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9th July 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 59. From T. GOPALA ROW, Secretary to the Committee of the Combaconum Civil Dispensary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Combaconum, 13th June 1866, No. 10.

I am directed by the Committee of the Combaconum Civil Dispensary to bring to the notice of Government the inconvenience to which the inhabitants of Combaconum are subjected from their utter inability to get their children, or themselves, vaccinated, under the present system. More than a year has elapsed since the Vaccinator was removed from the Combaconum Taluq, and yet the Deputy Superintendent of Vaccination, with his staff of Vaccinators, has not, up to this time, visited the Taluq; and it appears from a notice which lately appeared in the "Madras Times," that, under the present system, no station can be visited more than once in three years, so that children, at any Station, born after the Deputy Superintendent and his Staff have left it, will have to remain unvaccinated for periods amounting, in extreme cases, to three years.

2. The Committee, therefore, request that Government will be pleased to attach a Vaccinator to the Combaconum Civil Dispensary, where he may be under the supervision of the Medical Officer in charge, and be employed over the whole Taluq.

Referred to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, for early report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd June 1866.

(Signed) J. D. STM,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 60. From the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 27th June 1866, No. 226.

In reply to letter* from the Secretary Civil Dispensary, Combaconum, I have the honor to forward a communication† from Dr. Shortt, the General Superintendent of Vaccination.

* No. 10, dated 13th June 1866.

† No. 300, dated 26th June 1866.

2. I quite agree with Dr. Shortt in thinking that, if vaccination is so much desired by the inhabitants, a rich community, such as Combaconum, should render itself independent of Government aid, and, if really anxious to have the benefit of vaccination for their families, pay the salary of a Vaccinator, as is done already by the Municipality of Vizagapatam and some other towns.

3. The Government Vaccine Establishment will, I fear, be never able to overtake the extent of work required in the Provinces, unless the large towns take upon themselves the duty of providing for vaccination at their own expense.

4. Vaccination is kept up by the Medical Subordinate of the Combaconum Dispensary, and all persons who apply to him can have the operation performed free of expense. The statement of the "utter inability" of the people to get their children vaccinated is, therefore, not correct. All Medical Subordinates are directed to keep up vaccination in the stations to which they may be attached, so as to allow of the Vaccine Establishment working in remote parts of the District. Their medical duties, however, do not permit of their running about from house to house,

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soliciting the people to submit to vaccination. The residents in such cases who desire to have vaccination performed must take a little trouble about it, and not expect every thing to be done for them without any exertion on their part.

5. Dr. Shortt has had several calls of late for Vaccinators to be sent to particular places, and often, after the trouble and loss of time in moving his Establishment, the people who have asked for a Vaccinator have refused to have anything to say to him on his arrival.

From Assistant Surgeon, J. SHORT, M. D., General Superintendent of Vaccination, to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 26th June 1866, No. 300.

With reference to letter, No. 10, of the 13th instant, to the address of the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, referred to me for report, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, that the town of Combaconum is not only a large and populous, but a wealthy, town, and can well afford to supply a Vaccinator of its own, in connection with the Civil Dispensary, which is self-supporting, or in connection with the Municipal Association, which has been recently organized in that town.

2. Agreeably to Circular Memorandum, No. 1786, dated 18th May 1865, from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, the Medical Subordinates attached to the Civil Dispensary, Combaconum, keep up Vaccination—38 cases have been operated on during the month of April last; the return for May has not reached this office as yet—and there is nothing to prevent parties desirous of being vaccinated applying at the Dispensary to have the operation performed.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1866, No. 690.

The Government are informed by the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, that all persons desirous of having themselves or their children vaccinated are at liberty to resort, for that purpose, to the Station Civil Dispensary, where the services of the Medical Subordinate are always available. The Government trust that so intelligent and wealthy a community as that of Combaconum will follow the example of the Municipality of Vizagapatam and some other towns, and raise the small amount necessary for maintaining a sufficient number of Vaccinators, to meet fully the requirements of their populous town, and thus enable the Government to extend the advantages of vaccination to poorer localities.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
,, Committee of the Civil Dispensary, Combaconum.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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