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18th July 1867.*

Read the following letter* from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
(Here enter, 25th March 1867, No. 113).

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1867, No. 844.

With the foregoing letter the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, submits the report of the General Superintendent of Vaccination, showing the results of the operations of the Vaccine Department during the year 1866.

2. Notwithstanding the difficulties with which this Department had to contend during the season under review, owing to the unhealthiness of the year, the prevalence of famine, and the consequent increase of disease, the results of the past year are, by no means, unsatisfactory.

3. The total number of persons vaccinated was 1,94,509, exclusive of those whose names appear in the Mysore Returns ; the number of persons vaccinated in 1865 was 1,91,394. The average proportion of successful cases throughout the Presidency was 86·38, a result which, considering the exceptional nature of the season, and the fact that all doubtful cases, and cases which are not watched after the operation, are returned as unsuccessful, must, as the Inspector General remarks, be considered very satisfactory.

4. These results, are in great part, owing to the exertions and good management of Dr. Shortt, who has, it appears, been generally ably assisted by his subordinates.

5. The Department, as re-organized two years ago, appears to work well, but it is urged that the Districts are too large for the Deputy Superintendents to supervise thoroughly, and that the Staff of Vaccinators is inadequate. These representations will be duly considered when orders are passed on the proposal for increasing the Staff of Vaccinators and number of Superintendents.

6. The names of Dr. Thompson and Pulney Andy will, as recommended by the General Superintendent and the Inspector General, be removed from the Staff of the Vaccine Department, and borne on a separate list, in virtue of their other permanent employments.

7. The Government learn with pleasure that efforts have been made by various Officers of Government, and independent gentlemen, to make widely known the advantages and the *modus operandi* of vaccine operations.

8. Dr. Shortt's experiments on the propagation of vaccine virus on the lower animals have led to valuable results : the remarks of the General Superintendent, with reference to the protective power which he believes vaccination may possess over cattle, and the benefits which may accrue from vaccinating cattle in villages where operations are going on, are especially worthy of consideration and experiment, both with a view to testing the results, and propagating lymph.

9. It is gratifying to remark that the number of Vaccinators employed by Zemindars, Municipal Associations, and private individuals is steadily increasing.

10. The attention of the Public Works Department is drawn to the remarks of Dr. Shortt, with reference to the repairs which are required for the Chintadrepettah Dispensary. These repairs should be at once commenced.

* Printed separately.

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11. The Government concur in thinking that it is desirable to employ a few men of each caste, and to distribute them over the several Circles, with a view to conciliating the prejudices, and meeting the wishes, of the various classes of the community.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Public Works Department.

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