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[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic plague - Recording letter from the Govt. of Bombay forwarding for information copy of a resolution of the Bombay Govt. on letter from the Secretary, Revd. and Statistical Dept., India Office, regarding the despatch of 22 doctors from England for plague duty.

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No. 7085 (plague)
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Enclosures 1

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that a copy of the papers mentioned within should be forwarded for information to all Presiding and that S. G. S. attention should be invited to the correspondence under lying Govt Resol 3259-2463P. 27/12-6-97 & c.

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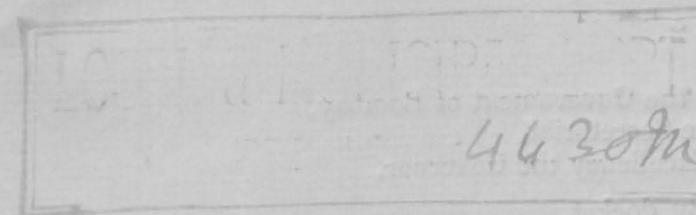
Forwarding for information copy of a resolution of the Bombay Govt in letter from the Secretary Revenue & Statistics Deptt India office regarding the decision of 22 doctors from England for plague duty.

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Bubonic Plague.—
Despatch of 22 doctors from England.

General Department (Plague).

No. 7085
5018-P.

Bombay Castle,
20th December 1897.

Letter from the Secretary, Revenue and Statistics Department, India Office, dated the 19th November 1897 :—

"The Government of India telegraphed on Sunday last for 25 more temporary plague doctors. Twenty-two out of the 25 go by the steamer which carries this letter. I attach a list* of them with particulars of their qualifications, and also copy of the letter sent to each of them.

"2. The Bombay Government telegram, requesting that agreements should be taken from the doctors binding them to stay till the plague was over, did not arrive until some of them had been actually engaged on the old terms; so the agreement could not be obtained. If hereafter more temporary doctors are engaged, agreements as suggested shall be taken from them.

"3. They have all been told that they may be kept more than six months if the plague continues. But we are advised that we could not compel them to stay indefinitely under the present temporary engagements; and that if their services are required much beyond nine months, it would be expedient that a fresh agreement should be made in India for their further engagement. We have declined to take one or two otherwise very eligible—candidates because they could not stay more than five or six months.

"4. I enclose letters from two of the doctors, namely, from—

Dr. Pearse offering himself for bacteriological, sanitary, or municipal work when his plague duty is over; and

Dr. Pitchford saying that he is fit and would be glad to take up bacteriological work, if that should be required; also asking that certain payments may be made to him before he leaves Bombay.

Dr. Pitchford has received a single ticket to Bombay only; all other doctors have received return tickets. If they are kept in India longer than six months, notice will have to be sent to the P. & O. in order that their tickets may be extended to one year.

"5. These doctors, as well as the previous batch of doctors, and both batches of nurses have been told that we accept the cost of their extra luggage across the Continent; that, as we do not know the amounts to be paid, we cannot pay them beforehand; but that, if they present duly certified bills to the authorities in Bombay, the amounts will be paid there. We have not promised them any re-imbursement of expenses on food across the Continent; and those who have asked question on that point have been told that such charges cannot be repaid."

RESOLUTION.—A copy of the papers* should be forwarded to the Governments of India, Madras and Bengal and to the officers and Department concerned for information.

2. The Surgeon General's attention should be invited to the correspondence underlying Government Resolution No. 3259—2403-P., dated the 12th June 1897, and he should be requested to furnish Government with a report on the requests made by Drs. Pearse and Pitchford. He is also requested to report at the beginning of March 1898 as to the necessity or otherwise of extending the return tickets of this batch of doctors.

A. WINGATE,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Surgeon General with the Government
of Bombay,
The Accountant General.

With a copy of the papers
referred to in paragraph 4
of the India Office letter.

* Printed on pages 3 @ 6.

[P. T. O.]

The Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay,
 The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
 The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
 The Government of India, } By docket.
 The Government of Bengal.

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Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

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Secretary to Government.

To
 4- The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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INDIA OFFICE,

Whitehall,

London, S. W.,

1897.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to inform you that you have been selected for temporary plague duty in India, and that you are to leave London for Bombay on the November.

The terms of your employment are as follows:—

(a) You will discharge such duties as the Government of India or Bombay, or the superior Medical officers under those Governments, may assign to you;

(b) Your employment will certainly last three months, may last from three to six months, and might possibly last beyond six months. Fifteen days' notice will be given you before your Indian employment ends;

(c) You will receive a monthly salary of 500 rupees from the date of your leaving London up to the date of your returning to London, provided you return home direct from Bombay. If you do not return direct, your salary will be paid up to sixteen days after leaving Bombay;

(d) An outfit allowance of £25 will be paid to you, and you will receive travelling allowance for journeys undertaken on duty at the rate allowed to Civil Surgeons in India;

(e) A first class return passage from London to Bombay will be provided for you.

