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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th September 1868.

No. 397. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Expressing satisfaction at the inhabitants of Kistnagherry Talook, Salem District, having raised a fund for the maintenance of a Vaccinator, and commending the Sub-Collector for the trouble he has taken in initiating so useful a measure.

(Here enter 17th September 1868, **No. 1,160.**)

No. 398. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1868, No. 2,484.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
17th September 1868.

No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1868.

Read again letter from the Collector of Salem, dated 23rd March 1868, No. 79, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 17th April 1868, No. 2831.

Read also the following letter from C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Salem, 13th May 1868, No. 121.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board under date the 17th April 1868, No. 2831, I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter (with enclosures) dated the 4th instant, No 278, received from the Acting Sub-Collector, in reply to mine calling upon him to report why a local subscription for a permanent Vaccinator has become necessary when Government entertain a large staff of Vaccinators. It is a fact that all of the Taluqs of this District, except Namkul and Trichengode, have only had the services of a Vaccinator for three months out of thirty months.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Collector of Salem; dated Mallapali, 4th May 1868, No. 278.

With reference to your letter, No. 383, dated 28th ultimo, which reached me this morning, I have the honor to enclose copies of a correspondence which has passed between myself and you, and also a copy of a letter addressed to you by the General Superintendent of Vaccination, which will, I trust, show how necessary it is that a Vaccinator should be permanently attached to the Kistnagherry Taluq.

2. The scheme having met with not only your approval and that of Dr. Shortt, but also of the people of the Taluq, and I having been at considerable personal pains to promote a movement which appears to me to be intimately connected with the well-being of the population not only of this part of the District but of the country at large, I feel somewhat mortified to think that the Board should suppose that I have interested myself without sufficient reason in raising a subscription, and I hope, therefore, that this explanation and its enclosures may be submitted for the Board's consideration.

3. I do not know what the establishment maintained for the purpose of promoting vaccination is, but observe from a recent Proceedings of Government that the sum paid for its maintenance is very large. From Dr. Shortt's letter, it would appear, however, to be quite insufficient; and that vaccination is, as far as this Taluq is concerned, a mere "drop in the ocean" will, I think, be clear when I state that in the year 1867, out of a population of 122,131 persons, 2234, or rather less than 2 per cent., were vaccinated.

4. I do not attribute this result to want of energy or application on the part of the Vaccination Department, but simply to the fact that it has not enough men to do the work. According to the present system, a Vaccinator works in each Taluq for only three months in the year. His appointment for duty is notified in the District Gazette perhaps a week before he joins. I have no official intimation of his intended coming, and in most instances none of his arrival. He obtains from the Tahsildar a Takeed to the village authorities, and, when I am made aware of his having commenced operations, another Takeed is issued by me. Just when the people have become generally acquainted with the fact that there is a Vaccinator in the Taluq, and have made up their minds to take their children to him, he is withdrawn for duty some where else; and the Division, with a population according to the last census of 463,119 persons, is for nine months in the year left without anyone, except my Dresser, who under my orders vaccinates those whom he can, and the Apothecary at the Remount Depôt, to check the progress of a disease which I feel assured has within the last ten years carried off more victims in the Kistnagherry Taluq than cholera.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Acting Collector of Salem; dated Royacuttah, 4th April 1867, No. 193.

You are doubtless aware from the Mortuary Returns and Season Reports of the Kistnagherry Taluq that small-pox has been both prevalent and very fatal in that part of this Division during the present year.

2. During the time that I was there making the annual settlement, I took with me the Dresser attached to my establishment, caused him to procure a supply of lymph from Salem, and made him vaccinate any one who was willing to submit to the operation. He vaccinated accordingly some 120 persons or more in a very short time, and could have performed on many more had his stock of lymph been sufficient. The people seemed very desirous that extended operations of this kind should be carried on; and I had not only several requests from people that the Dresser might be directed to vaccinate their households, but was also frequently asked to apply for the services of a permanent Vaccinator.

