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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

21st January 1881, No. 113.

Establishments—Medical Store Depot.

Read the following paper :—

No. 83. *Endorsement from the Military Department, dated 7th January* 1881, *No.* 76.

ABSTRACT.—Transferring papers relative to an increase to the Cutler's Establishment of the Medical Store Depôt.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1881, No. 113.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the proposed increase, as shown in the tabular statement, to the Cutler's branch of the Medical Store Depôt. The additional cost involved, amounting to Rs. 74-10-8 per mensem, will be debited in the first instance against Provincial and recovered from the Local Fund Boards and Municipalities concerned in the mode suggested in the Accountant-General's letter of the 23rd November 1880, No. 4316.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.
" Accountant-General, with Proposition Statement.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of [1881] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 21st.

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G.O., 21st January 1881. No. 113.

JANUARY.
Nos. 83-84.

Establishments — Medical Store Depôt.—The proposed increase to the Cutler's branch of the Medical Store Depôt, involving an additional cost of Rs. 74-10-8 per mensem, sanctioned.

From the Controller of Mily. Accts.

Office of Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras
Fort Saint George 8th November '80.

No. 502.

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From.

The Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras.
Fort Saint George.

To.

The Secretary to Government.
Military Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying Tabular statement for permanent increase to the Cutlers department of the Medical Stores to the extent of Rupees (74.10.8.) seventy four, annas ten and pice eight per mensem.

2. The difficulty of complying with the growing demands for repairs and cleaning of instruments belonging to the Government, to Municipalities, and to Local Fund Boards is so great, and the work in respect to their hospitals is so much in arrears, that I feel constrained to submit the proposals with my earnest recommendation for the

early sanction of Government.

3. Of recent years Government is aware that the number of Civil Hospitals under Municipal and Local Boards have vastly increased throughout the country, and while the repairing and cleaning of Surgical instruments and appliances of about 180 hospitals of this class has fallen on the Cutler's Department of the Medical Stores, the establishment has been increased only by one Apprentice, and the work has consequently fallen so far in arrears, that complaints have been made of the delay in getting repairs done.

4. The Cutler's trade has no existence in this part of India. The Store establishment is fortunate in possessing a Master Cutler who is a genius in his way, and who in any other country would be worth four times his present pay. If Cutler's work is given out of the Stores to be done, it practically finds its way into the hands of the Master Cutler, who is thus encouraged to work out of Office hours, and to the detriment of his Official duties.

Dr Pearse points out that when men are entertained and maintained on a regular establishment, it will be impossible, from the peculiar nature of the work, to find temporary hands. His desire is that the establishment asked for shall be trained and supervised by the skilled workman, the only one of the kind in Madras, who is his Master Cutler. On these grounds I submit the proposition for a permanent increase to the Cutler's establishment of the Medical Store Depôt.

5. As regards cost, there will be practically no increase. The extra establishment asked for amounts to Rs 896 a year. Dr Pearse considers that the work done and paid for by Local Funds will quite cover the cost of the extra establishment. It is only because I am convinced that temporary workmen for these duties cannot be procured locally, that I support the Principal

Medical Storekeeper's applications for ~~a~~ increase of establishment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant.
Wm Cornish
Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras.

Extracts from the Medical Storekeeper's letter No. 1602 dated 14th July 1880.

"The establishment consists of a Master Cutler with 3 Assistants and 3 Coolies, and an Apprentice on Rs 7- per mensem entertained since January 1877. With the trivial addition of this Apprentice boy, the staff is now the same as it was years ago, before all the numerous Local Fund hospitals with which the country is now covered came into existence, it cannot be wondered at therefore that with the enormous increase of work thus created, the present strength is found insufficient, and that Repair Indents are falling into arrears. My predecessor I well know, did his utmost to prevent this, but still the fact remains, that on taking over charge at the beginning

of last month I found over one hundred "Repair Indents" waiting to be taken up, some of them of more than 2 years standing. This number I am endeavouring to reduce by working off all the smaller Indents, but the gain secured in this way will I fear be more apparent than real, for the heavy work will still remain to be done; indeed with the present number of hands it is useless to hope to overtake arrears, on the contrary it is more than probable that they will steadily increase, for as the instruments issued to the various new hospitals during the past few years begin to wear out, they will be finding their way back here for repair, and so render matters yearly worse and worse. Under these circumstances an increase in the number of hands is, I consider, absolutely necessary, and as it can be carried out without increased expenditure on the part of Government will, I trust, meet with favorable consideration"

"In G.O. No. 451 of 2d March 1880 it is ruled, that 'repairs to Municipal Medical and Surgical appliances at the Medical Stores should be charged for', and if this principle (as I presume was intended) were to be extended to Local Fund hospitals as well, the difficulty would be practically solved. The

extra work and consequent arrears are in great measure, if not entirely, due to these hospitals, and it seems but reasonable therefore that they should meet the cost."

The increase to the present establishment which I would propose is as follows :-

1st That the pay of the Master-Cutler be raised from Rs28 to 50 per mensem.

