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[Despatch. Abstract.]

Declining to modify
the order in favor of
the Sanitary Commission
requiring medical inspection
to qualify in the
prescribed ophthalmic
test —

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direction indicated.

7. In the circumstances stated above, I beg that Government will be good enough to favorably consider the above arguments and to exempt me from the operations of G.O. dated 1st August 1892 N^o 532 - Public as long as I hold the appointment of Sanitary Commissioner.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Jas. Anderson *Rainey*

Surgeon Lieut. Col.

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

made obligatory on the Sanitary Commrs. he would have to make himself conversant with all the Vernaculars spoken as it would not be equitable in his case to prefer one language to another. Neither would the object of the order be gained by the adoption of such a procedure.

5. Further owing to the itinerating life which the Sanitary Commissioner has to lead he cannot have ^{the} time or the means to make himself conversant with any one language he may be required to pass in, unless, to the detriment of his legitimate duties he remains for months at some Head Quarters where he will not only have time to study but also be able to obtain a moonshree and opportunities of conversing with people whose Vernacular is the language he has to pass in.

For these reasons it would appear that the rule was not meant to apply to the Sanitary Commissioner and in support of this I may here state that no Sanitary Commissioner since 1874 has been required to qualify in the direction

progress of the Madras Civil Dispensaries. In no way would it appear that this order was meant to apply to Medical officers other than those in charge of Civil Stations and Hospitals, the object being to make Madras Civil Dispensaries more popular.

3 The Sanitary Commissioner's duties are ~~entirely~~ different from those of Medical officers in charge of Civil Stations and Hospitals. He has to travel all over the Presidency and in his inspections of places he has to deal chiefly with Chairmen of Municipalities and Presidents of local boards - officers who are intelligent and competent to converse with him in English. Medical officers in charge of Civil Stations and Hospitals on the other hand have to deal with patients, the majority of whom are illiterate and cannot talk English.

4 In the Madras Presidency many Vernaculars are spoken viz Tamil, Telugu, Oriya, Malayalam and Canarese and if this examination were made

N^o 3372
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Office of Sanitary Commission
Fort Saint George 31st October 1892

From

Surgeon Lieut. Col. J. A. Laing
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Cotacamund.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated 6th
October 1892 N^o 696 Public, I have the honor
to submit for the favorable consideration
of Government the following remarks.

2. The Colloquial Examination insti-
tuted under G.O. dated 9th March 1874, N^o 265-
Public was solely intended for Medical officers
in charge of Civil stations as Surgeon General
E. G. Balfour then stated in his letter to
Government that he felt satisfied that for
such officers not to know the language of
the people was a very great bar to the
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