On reaching Bombay you should report yourself to the Surgeon General to the Government of Bombay for instructions.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

List of Medical Officers for plague duty.

Name.	Qualifications.	Remarks.
Wilfred Watkins Pitchford. Age—29.	M.B. (London). F.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). Served as Commissioner to the Natal Government to report on the Bacteriological Laboratories of Europe, with special reference to serum treatment. Has experience in Bacteriological research.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride; has visited the tropics in the capacity of Surgeon.
Walter Venis. Age—35.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.S.A. D.P.H. (Cambridge). Medallist and Prizeman in Hygiene at University College, London. Served as Health Officer and Analyst to the Benares Municipality for 7 years.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride; has resided in India and has good knowledge of Hindustani.
Hermann C. Venis. Age—29.	L.R.C.P. } (Edinburgh). L.R.C.S. L.S.A. (London). B.A. Has served for two periods as House Surgeon.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride; has good knowledge of Hindustani.
Sorab Nariman. Age—33.	M.D. } (Bombay). B.Sc. L.R.C.P. (London). M.R.C.P. (England). D.P.H. (Cambridge). Was Examiner in Hygiene to the Bombay University for 3 years. Medallist and Scholar in Public Health at the University College, London.	<i>Fit</i> ; considers himself a good horseman and has ridden long distances. Is a Parsi, and can converse in the district languages of the Bombay Presidency.
Herbert Henry George Knapp. Age—27.	M.A. } (Oxon.). M.B. B.C. Served as House Physician at St. Mary's Hospital.	<i>Fit</i> ; was accustomed to horse exercise as a boy from 10 to 15 years of age.
Charles Balfour Stewart. Age—33.	M.R.C.S. } (Lond). L.R.C.P. M.B.; H.C. (Cambridge). M.A. (Cambridge). Has done a good amount of Bacteriological work.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride.
Willie Letterville Barron. Age—25.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). Recommended by the Dean of the Medical School, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride; has Myopia=D3, not to disqualify.

Name.	Qualifications.	Remarks.
Thomas Caldwell Lister Jones. Age—24.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). Has passed the first examination for F.R.C.S. Strongly recommended by Sir Dyce Duckworth.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride.
Henry Covernton Selby. Age—30.	M.B. } (Cambridge). B.C. M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). B.A. (Cambridge). First Class Honours in Natural Science Tripos—1890. Recommended by the Dean of the Medical School, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.	Has Myopia=D6 50, but completely corrected with glasses. Some varicose veins on right leg. <i>Is fit for temporary duty</i> , and may be accepted; is accustomed to horse exercise; and has some special qualifications.
David Claude Kemp. Age—26.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.S.A. L.R.C.P. (London). Is now engaged in preparation for the D.P.H. Recommended by Professor Victor Horsley.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride.
Harold Wilson Bruce. Age—21.	M.B. (London University). Recommended by the Dean of Guy's Hospital Medical School as "a distinguished student."	<i>Fit</i> ; has ridden; has slight varicose and teeth require putting in order. He undertakes to have done all that is necessary.
Ratonjee Dinshaw Dalal. Age—28.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). L.M. & S. (Bombay). Recommended by Sir Richard Thorne-Thorne and Mr. Howard Marsh of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.	Is Myopic to the extent of 1/7, but for temporary duty is considered <i>fit</i> ; can ride; is conversant with the languages of the Bombay Presidency.
William Walker Laroche McLean. Age—32.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). L.S.A. Has visited the tropics in the capacity of Ship's Surgeon and has served for four years.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride; has Myopia=D2; does not disqualify.
Thomas Frederick Pearse. Age—40.	M.D. (Brux.). F.R.C.S. (England). M.R.C.P. (London). D.P.H. (Cambridge). Has lately taken out a course of Bacteriology at King's College.	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride; his acquirements may be set against his age.
Alfred Edward Stevens. Age—24.	M.B. (Durham). L.R.C.P. (London). M.R.C.S. (England).	<i>Fit</i> ; can ride.

