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No. 24. *Read the following letter from the Acting Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 15th September* 1876, *No.* 864 :—

I have the honor to forward certain Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue with reference to vaccination in the Vizagapatam Circle. As my views on the proposals made are virtually embodied in the revised Rules for the Department of Vaccination, now under the consideration of Government, it is unnecessary for me to add any expression of my opinion.

* No. 2154 of 22nd August 1876.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1876, No. 2154.

Read the following letters :—

From H. Sr. A. GOODRICH, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam,

to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th June 1876, No. 1,023.

I HAVE the honor to submit my final report on the experimental system of vaccination introduced into this district during the last official year.

2. The management of this department was transferred to the Local Fund Board of the Vizagapatam Circle under paragraph 7 of G.O., No. 105, dated 22nd January 1875, and the system of results grants was brought into operation from the commencement of 1875-76. The mere payment of the Vaccinator's fee of one anna for each successful case did not at first produce the general dose, and a report on its unsuccessful working in the first quarter was duly submitted (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 2,819, dated 8th October 1875). The system of the additional grant of one anna for each person with whom vaccination proved successful was brought into force from the second half of 1875-76, and the results were exceedingly satisfactory. The returns of the second and third quarters were reviewed in Board's Proceedings, No. 727, dated 14th March 1876.

3. The work performed in the fourth quarter has exceeded that in the preceding one by nearly 1,800 cases, *i.e.*, by more than one-fourth, which is satisfactory. The cost has also risen in the last quarter by an average of Rupees 50 a month.

4. The subjoined statement shows in one view the cost and the increased work done in each successive quarter of the year under review as compared with the corresponding periods of 1874-75 :—

Items.	Total Number of Cases operated.	Total Number of Successful Cases.	Cost per Successful Case.	Total Cost.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			Annas	Rs. A. P.	
1st quarter of 1874-75	4,464	4,186	.....	940 0 0	On salary grant system.
2nd do. do. ...	3,899	3,514	.....	1,116 0 0	
3rd do. do. ...	3,049	2,665	.....	1,283 0 0	
4th do. do. ...	2,601	1,969	.....	1,284 0 0	
Total ...	14,009	12,137	6	4,625 0 0	
1st quarter of 1875-76	2,172	1,860	7½	969 0 0	On combined system of salary and result grants.
2nd do. do. ...	3,004	2,229		945 0 0	
3rd do. do. ...	4,892	4,686	4½	1,671 10 0	On do. with additional payment of one anna.
4th do. do. ...	6,080	5,379		1,321 6 0	
Total ...	16,148	14,759	.....	4,776 12 0	

5. From the above statement it will be seen that the work performed in the second half of 1875-76 is more than double the number successfully operated in the first half. The total actual cost for the year, inclusive of salary and result grants, was Rupees 4,775-12-0, which is, however, less than the cost which would be incurred if the Vaccinators were paid as heretofore. Of the thirty-four Vaccinators employed, eleven are in the first class, and their annual cost on pure salary-grant system would be Rs. 5,136 as shown below:—

Men.	Rs.	Men.	Rs.
12	(11 × 18 × 2d × 10)		

6. Taking then the operations of the whole year into consideration, the Board will observe that the introduction of the result-grant system, together with the extra payment, has produced the desired effect, and the Local Fund Board recommend that the experiment having been successful the system may be sanctioned. By the payment of two annas for each successful case, the cost of vaccination in any quarter may be found to be greater than would be in the new system were the number successful the same. If in such cases the work performed does not increase in proportion to the cost, and if the Budget grant for the year seems likely to be exceeded, the Local Fund Board will consider the expediency of reducing the amount of result grant from one anna to nine or six pies.

7. Under the existing arrangements the Vaccinator operates on cases with a promise of payment of one anna to each person successfully vaccinated; but in several instances it is reported to be doubtful whether or not the additional fee has been actually paid to the parties concerned by the Village Munsifs, to whom payments are made for distribution under paragraph 4 of the Rules embodied in Board's Proceedings

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No. 2,819, dated 8th October 1875. It is therefore proposed, with a view to ensure *actual* payment, to send the amounts to the Superintendents who examine the cases, with directions to pay the fee immediately after examination in the presence of the Vaccinator and Village Munsif. To enable the Superintendents to give effect to the above proposal, a permanent advance of Rupees 100 should be placed at their disposal, sanction whereof is now solicited. The Superintendents will send every month vouchers in support of payments made, and thus recoup their advance fund.

