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[Despatch Abstract.]

Transfer of Medical Officers—
Requesting the Surgeon-General
by wire to cancel the transfer
of Surgeons—Lieutenant Illingworth
and Brown and Surgeon—Captain
Macree from plague operations to
Rawalpindi

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From

Surgeon Major General C. Sibthorpe, C.B., F.R.C.S.
Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras

Order

No. C/55

Dated 2nd August 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that four officers
within mentioned have been directed
to proceed at once to Rawalpindi
and report themselves to the
Principal Medical Officer of the
Division and stating that four
more officers have now been
warned.

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C/55

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL F. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT.

Public



SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 1013 Public dated 30 July 1897 and in continuation of my telegram of this date, I have the honor to state that the four officers named in the margin have been directed to proceed at once to Rawalpindi and report themselves to the

Surgeon. Capt. R. H. Bitter
 Ag. Civil Surgeon Cochin
 — do — J. L. Macrae
 Plague duty Spentakul
 Surgeon. Lieut. E. M. Mungton
 Plague duty Ruzwada.
 — do — J. D. Browne
 Plague duty Arkonam.

Principal Medical Officer of the Division. They had previously been warned to hold themselves in readiness for military service.

2. Four more officers have now been warned as requested. These

are: — Surgeon. Capt. W. B. Vickers, District Medical and Sanitary Officer Hoshua
 Surgeon. Capt. E. H. Wright Ag. Civil
 Surgeon. Bangalore.

4. I may also state for the information of Government that demands have been received from the Military Department for the services of five Military Assistant Surgeons now in Civil employ. This will necessitate the entertainment of temporary Civil Assistant Surgeons to take the places of those who may be withdrawn for Military duty, and I request that I may be permitted to entertain them on the terms specified in G.O. N^o 183 Public dated 1st June ¹⁸⁹1879 - the daily allowance of Rs 2/- being withheld unless they are employed on plague or famine duty.

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Major-General

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3 H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

2 T. E HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Medical Officers
for Military Service

FOR ORDERS.

1. Agaveil Surpe, Cochim
2. Plaque dent, Juntakul
3. " " Bezgada
4. " " Arcourant

The H.G.'s selection seem due to have been in many cases extremely ill made & should cancel several of them by telegraph. There are Nos 2-4 above. I consider it utterly folly to begin by moving these plague doctor, whose work is of a special kind, demanding not only medical knowledge, but tact & common sense, since ~~as~~ as we have had no complaints, it may be taken these officers have shown - Moreover, it would be worse to ~~transfer~~ to order these men to have until replaced by competent officers, for the result of so doing might be that cases of plague ~~would~~ slip through undetected. It should cancel these three moves by wire and order instead this morning of the following, who held appointments which means it was better to the district - & the having recent gained medical leave a district without a competent medical officer.

The doctor at Coconor - There are other doctors closely at Wellington ready to report & attend to the doctor at Coconor - There is another at Rajahmundry

The Surgeon General confirms his telegrams reporting that Surgeon Captains Mitter and Macrae² and Surgeon Lieutenants Munro³ and Browne⁴ have been directed to proceed at once to Kowalpindi and report themselves to the P.M.O. there.

The four others who have been warned are

Surgeon Captain W. C. Vickers, D. M. & S.
Kiokee.

Surgeon Captain E. H. Wright, Ag.
- Civil Surgeon, Cannanore.

Surg. Capt. C. Donovan, Ag.
D. M. & S. O., South Canara.

Surgeon Captain P.C. Jabbett, A.
Civil Surgeon Cocan

The Surgeon says he is taking steps to fill the vacancies by the temporary employment of retired M.D. Asst Surgeons under S.O. 467 Public of 28.4.97 and trusts that Govt will approve of his action and authorise the Asst Surgeon to pass their salaries.

In the S.O. quoted India Sanctions the appt of retired M.D. Asst Surgeons for plague & famine duty (the appts being in the first instance made for periods not exceeding six months) provided they are able to present a medical certificate of physical fitness.

Such officers are to receive the pay of their grade at the time of retirement + an allowance of 10 per centum

In 16 doctors in the place of they should be made to double up about. This being the case meeting (at least) 100000 it will be all the easier for them to do so.

As to the men to be warned to go on service next, the doctor at Ponnore should not be one of them, since that he is to be sent to the Central Jail without proper medical supervision. The Kistna D.M. O.D. can take his work, or vice versa. The Asst Surgeon should not go - a fully qualified man is necessary at Bangalore to work the quarantine regulations. The Pat will resign in a few weeks & any day a vessel with plague on board may come down from Bombay. The two doctors who are in charge of Central Jail may be in charge of Central Jail with certainty. They can easily be replaced as judges to the local District M.D. as judges to the local District M.D. can take their medical work. It is difficult to say who should be the fourth, but should say the S. Asst doctor could be spared as easily as any - His work is changed to a jail or medical school & that medical duties of the jail are an light & the headquarters station in M.D. As to the rest I agree with the note as to the S.O. taking on extra heads.

