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Read the following papers:—

No. 49. From the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Byreddipalli, 9th July 1870, No. 40.

I have the honour to inform you that in his letter of the 4th instant, No. 308, the Superintendent of Vaccination in this District has communicated to me the appointment he has just made of one K. Subbiah, a Brahmin by caste, to be Vaccinator in the Poonganoor Zemindary.

2. I beg to draw the attention of Government to this appointment, which I consider to be very injudicious. A Brahmin, by the rules of his caste, is prohibited from approaching, much less handling, any member of the lower castes such as Pariahs, Chucklers, &c., &c.; and unless Government are pleased to maintain Vaccinators of different castes in each division of a district, it follows that, wherever Brahmin Vaccinators are employed, the operations of the Vaccine Department will be exclusively confined to the Brahminical class of the community.

3. It is of course the desire of Government that all castes and classes should share equally in the benefit to be derived from the working of the department they maintain at so vast an expense; but unless it is distinctly declared that the Superintendents of Vaccine are not to confine the appointment of their subordinate Vaccinators to members of their own caste, the object of Government will certainly never be attained.

4. I would, therefore, beg to recommend that Government now direct that in future Vaccinators in each district shall be selected exclusively from the Sudra caste. Brahmins do not consider themselves defiled if touched by members of this caste, while Sudras on the other hand do not entertain the professed scruples of the Brahmin against coming in contact with individuals of the lower castes of the native community.

Referred for the report of the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
13th July 1870.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 50. From the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort Saint George, 28th July 1870, No. 180.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the letter marginally noted, with No. 40, from Actg. Collr., North Arcot, to Chief Secy. to Govt., Fort Saint George. the Under-Secretary's Docket Memorandum of the 13th instant, calling for a report regarding the recent appointment of a Brahmin Vaccinator to the Zemindary of Poonganoor.

2. Having conferred with the Superintendent-General of Vaccination on the subject, and called upon him for an explanation, he states that the appointment was made by the District Superintendent, and regrets that the Collector did not forward his objections to him, as they would in that case have received immediate attention.

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9th August 1870.

3. It would appear that there are at present five Brahmin Vaccinators on Dr. Shortt's establishment, all of whom were entertained with the distinct understanding that they would operate on all grades of the people; but while believing that they have done so, he admits that Brahmins, as a class, might sometimes evade their work in this respect, in the absence of actual supervision.

4. Under these circumstances I concur with the Acting Collector of North Arcot in thinking that it is undesirable to entertain a Brahmin as a public Vaccinator, when men of other castes are available. I would, therefore, recommend that, in the present instance, an individual of the Sudra or other suitable caste be substituted for the Brahmin.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1870, No. 993.

The Government concur in the opinion expressed by the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department in the foregoing letter, and direct that a copy of it be communicated to Dr. Shortt.

2. The Government conclude that the appointment of a Brahmin as Vaccinator at Poonganoor has been cancelled, or that Dr. Shortt has satisfied himself that the Brahmin in question does actually vaccinate all classes irrespective of their caste.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Inspector-General of the Indian Medical Department.

„ Acting Collector of North Arcot.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George, 28th July 1870.

From

The Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government, P.D.
Fort Saint George.

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Inspector General
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