2d That (2) two new hands on Rs22 & Rs18 per mensem be entertained.

3d That (2) two more coolies on Rs6.5.4 per mensem be employed.

And 4th That a small sum say Rs15.5.4 per mensem be allowed for contingencies

Total Rupees 90 a month."

"As regards the large increase to the pay of the Master-Cutler, I must explain that he is by far the best man of his kind in Madras, and has served "the Stores" now for some twenty years. His present pay is therefore far below his value, and were it not for the profit he makes in repairs done at home, he would not remain, as he could earn twice or three times the amount outside, as therefore I propose if the increased establishment be sanctioned to stop all out-door work (electro plating and Guilding of course excepted) he must have compensation in

the form of extra pay. The other additions call for no special comment being as near as I can compute it, the equivalent of the extra work actual and prospective."

"Next as to the mode in which this extra expenditure is to be met. Here I would point out that there are in this Presidency 20 Collectorates or Districts, each of which has at least one Municipal and one Local Fund Board and some more; and if the Annual extra charge of Rs1080 be divided equally amongst them, it gives only some Rs20 to 25 for each, a sum so trifling that I should imagine no Board would consider it other than again to have all its instruments repaired at that sum annually — the sum of course to be recovered in the usual way by Government, who would thus be put to no extra expense by the proposed augmentation".

"I should add perhaps that the number of Municipal and Local Fund hospitals now stands at 181, which gives but Rs6 as the annual charge against each hospital for the repairs of all its instruments."

"As the present delay in the repairs must undoubtedly be not merely inconvenient but very injurious to many hospitals,

Especially the smaller and more distant ones, I trust the above proposition may be favorably entertained."

(True Extracts.)

W. McCormick

Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras.

Office of Controller Military Accounts,
Fort Saint George, 24 November 1880.

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From

COLONEL J. W. RIDEOUT,
Controller of Military Accounts,
Fort Saint George,

To

Colonel J. Michael C.S.I.
Secretary to Government,
Military Department.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In forwarding the marginal application for an increase to the Cutlers Establishment of the Medical Store Depot, I have the honor to attach a letter from the Accountant General, intimating that the extra charge will be recovered from the Local Fund Boards and Municipalities whose demands necessitate

Nos 1 to 6 Controller of Military Accts. Fort St. George. 1880. Nov 24
The Surgeon General with the Government of Madras.
No. 7 The Secretary to Government Military Dept.
Dated 8th November. Rec'd 25th Nov. No. 502.
Submits a proposition for permanent increase to the Cutlers establishment of the Medical Stores.

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Ex Fort St. G. 1880

Ex Mil. Dept.

necessitate the augmentation of the Establishment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. Dunn Lt Colonel,

Controller of Military Accts.

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FOR ORDERS.

Letter No. 7992/3.

From The Surgeon Genl: with the Govt of Mad.
No. 502 dated 8th Nov: 1880.

From the Controller of Mily: accts.
Madras, dated 24th November 1880.

The Surgeon Genl: with the Govt of Madras applies for an increase to the Cutters Establishment of the Medical Store Depôt to meet the demands of Municipal and Local Fund Boards for repairs & cleaning of instruments.

The charge involved (Rs: 74-10-8) nearly equals the cost Rs: 80- of the present establishment for imperial purposes, military and civil, and includes an addition of nearly 50 per cent to the salary of the Head Cutter, raising his pay from Rs: 28 to Rs: 50.

The

Increase to
Head Cutter's pay - Rs: 22 --
2 Asst. Cutters — Rs: 40 --
2 Lascars — Rs: 12-10-8.
Rs: 74-10-8

I should like to know what extra machinery &c - cutters, grindstones &c - will be needed - & the probable cost & also whether any of the necessary articles are procurable in the Local fund & Municipal workshops in England - & only Depôt -

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Rec'd 24 Nov: 1880.
Read 25 "
1 Enclosure.

To The Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Dated 24 Nov: 1880.
Received 25 "

From The Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George.

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2 Memos enclosing letter from the Surgeon Genl with the Govt of Madras requesting an increase to the Cutters Establishment of the Medical Store Depôt.

Submitted.

In Finl Dept 8/12/80
In Pub Dept

The two assistant
Lecturers applied for are to
be paid Rs: 22 and Rs: 18
respectively while the three
on the present establish-
-ment receive only Rs: 17-
16 + 12.

The charge would
be debited against Provin-
-cial Revenues and annually
recovered from the several
Local Fund Boards and
Municipalities concerned.

Yes

No.

Letter No. 7992 & 7993 of 80.

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Application for an in-
crease to the Cutlers establt.
of the Medical Store Depot.

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From the Assistant Surgeon
in the Medical Stores
Papers the best course
would seem to be to sanction
his original proposal.

Y. 27/12

WPA Jan 7/81

Recirculated, with No.
85244 from the Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras, fur-
nishing the information
called for by Govt. as to
additional machinery, & the
probable cost of sending
instruments to England for
repair —

For orders whether the
increase applied for, the cost
of which will be recovered
from municipalities & Local
Funds, may now be sanctioned.