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Name.	Qualifications.	Remarks.
William Cardiff Hosack. Age—26.	M.B. } (Aberdeen). C.M. } L.M. (Rotunda). Has gone through a course of Bacteriology under Professor Hamilton at Aberdeen.	Fit; can ride; has Myopia=D3, not to disqualify.
Edward Stuart Winter. Age—31.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). Recommended by Dr. Store, Dean of the Medical School, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Was Assistant to Chief Health Officer, Godalming, for five months in 1895.	Fit; can ride.
Frederick Arthur Foy. Age—33.	M.B. } (Aberdeen). C.M. } Practised for eight years in Bombay; can talk Hindustani.	Fit; can ride.
Robert William Jameson. Age—26.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). Is Assistant House Surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. Recommended by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Cambridge.	Fit.
Leslie Thomason Rose Hutchinson. Age—25.	M.B. } (Cambridge). B.C. } M.A. (Cambridge). Recommended by the Warden of the Medical School, London Hospital; possesses a good testimonial from the Regius Professor of Physic, Cambridge University.	Fit; was accustomed to riding up to 12 years of age.
Harry Dixon Packer. Age—25.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). Recommended by the Dean of the Medical School, Guy's Hospital.	Fit; can ride; has slight varicocele, not to disqualify.
William McNiven Muat. Age—25.	M.B. } (Glasgow). B.CH. } Was House Surgeon at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Has visited the tropics, India, Ceylon, China and Japan as Doctor in the P. & O. Company's service.	Fit.

Order

From

The Secretary to Govt.
General Department
BombayNo. 7230
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Dated 27. 12. 1897

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for information letter from the Secretary, Revenue and Statistics Dept. India office reporting the entreatment of English Doctors and Lady Nurses for plague duty.

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Bubonic Plague.—
English Doctors and Lady Nurses.

General Department (Plague).

No. 7230
5158-P.

Bombay Castle,
27th December 1897.

Letter from the Secretary, Revenue and Statistics Department, India Office, dated the 26th November 1897:—

“In continuation of my note by last mail I forward—

- (1) list of the three temporary doctors who go out by the mail which carries this letter (two copies); this detachment completes the 25 asked for;
- (2) copy of the letter under which these doctors are appointed. The telegram suggesting that agreements should be taken from these doctors came after some had been engaged, and there might have been difficulty in getting their assents to agreements afterwards propounded to them. If any more temporary doctors are engaged, agreements will be taken;
- (3) list of 12 nurses, of whom 11 go out by this mail and one (Miss Boyd) by next mail. I dare say the Medical or Plague Authorities will be able to arrange that this single nurse should be met, otherwise she may be in difficulties arriving alone at Bombay;
- (4) copy of the terms of engagement and letter to nurses.

“Both doctors and nurses have been told that we are responsible for paying the cost of their luggage across Europe to Brindisi, and that they must submit bills to the Indian authorities, under whom they may serve, for repayment of the sums they may have paid.

“One nurse, Miss Tanner, has received an advance of £10 to be deducted from her salary.

“All these matters will be set out in a despatch; but that takes time to get itself passed and signed.”

RESOLUTION.—A copy of the papers* should be forwarded to the Governments of India, Madras and Bengal and to the officers and Departments concerned for information in continuation of Government Resolution No. 7085—5018-P., dated the 20th December 1897.

A. WINGATE,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay,
The Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay,
The Accountant General,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat,
The Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
The Government of India, } By docket.
The Government of Bengal.

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Forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

List of Medical officers for plague duty.

Name.	Qualifications.	Remarks.
George William Lewis. Age—26.	M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). Served as Assistant to Mr. Victor Horsley at the University College Hospital.	Fit; can ride fairly well.
Cyril Henry Cayley. Age—32.	M.B. } (Cambridge). B.C. } M.R.C.S. (England). L.R.C.P. (London). D.P.H. (Cambridge).	Fit; can ride.
Bertram Crossfield Stevens. Age—23.	L.S.A. (London). Intermediate M.B. (Durham). Recommended.	Fit.

R. & S.

INDIA OFFICE,
Whitehall,
London, S. W.,
1897.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to inform you that you have been selected for temporary plague duty in India, and that you are to leave London for Bombay on the November.

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(c) You will receive a monthly salary of 500 rupees from the date of your leaving London up to the date of your returning to London, provided you return home direct from Bombay. If you do not return direct, your salary will be paid up to sixteen days after leaving Bombay;

(d) An outfit allowance of £25 will be paid to you, and you will receive travelling allowance for journeys undertaken on duty at the rate allowed to Civil Surgeons in India;

(e) A first class return passage from London to Bombay will be provided for you.

On reaching Bombay you should report yourself to the Surgeon General to the Government of Bombay for instructions.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Roll of Nurses for temporary plague duty.

