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the withdrawal of the circular
issued by the St Med. & San'y
officer Kistna on the above subject.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 13th November 1894, No. 592.

I have the honour to forward for the orders of Government the enclosed correspondence between the President, District Board, and the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Kistna.

2. The President takes objection to a circular issued by the District Medical Officer enjoining on all medical subordinates and deputy inspectors of vaccination in the district the necessity of forwarding all departmental correspondence and bills of expenditure through his office, to enable him to obtain a knowledge of what is taking place between them and the local authorities and also to check expenditure.

3. The Medical Officer's circular is based in principle on G.O., No. 1656 M., Local and Municipal Department, of 6th October 1891, in which it has been ruled by Government that all orders and correspondence to medical subordinates from Chairmen of municipal councils should pass through the District Medical Officer. In G.O., No. 3056 L., Local and Municipal, of 24th December 1892, this ruling has been made applicable to dispensary committees in respect of local fund hospitals and dispensaries. It is therefore clear by analogy that the rule is also applicable in principle to correspondence with taluk and district boards.

4. The President, however, does not consider the Government Orders quoted above applicable to medical subordinates in local fund employ in the absence of a distinct order from Government on the subject, and has called upon the District Medical Officer to cancel his circular.

5. The object of framing the rules in G.O., No. 1656 M., of 6th October 1891, and also making them applicable to dispensary committees (*vide* G.O., No. 3056 L., of 24th December 1892) was to prevent friction between the local bodies and their Medical Officers, as explained by my predecessor in his letter recorded in G.O., No. 3056 L., of 24th December 1892, and accepted by Government. It is therefore very desirable that the rules framed on this principle should be of general application to ensure uniformity of procedure in all cases which is so essential for the good working of medical and sanitary work.

6. The present procedure adopted in the district as explained by Surgeon-Major Thomas is most objectionable, as it makes medical subordinates virtually independent of the District Medical Officer and keeps the latter ignorant of what takes place between his subordinates and local bodies. This system is hardly calculated to ensure a successful medical administration of the district.

7. Under these circumstances, I hope Government will be pleased to declare the rules in G.O., No. 1656 M., of 6th October 1891, generally applicable to all local bodies.

8. As regards deputy inspectors of vaccination, although the rules referred to above are not applicable to them, yet, if the District Medical and Sanitary Officer is to be held responsible for vaccination work, it is necessary that all orders should be sent through him, otherwise it leads to confusion. It will be seen from paragraph 9 of G.O., No. 391, Public, dated 22nd February 1883, that deputy inspectors of vaccination are not allowed to correspond with their own head of department except through the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

9. I respectfully wish to draw the attention of Government to the President's letter, No. 1439, of 16th October 1894, giving his opinion regarding the duties of District Medical and Sanitary Officers as laid down in G.O., No. 391, Public, dated 22nd February 1883.

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The circular issued to his subordinates by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Kistna, was not authorised by existing rules and should be withdrawn.

2. The Government is not prepared to adopt in its entirety the proposal of the Surgeon-General in paragraph 7 of his letter read above, but considers that correspondence between Presidents of local boards and the subordinate medical and vaccine staff should pass through District Medical and Sanitary Officers when it refers to the transfer, promotion, punishment, &c., of these subordinates, or to purely professional matters including the dieting of patients. The travelling allowance bills of the subordinate medical and vaccine staff should also be countersigned by District Medical and Sanitary Officers.

(True Extract.)

W. Harris

for Chief Secretary.

To all Presidents of District Boards.
„ the Surgeon-General.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Public Department.

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