

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

Read the following papers:—

No. 429. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th March 1868,
No. 1,577.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kotipalli, at Ramachendrapur talook, 3rd February 1868, No. 33.

1. I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board, that when I arrived at this station in the Ramachendrapur talook the other day, the Tahsildar, whom I questioned about the state of the health of the inhabitants generally, told me small-pox was very prevalent over the whole of it, and that there had been no vaccination in it for the last three years.

2. I beg to say that, so far as my own observation goes, the new Vaccine Department has, since its formation, entirely neglected this district. I have not once seen the face of one of the Deputy Superintendents. I once, and once only, saw Dr. Shortt for a few minutes while he was passing through the district, or rather through Cocanada; for he was a passenger in a steamer from Vizagapatam to Madras, and landed. I know that it is difficult, nay almost impossible, to procure vaccine lymph in the district, and produced there.

3. I presume this was not the intention of Government when the new department was organized. It is now decidedly worse, and more inefficient here than ever it was before; I therefore bring the fact to notice.

Submitted for the information and orders of Government.

Referred to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, for inquiry and report.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

12th March 1868.

No. 430. From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 18th March 1868, No. 121.

1. In returning the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, referred with your docket of the 12th instant, I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, the accompanying letter* from the

* No. 405 of 14th March 1868.

Superintendent General of Vaccination,

and to call special attention to paragraph 7, from which it will be seen that Dr. Shortt "passed a fortnight in the Godavery District, and visited every town of any importance, and not, as made out by Mr. Frazer, that I was 'a passenger in a steamer from Vizagapatam to Madras, and landed.'"

2. From the annual report of the Vaccine Department for 1867, just received, it would appear that in the Godavery Circle "a total of 13,653 was operated on during the year, comprising 8,150 males and 4,894 females."

3. Again, it is stated that "during the year under review, the Vizagapatam, Godavery, and Ganjam Districts were worked in successively, and the end of the year finds a large number of the staff working in the hill tracts of Orissa."

4. It appears to me that, considering the requirements of other parts of the Presidency, Dr. Shortt devoted a very fair share of his time and attention to the Godavery District.

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25th March 1868.*

From the Superintendent General of Vaccine, Madras Presidency, to the Secretary to the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 14th March 1868, No. 460.

1. With reference to your docket No. 1,007, 13th instant, giving cover to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,577, of 5th March 1868, * transferred to me for explanation, I have the honor to offer the following with reference thereto.

* Herewith returned.

2. As already reported in my letter No. 365, of the 2nd instant, the Medical Subordinates at Rajahmundry alone performed 224 operations during 1866.

3. In 1865, September 12th, I entered Ellore in the Rajahmundry District, where I spent two days inquiring into the working of vaccination.

4. On the 15th I arrived at Rajahmundry, and saw the Zillah Surgeon the same day, and inspected the lymph in use; the next five days I spent with the Deputy Superintendent and staff, visiting several of the adjacent villages, and seeing the staff work. I also visited Dowlaishweram and Chitavalua.

5. On the 21st September I entered Cocanada, and saw the Civil Surgeon. On the 22nd and 23rd I was at Samulcottah, where I saw the Medical Officer of the 19th Regiment N. I., and examined some cases of vaccination, with vesicles in different stages of progress.

6. On the 24th I returned to Cocanada, and on the 25th I called and saw Mr. Fraser, the Collector, and explained to that gentleman the plan of our operations in consequence of the smallness of the staff, and Mr. Fraser was pleased to approve of the same. In the meantime the two days at Cocanada were spent in visiting the Hospital and several parts of the town, in inquiry as to the working of vaccination. On the 26th September 1865 at 10 A. M. I left Jugganailpooram a (Cocanada) for the steamer on my way to Madras.

7. The above particulars prove that I passed a fortnight in the Godavery District, and visited every town of any importance, and not, as made out by Mr. Fraser, that I was "a passenger in a steamer from Vizagapatnam to Madras, and landed." On the contrary, after visiting the chief places in the Godavery District, I took my passage from Cocanada to Madras.

8. The Deputy Superintendent of Vaccine, Godavery Circle, had his head-quarters at Rajahmundry from the 8th August 1865 to 20th January 1866, and in 1867 from May to August. At Samulcottah, only eight miles from Cocanada, the residence of the Collector, the Deputy Superintendent and staff worked from 24th January to 3rd May 1866. In August 1867 the staff moved on from the Godavery to the Ganjam District, to visit the hill tracts of Orissa; these are the simple facts, and I regret that Mr. Fraser should write so sweeping a condemnation of this department, and to contrary to facts. Had that gentleman been pleased to examine the District Gazettes ere writing his report, he could have ascertained the different times and localities in which the Deputy Superintendent and staff were at work in his district, as weekly notices are inserted to that effect in the several District Gazettes.

9. In addition to the above, there are five Zemindary Vaccinators at work in the Godavery District, two employed by the Zemindar of Pittapur and Cocanada, two by the Zemindar of Nuzvid, and one by the Zemindar of Tuni. One of these has been working constantly at Cocanada, and on the 13th December 1867, in consequence of a report from the Civil Surgeon, Cocanada, reporting carelessness on the part of the Vaccinator, he was dismissed, and another appointed in his stead.

10. During my tours of inspection I invariably make it a point to see the several officials of the district I am in; unfortunately in some few I have not been able to do so, in consequence of the Collector being away in some other parts of the district at the time.

11. Mr. Fraser himself was pleased so insert a Notification in the District Gazette, dated Cocanada, Saturday, 18th October 1865, a copy of which I beg to annex, which speaks for itself.

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Extract from the Godavery District Gazette, dated Cocanada, Saturday, October 28th, 1865.

NOTICE.

1. The Superintendent of Vaccination having brought to the notice of the Collector that village officials have refused to render assistance to the Vaccine Department, and that serious inconvenience is thereby experienced by that department in carrying out vaccination, the Collector hereby enjoins the Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates to direct the heads of villages, in their respective talooks or divisions, to give all the aid in their power to the Superintendent of Vaccination or his subordinates in carrying out their operations, in accordance with the orders of Government, and to explain fully to the people the benefits resulting from their children and families being vaccinated.

2. Any disregard on the part of the heads of villages or others concerned in attending to this order, after being thus warned, will render them liable to dismissal from the service.

3. The Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates are further directed to see that these orders are promptly carried out by the heads of villages, and any neglect in seeing that this is done will be severely noticed.

COCANADA,
26th October 1865.

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

RAJAHMUNDY,
14th January 1866.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) L. W. LINCOLN,
Deputy Superintendent of Vaccine, in charge,
Godavery Circle.

No. 431. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1868, No. 769.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the letter of the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, with its enclosure, be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

Head Bd. Lw.

— Insp. Gen. Ltr

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