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Educational (1898) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 206-7

Dated 25-3-88

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Transferring to the Public
Dept for consideration the proposal of the
Surgeon Genl that a female Asst Surgeon
should be appointed to the post of Maternity
Hospital; and addressing the post of
India regarding the retention of Asst Surgeon
Falconer as lecturer on Midwifery to the
female students of the Medical College.

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Educational (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 719

53/97

From
Surgeon-Major-General C. Sibthorpe,
F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon-General with the Government
of Madras.

No. 22/111

Dated 16th June 1897.

Received for 3/19-6-97

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SUBJECT.

Stating that under the circumstances explained he agrees with the College Council and the Director that the services of Assistant Surgeon Falconer should continue to be retained as Lecturer on Midwifery to the female students of the Medical College, until other arrangements can be made.

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BACK PAPERS.

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 " " 12-7-1888: 407 mis.
 " " 8-11-1888: 636 mis
 " " 29-1-1889: 53 mis.
 " " 28-3-1889: 171 mis.
 " " 3-5-1889: 246-47 mis
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(Through the Surgeon-General)

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Pension (189)) Department.

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CURRENT No.

From
 The Dir. of Pub. Instruction,
 Madras.

Order

No. 4626

Dated 1-5-97

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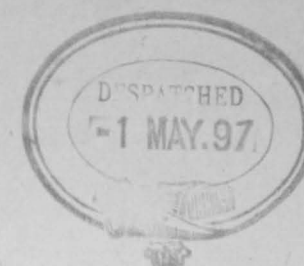
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SUBJECT

Replying to a reference
 regarding the amalgamation of the
 duty of lecturing to the female
 students of the Medical College with
 those pertaining to the Professor of
 Midwifery.



BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Ex tract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Medical College Council, held on the 8 Feb 97

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25-1-97

Read endorsement of the Director of Public Instruction N^o 1087, communicating G.O. embodying letter from the Government of India N^o 29, 12.1.97, requesting to be informed of the reasons which led to the arrangement by which Mr. P. E. Falconer holds the Lectureship on Midwifery to Female students at this College in preference to the amalgamation of the duty of Lecturing to female students with those pertaining to the Professor of Midwifery, until the appointment of a Competent Lady Lecturer in accordance with the view of the Government of India in its letter N^o 653, 10.10.98.

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8-11-98

3. The Council having fully considered this subject, records its opinion as follows.

1. In G.O. dated 11 January 1895, N^o 6 Educational the Madras Government accepted the general principle that it is desirable that lectures on Midwifery should not be given to a mixed Male and Female class and has since then confirmed that opinion more than once.

2. The Medical College Council has always held a similar opinion and, while recognising that the Female students of the College should have the most efficient training available in Midwifery and its allied subjects, has considered that this could be best obtained by a separation of the Male and Female classes in the College work in these subjects.

3. Any Lectures to a mixed class in these subjects must feel himself more or less hampered at times by the admixture of the sexes and could not always do himself justice or teach to the best advantage.

4. Generally speaking the general educational attainments of the Female students are lower than those of the male students and they are not able to grasp scientific facts so quickly and would therefore be unlikely to profit so much by teaching in a mixed class as in a class by themselves.

5. At present the education of the Female students in these subjects is of a tutorial character and the individual students obtain more attention than they could do in a mixed class of students.

6. The present teacher of Midwifery &c to the Female students is a man of exceptional practical attainments in this branch of medicine and has considerable experience in teaching. He is therefore peculiarly well fitted for the work.

7. A further reason for retaining the services of Mr. Falconer in this appointment is to be found in the fact that he is the Resident Assistant Surgeon of the Maternity Hospital where the Female students do their practical Midwifery and receive their clinical training under the direct guidance of the Professor of Midwifery.

W. H. Browne Esq
Principal
Madras College.

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No 1794.

3rd April 1897.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 3356 dated 26th March 1897, I have the honour to state that I concur in the opinion of the Medical College Council, as there is no lady practitioner of Medicine now available in Madras who could fill the appointment.