21.12.80. Ests

L. Fuel: 40A/81.

Ins Rule 40 /81

C. 11/12 C in C of Jan 30-12 for 24/2/82
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No 7661

Mems.

With reference to letter from the Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras, No 502 of 28th Nov. 1850, the Sec. to Govt. M.D. is directed to request that Govt. may be informed whether any, & if so, what extra machinery, such as Grindstones & Lathes, &c. will be required in the Med. Store Depot if the extra establishment applied for be sanctioned; also what would be the probable cost

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For Orders.

Ent. Aud: 40 A/50

Ent. Rec. & Desp.

Cost. including Carriage
of sending to England
for repair all instru-
ments belonging to
Local Fund & Municipal
Hospitals.

P/Ds

F. S. Forge
7th Dec. 1880

2o The Surgeon Genl with m/s Copy desp.
the Govt of Madras. 8—12—80.

Memo

L Fmil: 40 A/61

L Pub 40 A/61

Financial Department. No. 4316

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Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
23rd November 1880.

From The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS,

To The Controller of Military Accounts,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 2342 dated the 12th November 1880 enquiring whether this Department sees any objection to the cost of the extra establishment required by the Principal Medical Storekeeper being debited against Provincial Revenues, I have the honor to state that as the Establishment is required apparently for work done for Municipal and Local Fund Hospitals, the simplest way would be for the cost of the Establishment to be drawn from this Office on monthly bills signed by the Principal Medical Storekeeper. The recovery from the several Local Fund Boards and Municipalities concerned will be made

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made at the end of each year, as in the case of the Local Fund Establishments in the Government Office, the Office of the Board of Revenue, and my own Office.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

H. Worcester

H.J. Account General.

Ad Genl: 454/51
Letter 621

A.D.

No. 3357.
Ecclesiastical

PRINCIPAL MEDICAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE,
Mint Buildings, Madras,
14th December 1850.
Despd: 15th

From
THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL STOREKEEPER,

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To
The Secretary to the
Surgeon-General to
With the Govt: of Madras

Sir

In returning the Correspondence which accompanied your No. 6717 of 3rd Instant I have the honor to state for the information of the Surgeon-General that no extra machinery, beyond the 4 Steam Lathes already referred to in the correspondence and included in the Estimates, and the new Powdering Mill received from England and now in the Depôt, will be required.

As regards forwarding Instruments home for repair; I am afraid considering the very much higher wages paid to Skilled mechanics in England as compared with this country, together with the cost of freight, Carriage &c., and the unavoidable Delay which would be caused by distance, that any change in this direction would be very much more expensive than an extension of operations out here, whilst the delay would be, on an average, as great, if not greater, than at present. In the absence of any scale of the charges made by English makers for repairing & resetting instruments I am not in a position to frame an Estimate of the probable cost of sending them Home as requested in the Military Secretarys Memorandum.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Peter Wallace
Surgeon-Supt
Offg Princ: Med: Storekeeper

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No. 556

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government Military department with reference to his memorandum No 7661 dated the 7th inst, with intimation that the undersigned concurs with the Principal Medical Storekeeper.

W. Morwick
Surgeon General with the Government of Madras
Fort St George 18th Dec 1880

July 1881 Despatch
No 8 Ind Nos

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From
The Surgn. Genl. with the Govt. of Madras
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D/ 18th Decr
R/ 20th —

In re Machinery in the Med. Store Depôt.

Dy Nos 7992 & 8544 of 80

Military Department

No 76. Transferred, with the Notes of the Members of Government, to the Financial Department.

Fort Saint George
7th January 1881

By order.
E Hawkins Colonel
Offg Secy to Govt

Financial.
~~Public~~ (188/) DEPARTMENT.
Medical:— Store

From Military Deptt:

No. 76. (Enc 7)

Dated 7th
Recd. 11th } January 81.

No. 40A.

SUBJECT.

Transferring with
votes of members of Ext
certain papers regarding
machinery in the Medical
Store depôt.

GO Fmcl 113/81.

Establishments - Medical
Store Depôt

Fmcl
~~Public~~ Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following ~~Letter~~

Endorsement from the Military Deptt:
dt 7th January 1881, No 76.
transferring papers relative
to an increase to the Cutler's
establt of the Medical
Store Depôt.

Order thereon, 21st Jany/81 No 113.

The Rt Honble
the Governor in Council
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Com
Wm. 18.1.81.

To The Military Dept. 6.
" Accomtant General. " Passage " Colonies 6 dea'd 26/1
" Surgeon General. 6

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Govt. of {188 } Madras.

To

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Govt. of {1881} Madras.

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G.O. 21st Jany 1881. No. 113

Nos. 83 – 84

Establishment

Store Depot.

proposed increase to the Cuttack branch of the Head Store Depôt, involving an addtl cost of Rs 74–10–8. per annum – read, sanctioned.