3. As I think, considering the great prevalence of small-pox in the Taluq, that the appointment of a trained Vaccinator would be a great boon to the people, and would be the means of saving much life, and that they would be willing, if Government will not pay him, to pay him themselves, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to bring the proposal to favorable notice in the proper quarter.

4. In the event of the appointment of a Vaccinator being made conditional on the payment of his salary by the people themselves, I will inquire and let you know how much they are willing to contribute. I have no doubt, from what many have said to me, that a sum sufficient for this purpose can be raised with the greatest ease.

From C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Acting Sub-Collector of Salem; dated Salem, 16th May 1867, No. 586.

With reference to your letter dated 4th April 1867, No. 193, I have the honor to request that you will inform me how long it is since the Vaccination Department has been working in your Division.

2. I enclose copy of a letter received from the General Superintendent of Vaccination, and request you will inform me if you can, without doubt, collect monthly the sum of Rupees 10 for paying a permanent Vaccinator at Kistnagherry, if appointed.

From Surgeon J. SHORTT, M. D., General Superintendent of Vaccination, to the Collector of Salem; dated Yercaud, 10th May 1867, No. 475.

With reference to your letter, No. 7, of the 1st instant, giving cover to a communication from the Acting Sub-Collector, applying for the services of a Vaccinator for employ in the Kistnagherry Taluq, I have the honor to state that I regret my inability to place a Vaccinator permanently in this locality from the inadequacy of my establishment.

2. But as it would appear from the Sub-Collector's letter that the people are anxious to have a Vaccinator permanently located among them, and are willing to contribute towards the support of one, this will be a good example for them to set, and deserves every encouragement; for no better system can be called into play for the successful spread of vaccination than that of encouraging the people to employ their own Vaccinators.

3. I shall be happy to nominate a qualified Vaccinator at once, on a salary of 10 Rupees a month, and will arrange for the supervision of his work, if the people will guarantee to pay the Vaccinator's salary through your office, at the rate given above, regularly every month.

4. I trust yourself and the Sub-Collector will be kindly pleased to give so excellent an example your favorable consideration and support, so as to extend the benefits of vaccination more generally.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Collector of Salem; dated Oossoor, 13th July 1867, No. 506.

With reference to your letter of the 16th May last, I have the honor to enclose a statement showing the dates on which Vaccinators commenced operations in each of the Taluqs and Divisions under my charge.

2. The Vaccinator originally appointed to Pennagaram was, by order of the Deputy Superintendent of Vaccination, transferred to Denkenicottah.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter under reply, I beg to state that, though the people at first told me that they were willing to subscribe monthly a sufficient sum to maintain a Vaccinator, they subsequently, on the appearance of a Vaccinator, said that they would rather not do so. I imagine that they were under the impression that the establishment would be permanent. Since this, however, they have found that they were mistaken, as the Vaccinators have been, so I am informed, withdrawn. The people now say that they are averse to pay monthly subscriptions, but that they do not object to giving a lump sum for the endowment of a fund from which to maintain a permanent Vaccinator.

4. This, I think, would be a very good plan, and I have opened a subscription list, the result of which has been that the sum of Rupees 64 has been already collected. Rupees 2,500 invested in Government Securities would give Rupees 10 a month for a Vaccinator for ever, and I by no means despair of raising this amount. I have taken considerable trouble in the matter, and when I again go to the Kistnagherry Taluq I will see what I can get from the chief Muttadar, who, when I made my last tour, was absent in Madras. He is a liberal man if properly managed; and, if he gives a good sum, I can set him as an example to the other large landholders.

5. It will take some time to get the money and put the scheme into execution, and the Tahsildar suggests that the sums collected should, until a sufficient fund was accumulated, be vested in the Savings' Bank. This suggestion I beg to recommend to your consideration.

6. I consider, having seen the effects of the ravages committed by small-pox, that every effort should be made to establish vaccination on a permanent footing in every part of the country. Should the scheme now under trial succeed, I shall be most happy to use my best endeavours to give it effect in other Taluqs.

7. I trust that what I have done will meet with your approbation and that of Dr. Shortt.

From C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Acting Sub-Collector of Salem; dated Salem, 23rd July 1868, No. 917.