2. In my opinion the Professor of Midwifery has not the time to take up a Second Class in the College and I have already represented to Government the desirability of his being provided with a Junior Commissioned Medical Officer to assist him in his duties in the Government Maternity Hospital.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

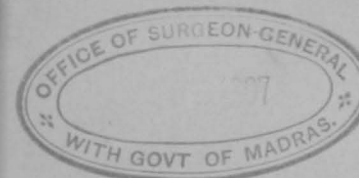
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) C. Sibthorpe, Sur. Major-Genl.,

Surg. Genl. with the Govt. of Madras.

J. Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.



No. 4686

From

THE HONOURABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D. Sc., LL.D.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department,

Through the Surgeon General.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O.No 53 Edl. dated 25th January last, I have the honour to submit an extract from the Proceedings of a meeting of the Medical College Council, pointing out the difficulties in the way of lecturing on Midwifery to a mixed Male and Female class and explaining the necessity for, as well as the advantage of, retaining the services of Mr. Falconer as lecturer on Midwifery to the female students of the Medical College. I agree with the Council in thinking that Mr. Falconer should continue to lecture to the female students as hitherto till other arrangements can be made.

2. It will be seen from the enclosed copy of his letter No 1794, dated 3rd April that the Surgeon General, who also concurs in the opinion of the College Council, distinctly states that the Professor of Midwifery has no time to take up a second class in the College and points out the necessity for appointing a junior commissioned Medical Officer to assist the Professor. If this is not feasible, I would recommend that a Professorship to be held by a qualified lady be created on the same salary as that of the new Professor of Dental Surgery, viz. Rs. 400. Under G.O.No 533, Educational, dated 19th September 1884, the sanctioned allowance to the lecturer on Midwifery is only Rs. 100—a sum too low to attract a lady competent to lecture on Midwifery, and unless the allowance is raised, it will not be practicable to secure the services of an

Enclosure 2 to G.O. No 719 Edl of 97

English Lady as lecturer. There are no doubt separate lecturers on Botany, comparative Anatomy, Medical Jurisprudence, and receiving almost the same allowance, but they hold also other appointments in the Medical Department and if the Lady lecturer also could be provided with a similar appointment under Government, she might also be willing to hold the lectureship on Midwifery with the present allowance. The allowance of Rs. 100 was fixed at a time when female Medical education was in its infancy. Female students have since considerably increased in numbers and a great demand for qualified lady doctors has arisen in all parts of India.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Potacamund 16th June 1897. 1896

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Educational

DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit the accompanying letter No. 4686, dated the 1st May 1897 to your address from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, and to state that under the circumstances explained I agree with the College Council and the Director that the Services of Asstt. Surgeon Falconer should continue to be retained as Lecturer on Midwifery to the female students of the Medical College, until other arrangements can be made.

2. I may, however, state that although Assistant Surgeon Falconer has done well, yet the advantage of having a duly qualified Medical woman teaching the female class of students, as proposed by the Director, is unquestionable. The services of such a lady could be well utilized in the Out-patient Department of the Government Maternity Hospital, as the Superintendent has, on several occasions, pointed out that it has been impossible to extend the work done at the Egmore female dispensary for want of a properly qualified staff. Should the work at the Egmore Dispensary be insufficient to occupy the time of the lady fully, the Superintendent reports that there is immense amount of work in which she could take part at the Maternity Hospital.

3. If a European lady possessing the necessary qualifications registrable under the Medical Act in England could be obtained she should be appointed to the Government

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Maternity Hospital as an Assistant Surgeon under the Superintend-
-ent and given the pay of an Assistant Surgeon with a teaching
allowance of Rs.200 a month. She should be required to live near
the hospital and should be allowed the privilege of private
practice.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. F. Williams

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the Government of
Madras.

G. F. Williams
2.11.92

C. No. 719797

SUBJECT.

Lecturer on Midwifery to the
female students of the Medical
College

FOR ORDERS.

