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Famine Relief.

No. 937. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 12th March 1877, No. 163:—

With reference to Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 955 (Revenue Department), dated 6th March 1877, I have the honor to report, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, that after a conversation held with the Sanitary Commissioner, that officer on leaving Madras forwarded to me the appended letter (dated 8th March 1877), expressive of his views regarding the sanitary inspection of districts desiderated by Government.

2. With the views expressed in that communication, touching the objects of the sanitary inspection, I am entirely in accord with the Sanitary Commissioner; but as regards the suggestions in paragraph 7 of the Sanitary Commissioner's letter, in which he desires to have medical officers of the Madras establishment for the proposed work of his own selection in whom he could place confidence, I must explain to Government that the interests of the Medical Department and of Government necessitate that the selection shall be left in my hands. To take medical men from important positions where they are doing excellent work, where they are in charge of important jails, and where their advice is of value alike to the civil authorities and to this department, and to place in their stead men of junior standing utterly inexperienced, would be an objectionable and quite unnecessary step.

3. Six medical officers† are probably on their way‡ from Bengal. Of these one, Surgeon Gray, is a native of Madras. A seventh Bengal medical officer, Surgeon Macdonald, is at present in Madras of which he is a native, and as his services also have been made available by the Bengal authorities, seven medical men become available for duty in connection with the inspection scheme of Government. Moreover, there are already two extra medical officers doing duty in the famine-stricken districts, namely, Surgeon Pedroza in the Kurnool and Surgeon Williams in the Bellary District. This raises the aggregate number available to nine.

† Surgeon W. E. Griffiths.
Do. G. Bomford.
Do. A. Barclay, M.B.
Do. Shibram Borah, M.B.
Do. P. DeHaga Haig.
Do. H. A. C. Gray.

‡ Since drafting this letter five of these officers have reported their arrival.

4. I propose to place the services of the two Bengal medical officers, Surgeons Gray and Macdonald, both natives of Madras, and of the two Madras medical officers, Surgeons Pedroza and Williams, at the disposal of the Sanitary Commissioner, and to add to these the five Madras medical officers marginally noted, by which addition the aggregate of nine is provided. The pay and allowances I would propose for the four marginal officers in military employ are their actual present receipts with their regiments, together with a deputation allowance of (5) five Rupees per diem, and the

Surgeon C. J. McNally, M.D.
Do. J. C. Lawrenson.
Do. A. N. Rogers-Harrison.
Do. J Lancaster.
Do. A. J. Sturmer.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council considers that the scheme sketched out by Dr. Cornish contemplates measures of a more permanent character than it was His Grace's intention to set on foot. What is required is a thorough and prompt inspection of the distressed districts marginally noted, in view to information being furnished to Government, with as little delay as is practicable, of the general physical condition and appearance of the people and the efficiency of the State measures of relief. This end can be best attained by a sufficient number of experienced medical officers being deputed to assist the Sanitary Commissioner in making the inspection.

Bellary.	Chingleput.
Kurnool.	Salem.
Cuddapah.	Coimbatore.
Nellore.	Madura.
North Arcot.	

3. His Grace in Council, therefore, requests that the Surgeon-General will nominate the officers, and that the Sanitary Commissioner will arrange with them the details of the inspection. The detailed reports of the inspecting officers will be in the form of diaries, and will be submitted to Dr. Cornish. Brief weekly reports will also be sent by them direct to Government every Saturday. The diaries will be forwarded to Government by the Sanitary Commissioner with any remarks he may have to offer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. F. R. Bartleman.

Lieutenant 12/3/75.

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Gen. Orders &c.
Circulate in Sections
Gals. Dispatch Bearers
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Lights Stencilers &c
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Provost attached
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Superintend. to keep out
Assistants Keep out
Reduce Prisoners
Circulate this Letter.

I understand that Mr Martin continues to
a rapid inspection of [illegible] the
Horrors of Field Establishments from
Sanitary Defects in Camp & Hospital.
Sir John Hall Army Sanitation & Hygiene
Mr Cobb M.P. Inspector Lunatic Asylums
Mr Gamgee in his opinion -
Mr Hope the Assistant Inspector of Anatomy
Mr [illegible] the Army Service Bill.
Mr Rumsey the Water Supply Question
& Dr Smith in Scotland.
Mr Rawlinson Sanitary Condition Local
& Mr Simon Vaccination.

LD 21/3

I agree generally with
Mr Martin the tendency of
the opinion to which
the Times & Government
organisation - Neither Mr
Rawlinson to
a rapid inspection to
guide us in special
administration - &
I should prefer some
Inquiry standing -
Dep S. Sec. &c - &

Army Sanitation Mr Martin
Mr Rawlinson
Observations
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Mr Simon
Army Service Bill
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Mr Gamgee
Mr Cobb
Mr Rumsey
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Mr Martin

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Stiles Junction —

Friday Morning.