With reference to paragraph 3 of your letter dated 13th instant, No. 506, I have the honor to inform you that the amount collected should be such as to be able to give a permanent monthly pay to the Vaccinator that may be appointed; otherwise, the capital will have to be infringed upon, or the Vaccinator dispensed with.

2. With regard to paragraph 5, I see no objection to the amount already collected being invested in the Savings' Bank, as proposed by you; on the contrary, I think it would be a good plan.

3. In conclusion, I have only to say that I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in the matter in question.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Collector of Salem; dated Camp Kistnagherry, 28th February 1868, No. 129.

I have the honor to inform you that the Fund being raised for the purpose of maintaining a permanent Vaccinator in the Kistnagherry Taluq amounts to Rupees 1,700-1-0, which has been deposited in the Savings' Bank.

2. Further subscriptions will shortly come in, and I fully expect to be able to set the scheme going before the end of this year.

3. I would suggest that 1500 Rupees should now be invested in Government 5 per cent. Securities, as the interest derivable therefrom will be in excess of that now being paid by the Savings' Bank.

4. I think that the Bonds should be held in trust by the Sub-Collector of Salem and the Tahsildar of Kistnagherry for the time being.

5. There is difficulty regarding the safe custody of the Bonds, as, if they are handed over to any House of Agency in Madras, a commission will have to be paid.

6. If they might be retained in the Treasury, and the interest paid through the Deputy Collector, I think that such arrangement would be a very good one.

7. I would recommend that the names of the subscribers to the Fund should be published in the District Gazette; and, if this proposal meets with your approval, I will prepare and forward a list to the Officer in charge of the Press.

From C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Acting Sub-Collector of Salem; dated Salem, 23rd March 1868, No. 256.

I have had the honor of receiving your No. 129, of the 28th ultimo, relative to the funds raised for the maintenance of a permanent Vaccinator in the Kistnagherry Taluq.

2. With regard to paragraph 3, I see no objection to the investment of Rupees 1500 in five per cent. Government Securities, but I think the Bonds had better be made out in the name of the Collector.

3. I have addressed the Board on the subject of paragraphs 6 and 7, and their reply will be communicated to you in due course.

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Collector of Salem; dated Camp Kistnagherry, 30th March 1868, No. 212.

With reference to your letter, No. 256, dated 23rd instant, which reached me to-day, I have the honor to suggest that I should draw from the Savings' Bank, and pay to you for investment, Rupees 1500 from the Vaccination Fund, and with it the amount of premium required for making the purchase of Government Bonds.

2. I concur with you in thinking that the Bonds should be made out in the name of the Collector, as it will facilitate payment of interest and avoid correspondence.

The Board resolve to submit the foregoing correspondence for the information of Government, and regret that, owing to the original draft of these Proceedings having been mislaid in their office, so great a delay has taken place in disposing of the matter.

2. In the first letter, recorded above, the Collector reported that the inhabitants of Kistnagherry have collected a sum of Rupees 1,700 for the purpose of maintaining a Vaccinator, having been for many months unable to obtain the services of a Government Vaccinator.

3. The letter dated May 13th is the Collector's reply to Board's Proceedings of 17th April, requesting a report as to why the subscription had become necessary, considering the large number of Vaccinators entertained by Government.

4. The Board consider it very desirable that the people generally should be encouraged to raise funds for the employment of Vaccinators, not merely as a measure of public economy, but also, because it may be reasonably expected that, under such circumstances, the people will take more interest in vaccination, and have recourse to it more generally and readily.

5. With this view, the Board recommend that (in cases like the present) Government would do well to express their readiness to make a grant-in-aid of one-fourth of the sum required to provide a salary of 10 Rupees a month for a Vaccinator, on condition of the residents subscribing the remainder.

6. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Sub-Collector's letter which forms one of the enclosures of Mr. Pochin's letter dated 13th May, the Board wish to assure Mr. Price that the inquiry in their Proceedings of 17th April regarding the necessity for the subscription was not dictated by any mistrust of his judgment, but was made simply to enable them, if necessary, to bring before higher authority the inadequacy of the Government Vaccine Department on reliable data.

