatore
Cope to the Sanitary Commissioner
" to the Surgeon General
" to the Secretary to Govt.
President, Municipal Board.

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