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G.O., No. 1176

Dated 14-10-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Coming to the S.G. for report and remarks.
Letter from the C of S forwarding copy of a des-
patch from the Secretary of State regarding the
treatment of plague doctors in India.

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From

R. Nathan, Esq.,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India,

To

*The Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of Madras.*

Home Department.

(Medical)

Simla, the 5 October 1899.

Sir,

In continuation of the letter from this Department No. 1211, dated the 25th July 1899, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of Madras a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State No. 192 Revenue, dated the 7th September 1899, regarding the treatment of plague doctors in India.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Despatch, I am to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, a full report may be sent to the Government of India regarding any complaints that may have been made by doctors or nurses sent to India in connection with the plague duty and regarding any grounds of complaint which, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, may exist.

3. I am also to invite special attention to paragraph 6 of the Despatch and to request that the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras may be instructed that the doctors sent from England should be employed on duties commensurate with their qualifications and given all possible assistance and consideration.

I have the honour to be,

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From The Govt of India
(Home)

Order no. 117607 14-10-99

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Communicated to the
Surgeon Genl for perusal of
report with reference to
para 2, & for remarks
with reference to para 3
of the Govt. of India letter
2. A copy of the extract
from the "Lancet" referred
to in the Secy. of State's despatch
will be forwarded to the
Surgeon Genl.

Dated 5 Oct 99

Received 11 " "

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SUBJECT.

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India Office,
London, 7th September 1899.

Revenue,
No. 192.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor
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MY LORD,

On the receipt of your Excellency's telegram of 20th August, asking that 20 doctors and 30 lady nurses might be engaged for special plague duty under the Government of Bombay, immediate steps were taken to invite candidates for these posts.

2. I now enclose a list of the names and qualifications of those who have so far been engaged, together with signed copies of the agreements entered into with them.

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4. With my Despatch, No. 126, dated 8th June last, I forwarded an extract from the "Lancet," relative to the general complaint of doctors and nurses who have been sent to India on plague duty as to the want of consideration shown to them in various ways. It is important that this matter should be inquired into, and that all reasonable ground for complaint should be removed.

5. You request in your telegram that the doctors selected should be of good medical and social standing; and every effort is made here to secure the best men available. It is naturally disappointing to medical men of this standing to find that they are posted to inferior duties, and treated as not being on a par with the officers of the Government Medical Establishments, and others are naturally deterred from coming forward by the knowledge that they are liable to be so treated.

6. I would therefore ask your Excellency to direct the Surgeon-General of the Presidencies to which doctors may be posted to place them on duties commensurate with their qualifications, and to give them all possible assistance and consideration.

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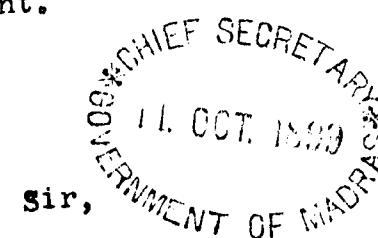
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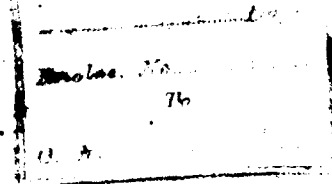
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