8. The conservancy mistries, most of whom were formerly Zemindari Vaccinators, and whose services were dispensed with for reasons stated in this office letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,064, dated 3rd August 1874, received license from the Local Fund Board to practise vaccination in the cusbah stations without prejudice to their legitimate duties. During the latter five months of 1875-76 six of these mistries operated successfully in 413 cases, and the usual grant of one anna for each case has been awarded to them as well as to the persons vaccinated.

9. The advisability of securing the services of one inspecting officer, who can undertake the supervision of the Medical, Vaccination, and Sanitary Departments, has lately engaged the attention of the Local Fund Board; and, in the event of such an appointment being sanctioned by Government (application for which will shortly be made), there will be no necessity for the two Superintendents of Vaccination at present entertained in this district on large salaries of Rupees 70 and 60 per mensem. Of the three Superintendents sanctioned last year, the lower grade* of Superintendent (Junior Assistant) was abolished, and the fact reported in my letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 727, dated 14th March 1876. All that is needed is to check the work of the Vaccinators and to discriminate successful cases from unsuccessful. This can be done by appointing four Inspecting Vaccinators for the district on salaries of Rupees 30 each with a daily batta of half a Rupee when on circuit. The Vizagapatam Circle Board have approved of the above proposal, and I have the honor to request the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for the same.

* Pay Rupees 50.

From N. A. MOUTELI, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector in charge, and Member of the Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam Circle, to C. A. GAETON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 10th July 1876, No. 1,125.

Given the seven dispensaries at present working under the Vizagapatam Circle Board, and three more will shortly be opened. Provision will be made in the next year's Budget for three new dispensaries. It is thus proposed to have one dispensary for each taluq in the district, and it is desirable that the work of the mistries subordinate to each taluq in charge of these dispensaries should be supervised by an officer who should also be entrusted with direct professional duties.

2. The advisability of appointing an Inspector, who can undertake the supervision of the Medical, Vaccination, and Sanitary Departments, has lately engaged the attention of the Local Fund Board. It was at first proposed to have an Inspecting Surgeon under the exclusive control of the Board, as the work connected with the dispensaries, vaccination, and hygiene generally within the Circle, will require the full time and attention of the Medical Supervisor. But they were unable to procure the undivided

services of an officer for the duties of the new appointment. The Surgeon-General was requested at the close of the last official year to state if the services of either Dr. Moraes or Dr. Martin, referred to in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th September 1874, Nos. 2,757 and 2,764 were available, and also state his views on the question generally. But he has not favored the Board with his opinion.

2. The Local Fund Board of the Vizagapatam Circle have at their last Meeting resolved to apply for the present for one year only for the partial services of Honorary Surgeon Thomas Quinn, now in the employ of His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram, K.C.S.I., without prejudice to his present appointment. It is proposed to grant to Mr. Quinn and his establishment a remuneration of Rupees 200 a month as shown in the margin. The following is a brief statement of the work to be done by Mr. Quinn:—

	Rs.
Pay	140
Travelling allowance	30
Office Establishment	30
Total ...	200

(1.) Inspection of each Local Fund Dispensary once in four months at least, and a report on its working on each occasion.

(2.) Inspection of the towns where the Local Fund Board employ Conservancy Establishments and reports on their sanitary condition.

(3.) Supervision of the Vaccine Department.

(4.) Checking of the monthly accounts, &c., of Dispensaries and of the accounts of the Vaccination Department and the preparation of abstract statements to be submitted monthly for the information of the Board.

4. The Maharajah of Vizianagram, who is the Vice-President of the Board, has kindly consented to the above arrangement. I have, therefore, the honor to request the Board will support the proposal of the Circle Board and submit it for the sanction of Government. The proposed appointment of the Inspecting Surgeon will necessitate a re-organization in the Inspecting staff of the Vaccination Department, and the suggestions of the Local Fund Board on the subject are submitted with their final report on the experimental system of vaccination introduced into this district during the last official year (*vide* paragraph 9 of my letter, No. 1,065, dated 24th June 1876).