28th/10

My dear Duke of Buckingham.

I see by the News-
-paper that Dr Cornish has
been deputed to inspect
the condition of the People
in the Relief-works —
Considering the importance
of this enquiry, it occurs to
me to suggest whether
some additional weight
would not be given to the

Dr Cornish - has to be [illegible]
already written to very
strongly on the subject &
seems possible that this
circumstance might not be
taken up by the Temple
party to cast discredit
upon his conclusions, if
adverse to the doctrine
they espouse.

Yours truly
Wills Chamberlain

I think with Dr Cormick and the Surgeon General that Sanitary inspections for may for the present be confined to the more seriously distressed areas of the Country viz. the Ceded Districts, Kurnool, Western Taluqs of Nellore, and the Northern & Western parts of North Arcot. The Districts & Charges entitled to Officers as suggested in the margin, 6 Ranges would I think suffice in occupying 6 Commissioned Officers.

To Each officer should be attached at Eastone Subordinate but I would recommend that the Officers in charge of the 4 or 6 Ranges be allowed 2 Subordinates Each – in all 8 – and

Districts	Divisions	No of Officers
Bellary	2	2
Cuddapah & Proper	3. 1	1
Ld. Madanapalle, Kadery and Northern & Western parts of North Arcot	} 1	1
5. Kurnool Proper	1	1.
6. Cumbum & Markapur & Western Taluqs Zamindari of Nellore	} 1	1. 6

leave to the Heads of Departments the selection in both cases.

I think that Dr Cormick has rightly detailed the objects of the inspection in Para 8 of his letter dated 8th March ult. I would accept them in general terms.

In the execution of these objects, the functions of the officers should be those of inspectors of the conditions of the people and of relief-fund, and of advisers of the local Officers as well as of Collectors of information for the use of the Responsible Officers of the Government through the Sanitary Commissioners.

The officers & their assistants should be placed in confidential personal relations with the District Officers within their Range of observation. To these they should make their reports and forward full information likewise to the Sanitary Commissioner by Diary.

As regards more detailed rules for guidance I confess that I think that it is scarcely possible for Government to do more than indicate general principles of action or to lay down precise instructions as to the modes of procedure. I would therefore leave details to the presumable and sound judging Officer at the head of the Department in communication with the District Officers.

Dr Cormick should I think proceed to the Head quarters of each

District and there in
Communication with the
District Officers prepare
and place in the hands
of his Staff a programme
of operation and indicate
precisely what is required
and how the work is to be
done with respect to
Each Range. A Copy
of these instructions
should be submitted
to Government with
the views of the Director
for observation and, if
necessary, modification.
But in the meantime
so far as agreed to by
both, the programme should
be carried out without
delay by the Medical
Officers detached for the
duty.

Dr Cormick is already
in the Districts and in
Communication with
both the local Officers

So

So that the Commissioned
Officers and Subordinates
as selected by Dr Smith
might be directed to join
him at once. He would
then proceed to place
them in their Ranges in
Communication with their
District Officers, and
probably would, as suggested
by Dr Smith, devote
some time to introducing
some of them to the duty
by taking them with
himself on the tour
of inspection, on which
he is now engaged.

21/2 Nil

Dr Cormick reached
Mudkee Thursday, if it
be deemed desirable that
he should do so in order
that arrangements be
approved & Bellary
proceeding on Sunday

Read letter from the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department dated 12th March 1895 No. and its enclosure

This Minute

His copies — Sent

to several Juniors &

Annexed Jpc

The Governor in Council approves of the arrangements proposed by the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department for placing 2 Bengal and 7 Madras Medical Officers, and 12 Madras Hospital Assistants, at the disposal of the Sanitary Commissioner for inaugurating the District Sanitary Inspection indicated in G.O. of the 6th instant No. 955 R.D; also of the procedure laid down in Para 7 of the letter above read relating to the keeping and submission of diaries by the Inspecting Officers to the Sanitary Commissioner

and

and of the forwarding weekly abstracts of those diaries by the Sanitary Commissioner to the Collectors of the Districts to which they respectively relate and to Government.

A copy of the return sent to Government will be communicated to the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department as soon as possible after receipt.

2. The distribution of the Inspecting Officers will rest with the Sanitary Commissioner in communication with the Collectors of the Districts to be inspected - regarding which the Government observe that the Sanitary Commissioner is apparently under some misapprehension, as the G.O above quoted contemplates the inspection of all the distressed Districts, commencing with the selected

Districts.

