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Fort St George May 1848

Diary.

Received the following Memorandum

From the Secretary
to Government

Memorandum.

The Secretary to Government has the honor to request that the Secretary to the Board of Revenue will furnish a copy of the reply of the Board to the Farnwell Commissioners' letter of the 23rd April 1843 recommending a 5 years Lease.

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Fort St George
28th April 1848

Signed / A. C. Montgomery
Secretary to Government.

Sent the following Memorandum

in reply.

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Memorandum.

To the Secretary to
Government.

In Obedience to
1848

As requested in the Memorandum

from the Secretary to Government dated 28th

Instant the Secretary to the Board of
Revenue has the honor to forward copy of

To Comm^r Farnwell
of 27th April 1843.

the Board's reply to the Farnwell Commissioners' letter of the 13th April 1843.

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Revenue Board Office

Fort St George

20th April 1848

Signed / T. Dyroft
Secretary

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Fort St. George May 1848

Diary

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to Government

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Fort St. George
28th April 1848

Signed / H. C. Montgomery
Secretary to Government

Sent the following Memorandum

in reply.

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To the Secretary to
Government.

In F. Const. 1848

As requested in the Memorandum from the Secretary to Government dated 28th Instant the Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to forward copy of the Board's reply to the Farnwell Commissioner's letter of the 13th April 1843.

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To Comdr. Farnwell
27th April 1843.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George
29th April 1848

Signed / T. Dyroft
Secretary

Received

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Received the following letter.

No.

J. Percott Esq^r

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

From the Coll^r of
Guntur.

I have the honor to request that
the Board will be pleased to furnish this Office
with a Telugoo Almanac for the current year.

Guntur Gillah
Collector's butcherry
Dandy 21st April 1848

Signed / H. Stokes
Collector

Resolution thereon.

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Resolved accordingly that
one Telugoo Almanac for the current year be
furnished to the Collector of Guntur in compli-
-ance with the request contained in the forego-
-ing letter.

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Fort St. George. 1st May 1848.

At a Meeting Present.

Walter Elliot Esq^r Acting Senior Member

A. Mackay Esq^r Acting Second Member

and

C. J. Goldingham Esq^r Acting Third Member.

Minutes of the last meeting

read and approved.

Read the following Extract.

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From the Chief Secy
to Government

Sanctioning
the extension
to Calcut in
the Malabar
District of
the provisions
contained in
para 6 of the
modified Vac-
-cine Rules
and stating
that a copy of
the Collector's
letter will be
furnished to
the Board.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 18th April 1848.

Read the following letters from the

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

No. 10th April 1848. Nos 172 & 175

Para 1. Under the circumstances represented as
in the foregoing communication from the Board
of Revenue dated 10th Instant No 175 the
Right Honorable the Governor in Council
sanctions the extension to Calcut of the provisions
contained in para 6 of the modified Rules for the
Department of Vaccination published in the
code of Medical Regulations.

2. A copy of the letter from the
Collector of Malabar referred to in that above
recorded No 172 will as requested be furnished
to

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to the Board of Revenue.

Signed / S. F. Thomas
Chief Secretary

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To

Sir H. C. Montgomery Bart.
Off^r. Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department.

Sir

Fort St. George

My attention for some time past has been attracted to the state of our Vaccine Establishment. It seems to me that the benevolent intentions of Government in providing means for the people to ensure themselves against the ravages of the small Pox are greatly neutralised by the system in force in the Madras Presidency and that a reform is urgently required.

2. The rules furnished by the Medical Board for the due conduct of the Vaccine Establishment are excellent in theory. But so far as my experience goes I do not think they are fully carried out, nor indeed do I see how they can be.

The great error in our system is the want of efficient Superintendence. A body of Native of no very superior rank are distributed over extensive districts with direction to vaccinate as

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many people as they can. But so long as they send in reasonable accounts of the number of their patients no further notice is taken of them. They are supposed and naturally enough to be doing all that can be expected. But I have just reason to believe that these accounts are frequently fabricated to a greater or less extent and that many a man is put down as vaccinated merely to save the vaccinator's credit. The accounts are checked no doubt by the Village Officer and the Sahibdar but the check in a country like this where people live dispersed and independently of each other and the local authorities have ample employment in looking after what they consider far more important matters, is too often merely nominal. A more effectual check is indeed provided for in the rules above adverted to where it is held to be the duty of the Civil Surgeon to proceed from time to time into the interior and see with his own eyes what has been doing by the vaccinators. But this rule is necessarily inoperative. A Civil Surgeon cannot possibly leave a station like Calicut with a large jail, a body of troops and a considerable Society for some days together without great inconvenience and risk.

3. I hope I shall not be accused of travelling out of my province in respectfully soliciting that the matter of which I am now writing be taken into

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further consideration. In one point of view it is no doubt a medical question with which I have no primary concern, but in another it is matter of benevolence and of general interest in which the suggestion of any Government servant may not be thought presuming.