Submitted to Government through the Sanitary Commissioner in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 14th March 1876, No. 737.

2. In the text of the foregoing letter the President submits a report on the experimental system of vaccination for the past official year, from which it appears that payment for results of the rate of one anna for each successful case in addition to the like payment to the subject operated upon has proved very successful, the result being a very considerable increase in the number of successful cases at a reduced cost. The Local Fund Board are anxious, therefore, that the system should be allowed a further trial subject to a reduction of the results grant should their finances not be equal to a continued payment of two annas for each successful case. They also propose to employ four Inspecting Vaccinators for the district on salaries of Rupees 30 each with batta at the rate of eight annas per diem whilst on circuit in lieu of two Superintendents on Rupees 70 and 60 consolidated.

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3. The second letter contains a proposal to place the Medical, Vaccination, and Sanitary Departments under the charge of Honorary Surgeon Thomas Quinn, now in the employment of His Highness the Maharajah of Vizianagram, K.C.S.I., without prejudice to his present duties, an arrangement to which the Maharajah has given his consent. It is proposed to pay Mr. Quinn Rupees 140 per mensem with Rupees 30 travelling allowance, besides providing him an office establishment costing Rupees 30 per mensem, and his duties are enumerated as follows:—

(1.) To inspect each Local Fund Dispensary once in four months at least and report on its working on each occasion.

(2.) To inspect the towns where the Local Fund Board employ Conservancy establishments and report on their sanitary condition.

(3.) To supervise the Vaccine Department.

(4.) To check the monthly accounts of Dispensaries and the accounts of the Vaccination Department and to prepare abstract statements to be submitted monthly for the information of the Board.

4. The Board are not aware what the nature of Mr. Quinn's present duties is, and what time he will be able to devote to the interests of Local Funds, but assuming that he has the requisite leisure, the cost of supervision will be materially increased by the proposed measure, and the advantages do not appear to be commensurate with the cost. As regards inspection of Dispensaries this can be accomplished by the Civil Surgeon under G.O., Financial Department, dated 11th July 1874, No. 1,157, though not perhaps as frequently as the Local Fund Board now propose. Clause 2 of the Rules embodied in G.O., Financial Department, dated 5th October 1874, No. 1,686, also provides for inspection of dispensaries by the Surgeon-General, Deputy Surgeon-General, and Sanitary Commissioner during their periodical official tours; whilst for sanitary inspection the Government have recently declined* to sanction the employment of an Inspector for the Chetterpore Circle. For the supervision of vaccination operations the present agency ought to suffice, with occasional visits from the Inspector of Vaccination and Sanitary Commissioner, and the checking of accounts and preparation of abstract statements is work that properly devolves on the Local Fund Establishment assisted by the Account Department of the Collector's Office, and there is no apparent necessity for relieving them of it.

* G.O., Financial Department, dated 12th June 1876, No. 1,061.

5. The Board do not consider, therefore, that sufficient cause has been shown for the special appointment proposed, nor do they consider it advisable to employ inferior men as Superintendents of Vaccination which will be the result of a reduction of salary by one-half. The Board cannot support the Circle Board's recommendations in regard to the re-organization of the Inspecting Staff, but request sanction for the continuance of the present system of payment partly by results.

6. The permanent advance of Rupees 100 applied for, to enable the Superintendents to disburse the grants themselves in successful cases, is unnecessary—*vide* paragraph 9, Board's Proceedings, dated 27th April 1876, No. 1,114.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1876, No. 1778.

The system of payment for vaccination by results, as described in these papers, has been successful and should be continued.

2. The proposed modifications in the establishment of the Local Fund Circle cannot be sanctioned for the reasons given by the Board, and also with reference to the recent orders passed regarding the constitution of the Vaccination Department.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Accountant-General.

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Legal Tender Note letter — Question submitted in the Commissioner's letter of the 27th ult. as to the validity of payment for Warrants in legal tender notes issued under authority of the Act of Congress of the 12th July 1870 entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the Public Debt, approved February 25th 1862, and for other purposes."

Solicitor

Lodged

28 October 1870