

Financial (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 424

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Declaring certain officers the Controlling
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Declaring certain officers the controlling officers for the countersignature of certain — .

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 31, Financial, dated 14th January 1898.

Read—the following letter from Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Madras, 3rd December 1897, No. 494:—

I have the honour to state that during the absence of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Gódávri, on tour, the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the district has been countersigning the travelling allowance bills of medical subordinates in order to avoid delay. The Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury there, who has hitherto been in the habit of passing the bills on that officer's countersignature, has now taken objection to this procedure.

2. The Accountant-General, who was consulted on the subject, reports that he cannot trace any authority for this long-standing practice, but suggests that the sanction of Government should be obtained for the continuance of this course of action. He states that a similar practice prevails in the Police department.

3. I therefore request that, under article 1288 of the Civil Service Regulations, Government may be pleased to empower Assistant Surgeons to countersign travelling allowance bills during the absence of District Medical and Sanitary Officers on tour. This arrangement leads to the speedy despatch of business.

No. 3758.

Forwarded to Government.

2. Under article 1288 of the Civil Service Regulations, Government can declare Assistant Surgeons to be controlling officers for the purpose of countersigning travelling allowance bills during the absence of the District Medical and Sanitary Officers on tour.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th December 1897.

(Signed) F. C. HARRISON,
Offg. Accountant-General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

Order—Mis. No. 31, Financial, dated 14th January 1898.

The proposed delegation cannot be sanctioned.

2. The Surgeon-General will be requested to state the practice at present observed in the Medical department in regard to the countersignature of travelling allowance bills of officers and subordinates. This report should be submitted through the Accountant-General, who will be requested to offer his opinion on the existing procedure.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
" Accountant-General.

READ—also the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Accountant-General), dated Madras, 9th March 1898, No. 223.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 31, Financial, dated the 14th January 1898, I have the honour to state that the travelling allowance bills of all medical officers are countersigned by my Secretary and those of the subordinates in mufassal districts by the District Medical and Sanitary Officers, and during their absence from head-quarters by the Assistant Surgeons in charge. This practice obtains in all districts except in the Nilgiris and Vizagapatam.

2. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Nilgiris, countersigns all the bills of his subordinates himself, there being no Assistant Surgeon attached to his district. The practice in Vizagapatam is that such bills are always countersigned by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer both when at head-quarters and on tour of inspection.

3. The travelling allowance bills of subordinates employed in the Presidency town are countersigned by my Secretary.

No. 1430. 413-4-98.

Forwarded to Government.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 31, Financial, dated 14th January 1898, the undersigned has the honour to report that no authority appears to exist in support of the practice reported in the Surgeon-General's letter as now obtaining. As Government has in this Order declined to recognize Assistant Surgeons as controlling officers for the purpose of countersigning travelling allowance bills of subordinate officers during the absence of District Medical Officers, and as under article 1291 of the Civil Service Regulations the duty of countersignature cannot be delegated, the countersignature of the District Medical Officers is now being insisted on.

(Signed) T. H. BIGGS,
Accountant-General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 424, Financial, dated 6th May 1898.

Under article 1288 of the Civil Service Regulations, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare the following officers to be controlling officers for the countersignature of travelling allowance bills in the Medical department:—

Controlling Officer.

The Surgeon-General		For the bills of District Medical and Sanitary Officers and Civil Surgeons.
District Medical and Sanitary Officers.		For the bills of Assistant Surgeons and medical subordinates in the mufassal.
Presidency Surgeons		For the bills of Assistant Surgeons and medical subordinates at the Presidency.

(True Extract.)

A. T. ARUNDEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

" Accountant-General.
" Public Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. A. Raiff.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 424, FINANCIAL, DATED
6TH MAY 1898.

[SUBJECT.—*Countersignature of travelling allowance bills.*]

*From the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, No. 494, dated
3rd December 1897.*

Endorsement of the Accountant-General, No. 3758, dated 8th December 1897.

Under article 1291 of the Civil Service Regulations, a controlling officer should not delegate the duty of countersigning travelling allowance bills to a subordinate. Article 1288 provides, however, that the Local Government may declare who shall be the controlling officer for purposes of countersigning travelling allowance bills for all or any of the officers of any particular department.

2. In paragraph 3 of the above letter the Surgeon-General requests that Assistant Surgeons may, under article 1288, be empowered to countersign travelling allowance

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arrangement will lead to the speedy despatch of business. The Surgeon-General understands that a similar concession has been made in the case of the Police department. He is apparently alluding to G.O., No. 66, Financial, dated 25th January 1897, but it will be seen from that order that the Assistant Inspector-General of Police is the controlling officer for all Police Inspectors and subordinate Police officers, the Inspector-General himself countersigning the travelling allowance bills of Deputy Inspectors-General, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police. The present proposal should, it is submitted, be rejected. It would, it is thought, be useful to ascertain what the practice is in the Medical department as regards countersignature of travelling allowance bills. The current leads to the impression that much control is not vested in the Surgeon-General himself. Draft is submitted.

C. M. SCHMIDT—18-12-97.

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A. T. ARUNDEL—7-1-98.

H. W. B[LISS]—10-1-98.

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Endorsement of the Accountant-General, No. 1430, dated 13th April 1898.

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* His endorsement, 1430, 13th April 1898.

2. The Accountant-General * states that there is no authority for the practice obtaining in the Medical department.

3. It is submitted that under article 1288 of the Civil Service Regulations, Government may now declare District Medical and Sanitary officers to be countersigning officers for the travelling allowance bills of medical subordinates in the mufassal.

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H. W. B[LISS].

4. As regards subordinates in Madras, there appears to be no reason why their immediate superiors—the Surgeons in charge of the several medical divisions in Madras—should not countersign; instead of the Secretary to the Surgeon-General.

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G.O., 66, Financial, 25th January 1897.

subordinate police officers. In the Survey department Government declined to allow the continuance of the practice under which the Deputy or Assistant Superintendent in charge of the central office used to countersign on behalf of the head of the department.

G.O., 553, Financial, 10th September 1896.

Orders are solicited as to whether the Secretary to the Surgeon-General should be permitted to countersign the travelling allowance bills of the superior officers of the Medical department, i.e., of District Medical and Sanitary officers and Civil Surgeons. This seems to be work which the Surgeon-General should perform.

A.C.—27-4-98.

Through Public—

C. M. SCHMIDT—29-4-98.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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For the Chief Secretary—

A draft order is submitted through the Public department.

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A. T. ARUNDEL—6-5-98.

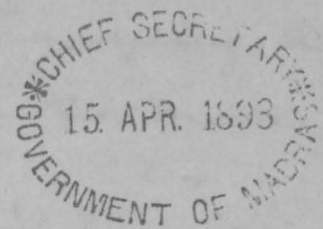
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Through the Accountant General.

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From
Surgeon-General
C. Sibthorpe Esq. F.R.C.P.
Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.
No. 223

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Dated the 9th March
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SUBJECT.

*Stating the practice now
in existence regarding the
countersignature of
travelling allowance bills
of officers & subordinates.*

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31:	14.1.98		
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Financial DEPARTMENT

C. No. 1146

SUBJECT. Counter-Signature
Travelling Allowance
the Medical Department

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

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FOR ORDERS.

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E G. O. no 66 Finance 25.1.97

A G. O. no 553 Finance 10.9.96

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. 31 dated 14 January 1898. (A)
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Current No. 1146 of 1898, dated 9 March, from The S.S.
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Public Dept. for C.C.

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ORDER. No 424, of 6-5-98

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C. M. Schmidt

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Through Public

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