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20th July 1866.

No. 116. Read the following letter from the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 23rd May 1866, No. 181.

No. 417, of date 25th April 1866, Public Department. I have the honor to acknowledge Proceedings of Government as per margin.

2. The Annual Report on Vaccination in the Madras Presidency during 1865, (now in the printer's hands,) shows that, with the reduced establishment, the reported number of vaccine operations have considerably fallen off, and also my views that, notwithstanding the reduction in numbers, more real work has been done by the smaller staff of Vaccinators under trained superintendence during the last year, than by the old Establishment under no superintendence at all.

3. In urging upon Government, as I did in letter, No. 113, of 9th April 1864, the necessity of remodelling the Vaccine Establishment, I was quite aware that the enormous area embraced in the Madras Presidency, could not be thoroughly worked over by an establishment consisting of 11 Superintendents and 145 Vaccinators.

The Presidency is said to include an area of 1,36,000 square miles, and although a single Vaccinator may visit many places and traverse long distances every year, it is physically impossible that one man can efficiently vaccinate all the people residing in a District of nearly 1000 square miles of territory.

4. It appeared to me that, considering the impossibility of bringing vaccination home to the whole of the population of this Presidency, it would be advisable to begin work, in the first instance, with a small and effectively supervised Establishment, increasing the number of Superintendents and Vaccinators from time to time, as further experience indicated the necessity.

5. The present Establishment, considering the short time it has been in operation, is working well. There can be no doubt, however, that the Establishment is numerically too weak to undertake the yearly visitation of every village as it should do. Dr. Shortt is of opinion that double the present number of Superintendents, and a staff of, at least, 300 Vaccinators, are required to do this effectually.

6. The sanction of Government was asked for two extra Superintendents for Vizagapatam, to supervise the Vaccinators about to be employed by the Zemindars of that District on their private estates. It appears that Government Vaccinators have not been heretofore employed within the limits of these Zemindaries. The Vaccinators will be paid by the Zemindars; but without due superintendence it is feared that the work will be but indifferently performed. In the Vizagapatam District, Small-pox inoculation is still practised by the Onah Brahmins, and it seems desirable to encourage every effort made by the landed proprietors to substitute for it the less dangerous operation of vaccination. On these grounds, Mr. Cole specially recommended, for the sanction of Government, the employment of two extra Superintendents in the Vizagapatam District.

7. It is not proposed to recommend any material increase to the Subordinate Medical Establishment on account of the Vaccine Department, but it will be necessary to increase gradually the number of Sub-Assistant Surgeons, until one at least is available to superintend the vaccination operations in every Collectorate. The

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additions required to the number of Vaccinators will, I think, be best met by employing Natives of the various Districts of good caste and family who, I believe, will be more acceptable to the people than the Hospital Assistants have proved, many of whom are of low caste; but as the working capacity of the present Establishment is not yet fairly ascertained, I propose, with the sanction of Government, to defer making any definite recommendation as to the actual increase of Establishment required, pending the experience to be acquired during the current year.

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1866, No. 731.

The Government gather from the above letter, that Dr. Shaw does not desire any action to be taken, at present, on Dr. Shortt's recommendation, that two additional Deputy Superintendents be entertained to supervise the work of the Vaccinators in the Vizagapatam Estates.

2. They will, therefore, await his further application on the subject.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From

The Offg. Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Secy. Secretary to Government, Public Dept.,
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5. The present Establishment, considering the short time it has been in operation, is working well. There can be no doubt however that the establishment is numerically too weak to undertake the yearly visitation of every village as it should do. Mr Shortt is of opinion that double the present number of Superintendents and a staff of at least three hundred vaccinators are required to do this effectually.

6. The sanction of Government was asked for two extra Superintendents for Vizagapatam to supervise the vaccinators about to be employed by the Zemindars of that district on their private estates. It appears that Government vaccinators have not been heretofore employed within the limits of these Zemindaries. The vaccinators will be paid by the Zemindars, but without due superintendence it is feared that the work will be but in-adequately performed. In the Vizagapatam district

It seems to be the wish of the Corporation, Sir, to defer any definite decision until we meet. The general problem ~~the~~ increase or no increase after the close of the current year. So shortly proposed an output - say of 6000 tons might, I think, be postponed until the whole matter is brought forward.

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I have the honor to be.

I think that in this case the
 opinion of the Principal Inspector
 General & the Principal Medical Officer
 second time was properly accepted by
 you, and that the efforts of the Principal
 Medical Officer to introduce vaccination
 should be efficiently supported.
 I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
 J. H. Thompson, Secretary to the
 Principal Medical Officer.

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