

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	382	Press Mis.
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Read the following papers :—
No. 170. From the Magistrate of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Calicut, 6th March 1868, No. 27.

I have the honor to report that as small-pox was lately reported to be increasingly prevalent in the Ponany Taluq, I communicated with the Civil Surgeon here, who was fortunately able to make arrangements to send a Dresser out, and the man is now apparently doing good service ; but the disease is very prevalent indeed towards the south, and Palghaut. The Mortuary Returns do not (in the south, *i. e.*, Ponany, Chowghaut, &c.) at all represent the extent to which, by general accounts, the epidemic is spreading.

2. A Vaccinator has also been deputed by the Local Superintendent of Vaccination to work with the Dresser abovesaid in Ponany Taluq.

3. The Head Assistant Magistrate reports that there is a great deal of small-pox in Palghaut, and that many people are desirous of being vaccinated, fear apparently overcoming their ordinary prejudices.

4. The Mortuary Returns from the north are quite startling, especially those from Cherikul. I cannot account for this, as the Superintendent of Vaccination and his staff were lately working in the Sub-division for some months.

5. But I think assistance should be rendered, and I would strongly urge that Dressers should be sent as noted, and that extra Vaccinators, well supplied with good and pure lymph, should be sent to work with them.

Palghaut.....	1	Dresser and 2 Vaccinators.
Kurumbranad.....	1	" "
Kotayam.....	1	" "
Cherikul.....	1	" "

* Perhaps a Dresser could be spared from some of the Hospitals in Cannanore, which is in this Taluq.

6. The regular Vaccine establishment has its head quarters at Malliappoorum, in the Ernad Taluq, at present, and I do not think it should be moved. I append a statement showing the deaths as gathered from the Returns of October, November and December 1867, and January 1868, as compared with those of the same months of 1865-66 and 1866-67, respectively.

Soliciting early orders.

Memorandum showing the number of deaths from Small-pox.

Taluqs, &c.	1865. October.	November.	December.	1866. January.	Total.	1866. October.	November.	December.	1867. January.	Total.	1867. October.	November.	December.	1868. January.	Total.
Cherikul.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	12	16	73	61	65	130	329
Kotayam.....	...	...	...	...	...	26	7	3	2	38	51	52	53	85	241
Kurumbranad...	...	2	2	9	13	...	...	2	13	15	8	21	40	87	156
Calicut.....	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	9	6	17	20	5	13	53	91
Ernad.....	...	...	1	1	2	6	...	7	8	21	8	7	22	28	65
Ponany.....	1	2	13	41	57	10	12	4	20	46	2	7	16	36	61
Waluvanad...	...	2	1	1	4	1	1	3	12	17	...	4	2	11	17
Palghaut.....	...	...	...	1	1	3	7	23	26	59	17	6	20	50	93
Wynaad.....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	9	13	22	...	...	...	...	...
Cochin.....	3	12	4	32	51	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Angengo.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tangacherry.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	5	18	21	87	131	47	29	63	113	252	179	163	232	484	1058

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
25th March 1868.*

Referred to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, for his remarks.

10th March 1868.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 171. From W. MACKENZIE, Esq., M. D., Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 11th March 1868, No. 103.

In reply to your reference of the 10th current, I have the honor to state that, in the present state of the subordinate Medical Department, no Dressers can be made available for employment in the Malabar Taluqs.

2. Copy of Mr. Ballard's letter has been transferred to the Superintendent General of Vaccination, to whose Department it belongs to meet an emergency like the present one, with a request that he will immediately take such steps as he may consider desirable to arrest the spread of the disease.

No. 172. From Surgeon J. SHORTT, M. D., Superintendent General of Vaccine, Madras Presidency, to the Secretary to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 12th March 1868, No. 408.

With reference to your emergent docket, No. 970, of 11th March 1868, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, that on a report from the Deputy Superintendent of Vaccine, Malabar Circle, a Vaccinator was directed to be sent forthwith to Palghat in consequence of an outbreak of small-pox in that locality.

2. Seven other Vaccinators have been told off for the following towns and villages for work:—Cannanore, Cherikul, Tellicherry, Kotayam, Quilandy, Calicut, Beypore, Ponany, Tanoor, Cochin, Chowghat, Malliappooram, Munjeri, and Kundoti.

3. On the 19th February, the Deputy Superintendent was instructed, in consequence of a Notification in the *Times* newspaper, regarding the prevalence of small-pox at Cannanore, to take action at once in sending Vaccinators to such localities where the disease may show itself to any extent, and report the same to this office.

4. The staff of Vaccinators for the two districts of South Canara and Malabar comprise 13 in number; of these five have been told off for South Canara, inclusive of the Vaccinators sent to the Amindivi Islands, and the other eight Vaccinators for Malabar.

5. On the suggestion of the Collector of South Canara, two Vaccinators were commissioned to work as private practitioners the other day in that district, receiving such remuneration as the people may choose to give them for each operation.

6. In reply* to a communication from the Collector of Malabar, applying for the services of additional Vaccinators, I suggested the adoption of a similar plan of commissioning private Vaccinators, as practised in South Canara, for the favorable consideration of that officer.

* 18th February 1868.

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25th March 1868.*

7. I regret indeed to report that small-pox is very generally prevalent in almost every one of the districts in this Presidency just now, and crippled as we are for men to send to each locality, we are nevertheless doing our utmost in disposing our small staff of Vaccinators to the best advantage.

No. 111.
MEMORANDUM.

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, with reference to this office letter, No. 103, of the 11th current.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) W. MACKENZIE, M. D.,
12th March 1868. *Inspr. Genl., Indian Medl. Dept.*

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1868, No. 382.

Ordered that the above letters from Drs. Mackenzie and Shortt be communicated to the Collector of Malabar.

2. The Government regret to learn that small-pox is so prevalent, but are of opinion that Malabar has received its fair share of the regular establishment of Vaccinators.

3. The suggestion that private practitioners should be commissioned has, doubtless, received the Collector's best consideration.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.
,, Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. Talloe.

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To the Collector of Malabar
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