The Acting Garrison Surgeon of Command has sent me, at my request, copy of an official memorandum which his own judgment induced him to draw up on this matter at the close of last year. It offers reasons for thinking that the vaccinators should be replaced by a superior order of native Medical Officers Second Doctors, who should be directly overlooked by a European Assistant Surgeon. His views are the more deserving of attention that they are not altogether untrue or unapproved of. The latter of them the European Supervision being already in force in the Bombay Presidency. As coming from a professional man of considerable standing and experience they are entitled to much more weight than anything I can advance. I am not sure whether or no they have been submitted to the Medical Board, but no harm can arise from my bringing them prominently forward.

Belicut
1st March 1848

Signed H. V. Conolly

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General Observations.

The Vaccine Department being under the Supervision of the Garrison Surgeon requires a separate consideration. On this subject the communication from Government transmitted by the Medical Board has been duly attended to, and measures adopted by obtaining from the Vaccinators lists of the Villages which they proposed to visit during the Month and the days that they expected to be at each, copies of which are sent to the principal Civil Officer of that portion of the district in order to warn the Thasildars of the expected visits that they might prepare the people to be ready with their children and that they might report whether such took place on the part of those concerned. Since then there has been a greater increase in the Numbers but it is to be feared that such reports can be received only with caution for the vaccinators since the greatest reluctance to go to any distance, complaining that the Villages are many of them very far from their usual abodes and that they have not the means of travelling to a distance. This was one of the very obstacles which the

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later effects were made to remove by stirring up the vaccinators to make greater exertions to which they evince the greatest distaste and would willingly if allowed remain in their own domiciles and never extend their visits beyond them. Such is my experience of them since I have been in the service and I do not see how it can be otherwise, as long as the local Superintendent is so restricted by his other duties as to be unable to make frequent and distant and sudden visits to the different places reported as visited by the vaccinator without which neither they nor even the natives for whose benefit they are employed will make any exertions to carry out the benevolent intention of Government. A new system is evidently required and that might be established so as not only to confer the benefit of Vaccination universally on the people but also to give them other medical aid and this might be done by substituting well educated intelligent and zealous second Druggers for the present indolent Vaccinators. Such appointments being given as a reward to those who are best fitted for them and appointing them not only as Vaccinators but as Medical Practitioners among the people and paying them so as to enable them to travel about for such parts of the year as

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as allow of it and during the rest locating them in such large towns as are unprovided with other instructed Medical practitioners. One of such would readily do more than two of the present Vaccinators and might be substituted for them and so far no great increase of expense would be incurred. But this system would require to perfect it a superior superintendent specially employed for that purpose such as obtains in the Bombay Presidency where a Superintendent of Vaccinations constantly perambulates the country not only watching the proceedings of the Vaccinators but also vaccinating the people themselves whenever they halt for a few days but what I propose is a more perfect plan as it substitutes for the present Vaccinators properly taught Medical Subordinates who could minister to many of the diseases of the people as well as maintain Vaccination and thus a real and very great blessing might

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might be conferred upon the natives population
 - now poor and sick who would under
 such general attention to their bodily
 health speedily profit by the aid offered
 and thus a substantial check would be
 given to the annual devastations of small
 pox.

Cannanore -
 1st January 1848.

Signed / D. Birch M.D.
 Acting Garrison Surgeon

True Copy /

Signed / F. V. Conolly
 Collector

True Copies /

Signed / J. H. Thomas
 Chief Secretary

Order thereon.

Ordered that copy of para 1 of
 the foregoing Extract from Minutes of
 Consultation be communicated for the
 information and guidance of the
 Collector of Malabar with reference
 to his letter dated 18th March last.

Read

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Read the following Extract
 From the Society Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
 to Government
 under date the 20th April 1848.

Read the following Extract
 from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 (Here enter 3rd April 1848 N^o 154)

Para 1 The demand on account of the
 Extra Revenues of the District of Cuddalore was
 amounted for July 1255 to Rupees 286548-9-11, being
 Rupees 1014-12-11 above that of the preceding year,
 the balance at the close of the July was greater
 than at the same period of the one previous
 and amounted to Rupees 7000-1-0 reduced at
 the date of the collector's report to Rupees 2014-1-1
 and the collections both of current and
 arrears as well as Extra items, all fell short,

Rs a p	and reduced the net revenue
At July 1255 - 286213 - 5	
1256 - 282150 - 7-4	of the year Rupees 4062-9-1
Decrease - 4062-9-1	below July 1255.

2. In the Abkarry demand there
 was an increase of Rupees 2510 arising from greater
 competition, but the large balance outstanding
 at the end of the year reduced the increase
 in the net Revenue to Rs a p 572-12-9.

3. In small farms there was a
 falling off which is attributed to the late
 disturbances and partly to an unfavorable season.

4. Agreeably to the recommendation
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