Forwarded to the Public
Dep^t for remarks on the
Surgeon General's proposals.
H. Trevelyan
26.11.97.

What delay?
H. T. 9.2.98
I understand the papers
were with Mr. Constance
H. T. 9.2.98.

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In 1884 the Govt sanctioned
the appointment of Mrs Schuchel
as Lecturer on Midwifery and
the diseases of women to the
female students to the Medical
College on a fee of Rs 100 a
month for nine months in the
year - vide G.O. no. 588 Ed &
19th Sept. 1884 - flag N. Upon
Mrs Schuchel leaving Madras
Miss Bonetier was appointed and
when the latter resigned her
appointment, the Govt appointed
Mrs Falconer, Apothecary at the
Lying-in-Hospital, to the post
and sought the sanction of the
Govt of I. to the arrangement.
vide G.O. no. 172-3 Ed & 13th April
1888 - Flag - O But the Govt
of I. refused to sanction the

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arrangement and observed
that "it is very desirable that
the female students of that College
(Medical College) should receive
the most efficient midwifery
teaching available, and in
the opinion of H.C. in Council
the best means of securing this
end, pending the appointment
of a competent Lady Lecturer,
which it is understood is contemplated,
is the temporary amalgamation
of the duty of lecturing to the
female students of the Medical
College with those at present per-
taining to the Prof. of Midwifery
at the College. It has been
ascertained from the Govt of
Bengal that ^{at} the Calcutta Medical
College where sixteen lady students
are at present borne on the rolls
of the midwifery class, the Prof.
of Midwifery lectures to these
and to the male students simul-
taneously on the diseases of women
and children generally as well
as on the subject of midwifery
proper, separate dissecting rooms
being however provided for each sex."

vide

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vide G.O. no. 636 Ed & 8th Nov 88
flag E. On the receipt of
this letter from the Govt of I, Mr
Falconer's appointment was at
once cancelled and Miss
Bourne was reappointed.
In April 1894 however, this
correspondence with the Govt of I.
was overlooked and Mrs. Falconer
was appointed Lecturer on the
recommendation of the AG D.P.I.
Mr. Munro. vide G.O. No 57 Ed
& 3rd April 1894 - flag A The
sanction of the Govt of I. to this
appointment was not obtained.
In July 1896 the A.G. pointed out
that the sanction of the Govt of I.
was necessary to Mrs. Falconer's
holding two appointments. That
sanction was accordingly sought
and the Govt of I. was informed
that Mrs. Falconer would vacate
the appointment as soon as the
services of a competent lady became
available. vide G.O. no. 674-5 &
2nd Nov. 96 - flag - B. The
Govt of I. sanctioned the temporary
appointment of Mrs. Falconer,
invited attention to their views expressed.

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in 1888 and stated that "those considerations still weighed with them and that they would be glad to be informed of the reasons which lead the Govt of Madras to prefer the arrangement by which Mr. Falconer was retained in the lectureship". The D.P.O. was accordingly requested to report whether the arrangement suggested by the Govt of P. of temporarily amalgamating the duty of lecturing to the female students of the ^{Medical} College with those pertaining to the Prof. of Midwifery, could be given effect to. vide G.O. no. 53 Ed D 25th January 97 - Flag C.

In reply the D.P.O. forwards a copy of the Procs. of the Med. College Council on the question and states that he agrees with it in thinking that Mr. Falconer should continue to lecture to the female students as hitherto till other arrangements can be made. He also forwards a letter from the S.G. in which that officer states that the Prof. of Midwifery has no time to take up a second class at the College and that

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X Asst Surgeons are of three grades, their pay being Rs 100, Rs 150 & Rs 200

he has already represented to Govt. the desirability of his being provided with a Junior Commissioned Medical Officer to assist him in his duties in the Govt. Maternity Hospital. The D.P.O. states that "if this is not feasible, I would recommend that a Professorship to be held by a qualified lady be created on the same salary as that of the Professor of Dental Surgery, viz Rs 400. He considers that the present allowance of Rs 100 is a sum too low to attract a competent lady. The Sur. Genl. agrees with the D.P.O. but considers that the Lady Lecturer should be appointed Asst Surgeon in the Maternity Hospital and given the pay of an Asst Surgeon with a teaching allowance of Rs 200 a month and that she should be required to live near the hospital and should be allowed the privilege of private practice.