3. The Government will be prepared to consider favorably any proposals that may hereafter be made by the Inspecting Officers as to the necessity for detailing Vaccinators to assist them and work under their orders.

4. Of the 9 Medical Officers selected, two, Surgeons Williams and Pedroza, are already employed on famine duty, the former in the Bellary, the latter in the Kurnool District; With the exception of these Officers, whom it does not seem advisable to move from their present posts, the other Officers will proceed to Bellary as suggested by the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department, and place themselves under the orders of the Sanitary Commissioner

Commissioner, who will, if he thinks such a course necessary, take some or all of them with him on the tour through the Bellary District which he appears to be contemplating.

5. With reference to the objects of the Sanitary inspection as set forth in para 4 of Dr. Cornish's letter which forms an enclosure to the Surgeon General's report, the Governor in Council observes that under existing circumstances it will perhaps be better not to take 1½ lbs of the cheapest cereal grain for an adult as the basis on which to calculate the sufficiency or otherwise of the money wages paid.

H H

Read Letter from Surg. Gen.
Indian Med. Dep.t dy 12th
March 77 & Ps 153. 2 Letters en-
closure.

G. O.

The Surgeon-General
Indian Medical Departmt.
in his letter above read pro-
poses to place 2 Bengal &
1 Madras Medical Officers
and 12 Madras Hospital
Assistants at the disposal
of the Sanitary Commissioner
for the purpose of ~~training~~
~~instructing~~ the Sanitary Inspection
directed in G.O. of the 6th
instant No. 955 R.D.

2. The Government
wish in the first instance
that the most distressed
districts should be taken
in hand and to this
end

Transcribing
Marking

N.B. The Govt. Medl. Officer thus
spoken of is willing in
addition thinking that Govt.
would be glad of Captain
Inspection. Orders
Permanent Organization
This had better be Expressed Etc.

Sir allot the above Medical Officers and Hospital Assistants as follows:—

	Offrs	Hosp. Asts
To Bellary Distt	2	2
" Cuddapah with the Northern & western parts of North Arcot	2	3
To Kurnool with the Western parts of Nellore	2	3
	6	8

This leaves 3 Medical Officers and 4 Hospital Assistants available for other districts which will be allotted by the Sanitary Commr as Lemay think most advisable.

Of the 6 Officers above allotted Doctors Williams and Pedroza are already in Bellary and Kurnool respectively.

3. The Government consider Dr Cornish has correctly detailed the objects of the Inspection in para 8 of his letter which forms the enclosure to the Surgeon General's

General's letter above read, and in passing out these objects the Inspecting officers will be under the Sanitary Commissioner's orders and will report to him by diary weekly. Copies of this diary will be sent to the Collectors of their Districts for information and abstract of all the diaries will be forwarded weekly by the Sanitary Commissioner to Government, as soon as possible after receipt, with his remarks. This abstract will be communicated by Government to the Surgeon General I. M. D.

4. The rates of allowances proposed by that Officer for the 5 Medical Officers named in para 4 of his letter are approved.

5. A copy of Dr Smith's letter will be communicated to

to the Collector of Cuddapah
with reference to G.O. of the

27/3/77

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G.O. 31 March/77
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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

No.

MADRAS, 30 March 1877.

From

The Sanitary Commissioner, Madras,

To

The Surgeon General,
Indian Medical Department

SIR,

As I am just leaving Madras for the North Arcot District, I have the honor to forward Proc: of Government No 955 of 16th instant just received for your consideration.

2 In discussing this subject with you yesterday we came to the conclusion that it might be necessary to take up the Sanitary inspections of the districts as per margin, but I observe the order of Govern. merit has reference to the Bellary district alone.

Chingleput
North Arcot
Cuddapah
Bellary
Nellore
Kurnool
& probably
Salem

3. I understood that additional Medical officers are already employed in the districts of Bellary and Kurnool, and that with the six officers expected from Bengal, there will be eight available for

for special duty in the distressed districts.

4. I should myself prefer to have the Medical officers available, leaving work in the six districts just named. Bellary might be divided into two sub-districts for medical inspection.

5. The objects of sanitary inspection should be to ascertain and report to the district officials,

(a) The condition of the people employed on relief works and in their own villages so far as the latter can be ascertained by direct inquiry.

(b) The condition of the water-supply and food supplies in the villages inspected

(c) The amount of sickness and deaths amongst the people from disease or privation.

(d) The system of administering relief to distressed persons, as regards uniformity in different localities within the division or district.

(e) The rate and mode of payments for labor relief works, and the sufficiency or otherwise of the payment, to purchase an adequate food supply, taking the basis

of

of the dietary as 1½ lbs of the cheapest cereal grain, per adult.

(f) The arrangements for medical aid to the distressed poor, and the manner in which assistance can be best given with the subordinate staff at the disposal of the local authorities.