Name.	Age.	Qualifications.	Remarks.
1. Miss Harriet McDougall ...	28	4 years' training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and is now a senior nurse at that Institution. Strongly supported by the Matron of her Hospital and the senior members of the Hospital staff.	Fit.
2. Miss Edith Wilkinson Tetley.	31	3 years' training at the Charing Cross Hospital. 1½ years' training at the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary. Recommended by the Matrons of both Institutions and by several members of the respective staffs.	Fit.
3. Miss Mina Annie Holmes ...	30	3 years' training at St. Marylebone Infirmary. 1½ years at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. Has a good certificate from the Matron of St. Marylebone Infirmary, and one from the Medical Superintendent of the Fulham Infirmary where she is now a Charge Nurse.	Fit.
4. Miss Emma Ann Moles ...	29	3 years' training at the Birmingham General Hospital. 1 year at the Newcastle Nursing Home. Has testimonials from the Matrons of those Institutions.	Fit.
5. Miss Marion Porteous Muat.	30	3½ years' training at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Has a certificate from the Matron of that Institution.	Fit.
6. Kate Burrows ...	32	3½ years' training at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester. Has a certificate from the Matron of that Institution. Recommended by Dr. Buchanan of the Local Government Board.	Fit.
7. Hester Mary Dowson ...	30	1½ years' training at the London University College Hospital. 1 year at Guy's Hospital. 4 months at St. Northern Hospital. 1 year at the Shadwell Children's Hospital. Has certificates from the Matrons of the two last named Institutions and a letter of recommendation from the Matron of the University College Hospital.	Fit.

Name.	Age.	Qualifications.	Remarks.
8. Mary Knox Boyd ...	31	{ 3 years in Sir Patrick Dunn's Hospital, Dublin.	} <i>Fit.</i>
9. Eva Agnes Bickers ...	34	{ 3 years' training at the London Hospital. 1 year at the Seamen's Hospital, Green- wich. Recommended by the Hospital Matrons.	} <i>Fit.</i>
10. Sarah Harriet Penelope Leslie	30	{ 3½ years' training at St. Bartho- lomew's Hospital. Application supported by the Matron of the Hospital and some of the Hospital staff.	} <i>Fit.</i>
11. Sophia Margaret Browning ...	28	{ 2 years Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. 2 years Royal Infirmary, Windsor. 4 years Greek Hospital, Alexandria. Has submitted a certificate from the Matron of those Hospitals.	} <i>Fit</i> ; Myopia=D5, not to disqualify.
12. Lilian Tanner ...	27	{ 3 years at Taunton (Somerset) Hospital. Has a certificate from the Matron of that Hospital.	} <i>Fit</i> ; Myopia=D5 not to disqualify.

R. & S.

INDIA OFFICE,
Whitehall,
London, S. W.

1897.

MADAM,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to inform you that you have been appointed Lady Nurse in the employment of the Government of Bombay. The Accountant General at this office has been instructed to pay you your outfit allowance of £10, and your railway and passage tickets will be sent to you in due course.

You will leave London (Holborn or Victoria) on the morning of Thursday 25th instant, by the 11 o'clock train for Brindisi, where you will catch the P. & O. S. S. *Bombay*, sailing on 28th instant. Claims for travelling expenses in this country should be addressed to the Accountant General at this Office, and must be supported by vouchers; you should state the name of some person in this country to whom payment may be made in your behalf. Claims on account of overweight baggage (subject to the maximum of 6 cwt.) should be made to the Government of Bombay.

You will be met on arrival at Bombay, and letters addressed to you c/o Surgeon General, Bombay, will be forwarded to you.

The terms of your engagement are enclosed herewith.

I am,
Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT.

- (1) Selected candidates to be termed "Lady Nurses."
- (2) Candidates to be between 23 and 35 years of age and to produce certificates of birth.
- (3) To be examined by the President of the Medical Board (before engagement) as to fitness for service in India.
- (4) To produce certificates of at least three years' training at a hospital in which adult males receive medical and surgical treatment and in which a nursing staff is maintained. Also to furnish recommendation from the Matron of the hospital at which they have been trained.
- (5) Engagement to be for not less than six months except in case of misconduct or break down of health. Notice of one month to be given before termination of engagement on the part of Government or the Lady Nurse.
- (6) Free passage by 2nd saloon P. & O. Company's steamers to India and back, but resignation within a year except on account of ill-health not to entitle to a free return passage from India.
- (7) Pay Rs. 175 per mensem—in addition to free quarters, fuel, lights and punkah-pullers—to commence from date of embarkation to India.
- (8) Outfit allowance of £10.
- (9) Travelling expenses from and to residence in England to port of embarkation (claims for conveyance of baggage to be supported by vouchers) 6 cwt. of baggage allowed.
- (10) To embark for India within *one week* after appointment.