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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Govt of India by telegram to arrange for ten medical practitioners being sent out immediately from England for duty in this Presidency; requesting the Secy: Genl: to arrange for the early return of Drs. Knapp and Dalal to Bombay & informing the Govt of Bombay & the same.

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CURRENT No. 521

From The Surg.-genl with
the Govt of Madras.

Order

No. 125

Dated 5th
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SUBJECT.

B brings to notice that the
Civil medl dept. is considerably
undermanned and suggests
the desirability of at least
nine well qualified European
medl practitioners being
obtained thro' the Secy of State

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No. 125

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to the latter part of my letter No. 443 dated the 10th November 1897, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the Civil Medical Department is at present considerably undermanned as regards Commissioned Medical Officers and unless prompt measures are adopted to meet its requirements the efficiency of the administration must inevitably suffer.

The following Districts and Civil Stations are now without a Commissioned Medical Officer and the Subordinate Agencies at present employed in charge can hardly be expected to possess those qualifications, both professional and administrative, which are so essential for the efficient performance of their duties in their present higher capacities.

- Dewanah Frontier (1) Canara (South). B
- Pamberton Frontier (2) Coimbatore - with a Central Jail. C + F
- Dr Adams on sick leave (3) Madura - D
- Lee brought back by mail (4) Tanjore - with a Medical School. E
- Sanjana Frontier (5) Tinnevely. F + C
- Gahbeth Frontier (6) Cocanada. B + G
- Muller Frontier (7) Cochin. H

* Evans gone on sick leave J 3.
+ Chandra acting K.

© Thompson - Frontier F + C
+ Kelawala acting L. The latter will, it is presumed, leave soon.

In addition to these Bellary and Ootacamund are now worked by Regimental Medical Officers in addition to their own duties, an arrangement which cannot be considered satisfactory.

Again the deputation of Surgeon-Major Reeves to Beypore leaves Coonoor practically without a District Medical Officer and the employment of Surgeon-Majors Sarkies and Patch (as recently proposed) on pilgrim duty will leave Godavery and Kurnool in charge of Assistant Surgeons, one of whom is only a Civil Apothecary acting in the higher grade.

5. To add to these difficulties, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Thornhill has passed a Medical Board, and when he proceeds on leave either Nellore, or, in the event of my proposal for the deputation of Surgeon-Major Thomas to act for him being sanctioned, Cuddapah will be without a Commissioned Medical Officer.

6. There are also other officers who are in an indifferent state of health and may possibly break down during the hot weather, when it will be necessary to arrange for their relief. Some of them are holding very important appointments which cannot be entrusted to Subordinate Agencies.

7. Government will observe from the above facts that the Civil Medical Department is now worked at a great disadvantage and if remedial measures are not at once adopted the results will be most unwelcome.

8. Under these circumstances I request that the Government of India may be addressed with a view to the officers withdrawn from this Department for Military duty being replaced at its disposal at a very early date or if they are not immediately available, Commissioned Medical Officers of the Bengal Establishment may be temporarily spared for employment in this Presidency until their return. If neither of these arrangements be possible at present, and if the return of the Madras officers is likely to take long, I would suggest the desirability of at least nine well qualified European Medical practitioners being at once obtained through the Secretary of State. Without some arrangement of the sort, it will be almost impossible to administer the Civil Medical Department with any degree of efficiency.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. S. S. S.

Surgeon-Major-General,
Surgeon-General with the Government of
Madras.

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CURRENT No. 606.

From the Govt of Bombay.

No. 1048 P.

Dated 11
Received 12 } 7th 1898
Registered 12
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SUBJECT.

Requests the services of
doctors Knapp and Satal.

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Nothing in Pub
office about
Sarkies up to
date.

Papers not yet sent
to office despatch
only 7/1/98 this to 7/1/98

* Not yet received

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.

To Madras From Bombay.

Words 11 Day 20 Hour 54 Minute 54 Official Instructions.

To Secretary From

to the Government of Madras.

SECRET SECRETARY 12 FEB. 1898 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

1048 of your telegram 42 of first doctors urgently required Bombay Government will be obliged if doctors Knapp and Dalal are returned.

To Secy. I.M. If the paper at 12.2.98 in the Dept, is not order at once, otherwise send to Dept. Concerned.

12.2.98

Recd. from LN. Sent to LN. 12-2-98

At Hrs. Mts by At Hrs. Mts by Telegraph Master

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CURRENT No. 611



From

From ~~Surgeon-Major-General~~
~~John A. B. ...~~ 22. 50.

~~Le. Sibthorpe~~ C.B. F.R.E.S.

with the C. of Madras.

No. 154

Order

Dated the 12th February

Received }
Registered } 13/14/2/198-

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SUBJECT.

Inquiring whether any
reply has been received
from Bombay regarding
Drs. Knapp and Dalal.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, *12th February* 1898

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL F. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 174, Public, dated 1st February 1898, I have the honor to enquire if any reply has been received from Bombay regarding Drs. Knapp and Dalal.

2. Dr. Knapp is at present temporarily employed at the General Hospital vice Surgeon Captain Pereira on festival duty at Angkor, but can be retained if his services are required.