6. I have no doubt other points will occur to you, and I shall be glad if you will note them.

7. In regard to the persons to be employed on these duties, I should myself prefer to have gentlemen who know something of the character and habits of the Southern people, if you thought it advisable to relieve some of our own officers by the young Civilians expected to arrive from Bengal. This is a matter, however, on which you can best advise Government bearing in mind the necessities of the Medical department as a whole. I feel however that in placing inspectors in the various districts we

necessarily

necessarily dispute to them much responsibility in advising the local authorities and as I have said before I should myself prefer to have officers of my own selection in whom I could place confidence, provided that the general interests of the Medical Dept. and Government would permit of the temporary deputation of selected officers for this duty.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly address me "Vellore" for the next three days.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obdt Servant

W Pitt Cornish M.D.C.S.
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

No 163 Office of Surgeon General &c. Fort St. George 12th March 1877.

From
Surgeon General George Smith M.D.
Surgeon General &c.

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir

With reference to Proceedings Madras Government, No 955 (Revenue Department) dated 6th March 1877, I have the honor to report for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council that, after a conversation held with the Sanitary Commissioner, that officer on leaving Madras forwarded to me the appended letter* expressive of his views regarding the Sanitary Inspection of Districts designated by Government.

2. With the views expressed in that Communication touching the objects of the Sanitary Inspection I am entirely in accord with the Sanitary Commissioner, but as regards the suggestions in favor of the Sanitary Commissioner's letter in which he desires to have Medical Officers

* dated 8th March 1877.

will be posted as follow:-

1 Surgeon W. C. Griffiths — Secunderabad 3rd Regt L.I.
2 — Do — G. Bomford — Bellary — 21 — Do — L.I.
3 — Do — A Barclay M.D. — Cannanore — 25 — Do — Do —
4 — Do — Mahram Boat M.D. — Wing — 21 — Do — Do —
5 — Do — P. de Faga Esqr — Burmah general duty.

5. On the arrival of the third levy of 24 Hospital Assistants from Bengal a corresponding number of Madras Hospital Assistants will be available for duty, of whom twelve will be placed under the direction of the Sanitary Commissioner for the special duty referred to.

6. I note that Government request information as to the number of Medical Officers required to make a Sanitary inspection in the first instance, of the Ceded Districts. From the remark of the Sanitary Commissioner in para 4 of his letter, I gather that two will suffice and with this opinion I agree.*

7. I would suggest that the Sanitary inspectors be required merely to keep diaries, — that a weekly abridged copy of this diary be sent to the Sanitary Commissioner for communication to Government, and that the Sanitary Commissioner

* I should myself prefer to have the Medical Assistants available, beginning work in the six districts just named. Bellary might be divided into two sub-districts for Medical inspection.

be required to submit a copy of the same for the information of the Collector of the District in which the inspection is being made. The Government might be disposed to favor this Office with a Copy or with an inspection of the returns sent to them by the Sanitary Commissioner.

8. I would further suggest, in order that the duties may be systematically carried out, that the Medical Officers selected be directed to proceed to Bellary and to place themselves under the Orders of the Sanitary Commissioner, and that the Sanitary Commissioner be requested to take them with him in his tour through the Bellary District, in order that they may be practically initiated into the work he expects them to perform. Two or three weeks of this practical work, under the direction of an Officer at once so experienced and able, will render their labours, when detached to other districts, at once practical and systematic. The distribution of these Sanitary Inspectors should rest with the Sanitary Commissioner in communication with the Civil Authorities.

9. I would not also write the Sanitary Commissioner

Commissioner to utilize, as he deemed most advantageous, the services of the Hospital Assistants placed at his disposal, one or more of these subordinates might accompany the Sanitary Inspectors, and the Government might be disposed to strengthen their hands when necessary by the addition to each of one or more vaccinators.

10. Under the operation of these suggestions my proposal to provide a Medical officer for the Taluq of Pullampett must be regarded as withdrawn, inasmuch as the wants of that Taluq will now be included in the arrangements for the district of Cuddapah.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Jno Shortt MD
Surgeon General &c &c &c

Rec. 1877 Sept 7th 1408

From Surgeon Genl U.S. Army
Surgeon Genl U.S.A.

To The Secretary of War
Record Division

Dated 12th March

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No 163

Subject

Submits proposed arrangements for the sanitary inspection of distressed districts

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Kennedy
Cunningham
Nelson
Dr. Grant
Chief Supt.
~~A. Grant~~
Lake
Gibbon
Anderson

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3. this Govt in Council
therefore requests that the
Surgeon General will
communicate the foregoing
to that the Lord Com.
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the reports of the inspecting
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