7/11/97 The position is clearly stated in the Proceedings of the Medical Coll. Council, attached to the Current

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NOTE FOR THE Public Dept.

The proposal to provide an Assistant for the Sept. of the Govt. Maternity Hospital has put forward by the S.G. in 1896. The Hon^{ble} Secy. H.W. Bliss noted in G.O. no 1322 d. 16-12-96 that if India disclosed a commissioned medical officer a female doctor might be employed for the purpose. The S.G. submitted definite proposals in his letter d 19/11/96 but for financial reasons the matter was ordered to lie over. H.W. however noted that the most urgent matter was to give Dr. Bomanford some relief. As far therefore as Public is concerned the S.G.'s present scheme is to be commended.

H.W.
4/2/98 M. 5.2.98

To L & M Dept.
d. 4/2/98

The Council would prefer to retain Mr. Falconer (see para 7. of the Proposal) but as the S.G. is opposed to this the proposals of the D.P.C. & the S.G. must be considered.

The D.P.C. proposes the creation of a new Professorship on Rs. 400, to be held by a Lady, unless a junior commissioned medical officer is appointed to help the Suptent. of the Govt. Maternity Hospital - as the S.G. proposed in his case, it is thought, the Suptent. being relieved of some of his work at the S.M. Hospital, would have more time for lecturing.

The S.G., while agreeing with the D.P.C. as to the necessity for a qualified Lady Teacher, proposes that she should be an Asst. at the S.M. Hospital with a teaching allowance of Rs 200. A similar plan is suggested by the D.P.C. in the latter part of his letter in the current, as an alternative to the constitution of a new Professorship. Orders are suggested as to the course to be adopted, but some arrangement of the kinds suggested by the D.P.C. and the S.G. is made, all concerned are agreed that Mr. Falconer should be retained.

The S.G.'s proposals seem the best. The Govt. of India may be informed that the Prof. of midwifery has no time to take a second class; hence Mr. Falconer must continue to lecture to the women for the present.

Yes
H.T.
9.2.98 10/2/98

A.L.K. 9/2/98

Papers to be read in Proceedings:-

Again G.O., No.	53	, dated	25-1-	1897.
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H.E. the Governor

The Surgeon-General's proposal that a female Assistant Surgeon should be appointed to the Government Maternity Hospital will be transferred to the Public Dept. for consideration.

2. The following letter will be despatched to the Govt. of India.

(from orders)

The Secy has initialed the draft at the end.

To the Surgeon-General. (Q)

,, D. P. I. (A)

Public Dept - A

25/3/98
29.3.98

28/2/98

LETTER:-

19 W^o 207 725-3-98
To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Home Dept. *Recd*
25/1/98
Sir,

In your letter No. 27 Medical, dated 12th January 1897, it was stated that the Govt. of India would be glad to be informed of the reasons which lead this Govt. to prefer the arrangement by which Mr. Falconer is retained as lecturer on Midwifery to the female students of the Medical College. It was added that the Govt. of India still attached weight to the considerations which led it in Home Dept's letter No. 653 of 6th October 1888 to suggest that pending the appointment of a competent lady lecturer, the duty of lecturing to the female students might be amalgamated with the duties pertaining to the Professor of Midwifery at the College.

See enclosed in note sent.

2. In reply, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor in Council adheres to the view which has been acted upon in this Presidency for nearly a quarter of a century, that the separation of the sexes is desirable in classes of young persons attending lectures on Midwifery. I am however, desired to explain further that the Professor of Midwifery, who

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now lectures to the male students
has his time so fully taken up
already that it would be impossible
for him to have the lady students
added to his classes.

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