3. Dr. Dalal was to have retained ~ Surgeon Major Sarkis who was then under orders to take charge of the plague inspection station Arkonum, but as this order has since been cancelled, Dr. Dalal is now awaiting orders at Rajahmundry pending further instructions from Bombay. Any further delay may interfere with the passing of

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of his pay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. S. Thompson

Surgeon-Major-General

Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of Madras

[Signature]

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DEPARTMENT.

Cy No. 521 + 606

SUBJECT.

Bombay's request for the two
temporarily employed doctors
on duty in this Presidency being
sent back.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

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

FOR ORDERS.

^{Cu 521}
The S. G. brings to the notice
his difficulties which he
experiences in arranging for
the proper execution of the
duties of his Dept. in his
present undermanned
condition.

In Cu no 606, just received
the Bombay Govt. states
that the two temporarily
employed doctors who are
on duty in this Presidency
should be sent back.

Please see G.O. 174
P. Pub. d 1/2/98. It was then
decided to inform Bombay
that these two doctors could
be sent back if urgently
required. This undertaking
Govt. is now called upon to
carry out.

In G.O. no 157 A. d. 25/1/25 L
it is noted that Bombay
need is the greater. The S.G.
has made out that need
under ordinary circumstances
be a strong case, but it is
submitted that the necessities
of Bombay still remain more
pressing. It is to be remembered
that any assistance which be
given to Bombay towards stamping
out plague will greatly
indirectly towards preventing the
spread of the disease to this
Presidency.

Orders are solicited whether
Bombay's request should be
acquiesced with. The S.G.'s
opinion being known, it seems
unnecessary to refer to him.

In the regard to para
2 of the S.G.'s letter, there
does not appear to be any
immediate prospect of the
relief of the medical officers
on military duty. The prospect
of getting Bengal officers is
it is submitted, slight. There
remains therefore the S.G.'s

* Dr. Dabhi is at Rajahmundry,
and perhaps can be spared.
Dr. Farnside is here, & tho' being
with an outbreak of sickness in
the jail need be available in
case of serious illness.

third proposal that
additional doctors should
be brought at from home
for temporary duty.

It is not known whether any
more doctors are on their
way out, but that is a
matter of little consequence
as the men required could
possibly be in India within
a month of the date on which
this telegram is despatched
to the Secy of State.

Failing the relief of the
officers on military duty
there is no prospect of any
relief for the medical
Dept. No one who is from
leave till July, when Dr.
Purvis is due. Some of the
officers at the front will doubtless
ask for leave at the close of
the campaign, and it will
probably be thought desirable
to grant it under the
circumstances.

Orders are requested

MX-
25/1/25 Two two doctors

must be sent back to Bombay as promised.

This Govt however is in an unsafe condition. The five doctors got out specially for Madras ~~will~~ ^{have} been absorbed by Bombay. Madras is already seriously short-handed and an outbreak of plague which may occur any day would find us without officers available to cope with it. I think we should inform India by wire that five more doctors must be got out from England without delay for Madras alone. They cannot be spared elsewhere.

MA
12.2.98

To L. & M. for remarks

I fully agree. I think our position is most precarious. I fear several of our doctors must take leave this hot weather, as they are breaking down.

The serious outbreak of illness in Rajamundry jail is for Judicial to consider.
H.T. 12.2.98

I agree that we must let Bombay have the two doctors. I also think we should wire to India that we must have more all doctors. I should say 10. Some can be got from an emergency such as the outbreak of plague from other parts of India. So they may seem a large number, but it is more than we really need - Even so, we shall only have two or three ready for employment if plague should break out. The health from the Port at Hyderabad which came to me earlier today it is already reported to be epidemic as near as Wadi, so that the thing probably is that within 3 or 4 weeks we shall have to send more doctors to Allahabad & Ahmednagar. As things are, Allahabad is in charge of a permanent doctor who can carry out routine duties at head quarters, but who can't possibly go out on circuit in the district, so we should send a young practitioner man there at once. And Ahmednagar should also have another man in lieu of Dr. Patel.

BS
13/2/98

I couple the views and proposals of the

Idm. Secy H. Bliss.

A.H.
13.2.98

Papers to be read in Proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated 189 , No. .
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Current No. 521 of 1898, dated 5.2, from S.G.
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" " 611 " 1898, " 12.2, " S.G.

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The following telegrams will be despatched:-
Home, Calcutta
No. 57x Civil Medical Dept. Madras seriously undermanned at present owing Madras officers being engaged on military duty, and five doctors intended for Madras being absorbed by Bombay. No prospect of Madras men returning from military duty still further reduced and some may require leave at intervals for by grant of sick leave. No doctors available to cope with possible emergency such as outbreak of plague from other parts of India. Plague already reported epidemic at Wadi. Please arrange ten medical practitioners being sent out from England for duty Madras.

Probable that ~~Madras~~ still further reduced by grant of sick leave.

in case of introduction of plague from other parts of India

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Bombay, Bombay

1. No. 58x Your telegram Eleventh 1048

2. Orders issuing for return of Drs

C Knapp and Dalal to Bombay

14/2/98

2. The Surgeon General will be requested to arrange for the return of Drs Knapp and Dalal to Bombay.

14/2/98

MA

14.2.98

C. S.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.

189

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Note - CNo. 611 recd subsequent to the circ. of the file to H.M. has been read at the head of these drafts.

14/2/98