As to the men to be warned, I am not sure that it would be at all right to send Dr. Fernandez away from Bangalore on Dr. Williams' suggestion, but the suggestion of Dr. Williams may be made to the Surgeon General & the T. & P. Prison for their consideration.

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It is submitted
that this is a
case of "extreme
urgency" - vide
paras of India's
resolution passed
B. no. 1076 Public
d/8th January 1896
and that therefore
the Surgeon's
proposal to place
Unif Asst Surgeons
in List I appts
reserved ordinarily
for Covenanted
officers only -
may be sanctioned

It is further
reported that the
Unif Dept has called
for the services of
five Unif Asst Surgeons
now

^{Civil}
Humboldt post selected Asst
Surgeons, on the case - Surgeons
be done - They are no more men!
the Mil & Asst Surgeons meet
Rd

now in Civil employ,
and that this
will necessitate
the entertainment
of temporary Civil Asst
Surgeons in their places.
The Surgeon General
therefore asks that
Govt will sanction
their Entertainment
on the terms specified
in C. no. 683 Public
d/1st June 1897,
the daily allowance
of Rs. 2 being withheld
unless they are
deputed to plague
or famine duty.
There are

- (a) Pay at the rate of Rs. 100 a month
 - (b) Special allowance at
the rate of Rs. 2 a day
 - (c) T. A. to & from the place
to which they are appointed
- Orders are solicited

* to be omitted
ordinarily vide supra

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whether India's
sanction to such
employment of
Civil Asst Surgeons
on temporary
plague and
famine duty
may be extended
to the present
cases as suggested
by the Surgeon General

Please see also
No. 684 Pubd 1.6.97
Flagged

C.W.
4/8/97
It is submitted that, for
~~the purpose of the~~
it may be said that the
appointment of five

Civil Assistant Surgeons is
rendered necessary by the plague
& famine which makes it
impossible to fill the places
of the Civil Assistant Surgeons

now called away. India's
sanction may therefore, it is
submitted, be taken as covering
the present case.

I submit that it may
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4/8/97

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Please see notes below.

Although H.E. does not altogether agree with H.M.'s it is submitted that consulting Mr. S.G. - Mr. L.S. of Punjab is not contrary to H.M.'s orders, and that considering the urgency of this case the order should issue instead of vacillating.

M.
7/8/97

Dublin

DEPARTMENT.

proceedings:—

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15, from Mr. S.G.
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W. 1051 of 7th Aug 97

The following telegram will be despatched to the S.G.

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from 55 dated August second.
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ORDER. W. 1051 of 7th Aug 97

The following telegram will be despatched to the S.S.

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(1) With regard to the medical officers to be wanted to be in readiness to proceed on military service, the Govt is of opinion that the medical ~~officers~~ ^{at Cannanore} and the supervision of the quarantine regulations at Mangalore demand the presence at each of those stations of a commissioned medical officer. Under the order conveyed in the telegram of this date the Civil Surgeon Coconada will be required to proceed at once on military service. Of the four officers to be kept in readiness only the D.M. & S.O. Kishia remain available, and his selection is approved. The Govt. considers that two of the remaining three officers required might be Surge Captains Hamside and Mulesworth, ~~at present~~ ^{now}

in charge of ^{the} Central jails at Rajamundry & Salem respectively. It should not be difficult to arrange for the performance of their executive duties, while the medical ~~officers~~ ^{at Rajamundry} in the jails could be undertaken by the D.M. & S.O. officers in their stations. The remaining ~~officers~~ ^{positions} ~~to be wanted~~ ^{might be filled} of the D.M. & S.O. South Arcot, whose post could be left temporarily vacant. The S.G. will be requested to report on these proposals with the least possible delay.
(for orders)

to the S.G. 1/8/57

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OK. D. 1/11/27 7-8-27.
to the I.S. of Prisons.
Under instructions from the
Govt. of India four medical
officers serving in this Presidency

are to be warned to be
a readiness to proceed
a military service. The
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necessary, ~~to be~~ sent.

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^{created without grave inconvenience removed}
Indesoville from the Civil
Jails of such being held
charge of present. Their
executive duties as Supts
and it is thought to
be provided for without great
difficulty, and the medical
charge of the jail would fall
to the local D. M. S. O.

Atc. (from order)

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