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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 524. Read the following letter from the General Superintendent of Vaccination, to the Officiating Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th February 1866, No. 122:—

1. I have the honor to report, for the information of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, that for some time now I have been conducting a series of experiments on cattle and sheep, and of several animals operated on, I have now two heifers and two Coimbatore rams in my possession, the former of which have been vaccinated and the latter inoculated with small-pox matter, and in both instances successfully.

2. It would be premature to submit a report on the subject so early; but, as I learn from a Telegram received last evening by Dr. Porteous, from Colonel Denison at Ootacamund, who asks for a supply of vaccine lymph in consequence of the cattle disease having appeared among his cattle, I am anxious to test the effect of the disease now prevailing on the Hills, and in the cause of science, I shall be happy to place the animals above enumerated at the disposal of Government, if they should be pleased to think it worth transporting them to the infected locality to test the protection they may enjoy by vaccination and inoculation, by having them placed alongside of the diseased cattle so as to help to decide the question as to the protection afforded by the variolous and vaccine virus in such cases, and which I think will conduce to throw more light on the real nature of the disease which is so fatal to cattle.

3. As the subject is attracting so much attention at home at the present time, I am of opinion that, no better plan can be adopted of ascertaining the degree of immunity from infection afforded to cattle, which have been vaccinated or inoculated, than that suggested above.

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ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1866, No. 528.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Governor in Council gladly accepts Dr. Shortt's liberal offer, and requests that he will lose no time in forwarding the heifers and sheep by rail to Coimbatore under the charge of a suitable person. The Collector of Coimbatore will be instructed to arrange for their transit to Ootacamund, where they will be made over to Dr. Thacker.

2. The expenses incurred by Dr. Shortt will be re-imbursed to him on his submitting a Memorandum of them, and Government would wish also to make good to him the value of the animals.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Dr. J. Shortt.

„ the Collector of Coimbatore.

„ Dr. J. Thacker.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*The Board of Officers for information
The Secretary General*