7. The Board consider that the Sub-Collector is entitled to very great credit for initiating a very useful measure.

8. With reference to their Proceedings dated 27th April 1868, No. 3051, and 29th May, No. 3997, the Board request Mr. Pochin to forward the amount subscribed, when they will be ready to make arrangements for the purchase of the Promissory Note, as requested by the Collector in his letter dated 14th April, No. 92.

(A true copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with copies of Board's Proceedings, Nos. 2831, 3051, *and* 3997 *of* 1868.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1868, *No.* 2831.

Read the following letter from C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 23rd March 1868, No. 79.

I have to bring to your notice that the inhabitants of Kistnagherry having for many months failed to obtain the services of a Government Vaccinator, they have circulated a paper for subscriptions, with a view to their maintaining a person of their own. Up to this time they have collected no less than Rupees 1,700-1-0.

2. The Sub-Collector has proposed that this sum should be invested in five per cent. Government Securities. This, I consider, will be an excellent plan.

3. As commission would have to be given if the Bonds were handed over to a House of Agency, I, therefore, now apply to be allowed to retain the Bonds, after purchase, in the Huzoor Treasury, and for the payment of the interest through the Treasury Officer.

4. I propose having a list of the names of the subscribers entered in the District Gazette.

The Board observe that, if the Bonds are purchased in the names of Trustees for the subscribers, there need be no difficulty about drawing the interest, and the interference of Government Officers will be unnecessary.

2. The Collector is requested to ascertain and report why this subscription has become necessary when Government entertain a large staff of Vaccinators.

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th April 1868, *No.* 3051.

Read the following letter from C. N. POCHIN, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 14th April 1868, No. 92.

In continuation of my letter of the 23rd ultimo, No. 79, I beg to know whether the Board will be so good as to arrange for the purchase of a five per cent. Promissory Note for 1,500 Rupees. If so, I will remit the amount in question, together with a sufficient sum to cover the premium, &c. The Note should be in the name of the Collector of Salem for the time being.

Before purchasing the Promissory Note, the Board will await the Collector's reply to their Proceedings of the 17th instant, No. 2831.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th May 1868, *No.* 3097.

Read the following letter from Surgeon F. DAY, in charge of the office of Superintendent General of Vaccine, Madras Presidency, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Madras, 24th April 1868, No. 789.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of 17th instant, No. 2831, and in reply to state—

That Doctor Shortt, the Superintendent General of Vaccine (now absent on privilege leave to England for three months) always considered it desirable, owing to the paucity of Government Vaccinators, that inhabitants of Taluqs should subscribe towards the maintenance of permanent Vaccinators, and strongly advocated this proceeding in the present instance—Vide his letter to the Collector of Salem, No. 475, dated 10th May 1867.

The staff of Vaccinators of the Salem Circle (two districts) comprises only fourteen, which is inadequate to meet all demands. This addition of one, especially being employed by the people themselves, will assist in the work of this department, and enhance its value in the eyes of the inhabitants of other districts.

Communicated to the Collector of Salem.

2. The Board will be prepared to purchase the Promissory Note on receipt of the sum subscribed, and of the Collector's reply to their Proceedings dated 17th April, No. 2831.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

Transferred to the Public Department.

11*th September* 1868.

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., R. D.,

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1868, No. 1160.

Ordered that the correspondence above recorded be communicated to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

2. The Government learn with much satisfaction that the inhabitants of Kistnagherry Taluq have, at the suggestion of the Acting Sub-Collector, Mr. Price, raised a sum of Rupees 1,700 as a permanent fund for the maintenance of a Vaccinator, and they will be prepared, as recommended by the Board, in this and all other similar cases, to make a grant-in-aid of one-fourth of the sum required to provide a salary of 10 Rupees for a Vaccinator, on the condition of the residents of a Taluq or other convenient portion of a district subscribing a fund sufficient to meet the remainder of the cost.

3. The Government concur with the Board of Revenue in their commendation of the Sub-Collector for the trouble he has taken in initiating so useful a measure.

(True Extract).

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

Ind. J. H. Barns.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated September, 17th.

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