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The Attorney General

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Director of Health

In re Vaccination.

I regret to have to inform you that our statutes are silent relative to free vaccination with the cowpox, in unorganized territory.

Section 183, P. L. 1933 provides that "the board of health of each city, village, town and plantation shall annually on the first day of March, or oftener if they deem it prudent, provide free vaccination with the cowpox, of all the inhabitants within their respective localities," etc.

"Unorganized territory shall include all territory not a part of any city, town or plantation, and an unorganized unit shall be any unorganized township***** disorganized town or plantation" etc. Section 183 of R.S. Chapter 19.

In the absence of any provision of the statutes with reference to providing free vaccination in such territory, it seems to me that the State Board should arrange with the nearest town to provide such vaccination, the expense of same to be paid by the State Board of Health.

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