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SUB JAIL AT CALICUT.

Approving, with remarks, the proposal of the District Magistrate of Malabar for the appointment of a thirdclass Hospital Assistant to the charge of the---, and stating that the question of converting a block of the old jail buildings into a hospital cannot be considered until definite estimates are before Government.

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From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Endorsement 44-2-95¹² 263

Referred to the Surgeon General, for ^{remarks} ~~report~~ -

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Subject.

Submitting for orders of Government a proposal made by the District Magistrate, Malabar, for the entertainment of a Third class Hospital Assistant to the charge of the Subjail at Calicut.

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS,
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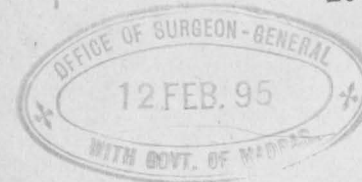
A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A., *LLS.*

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF JAILS, *Prisons*

To

THE

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,



SIR,

Enclosure.

In a Letter, Ref. on *N^o 1453* of 93 dated 25 May 1893, the District Magistrate of Malabar forwarded an Extract from the Journal of the Medical Officer of the Calicut subjail, in which that officer complained of the unsatisfactory arrangements at the subjail in regard to the medical care of patients. An extract from these remarks is given in the margin. The District Magistrate proposed

"There are no drugs, no compounder, nothing at all here. Patients are supposed to be taken to the Hospital and there are no means of dressing wounds or assistance here. It appears to me that considering the distance it would be well to have a compounder and a few drugs here."

to ascertain a Compounder and to purchase drugs for the use of the subjail. In reply, I stated that there was no objection to the purchase of a few drugs, but

as regards the compounder, I suggested that the Medical Officer should direct one of his Medical Subordinates to attend at the subjail.

2. In a Letter, Ref. on *N^o 2704* of 94, dated 21st Aug. 1894, the District Magistrate of Malabar forwarded an extract from the remarks recorded by

of the Surgeon General on the occasion of his inspection of the Calicut Subjail. An extract from these remarks is given in the margin. The

"I do not consider that the arrangement for medical care of these prisoners, who have averaged about 80 a day since January last, at all satisfactory, and find that similar facts were brought to notice in May 1893 and on subsequent dates. With a Jail containing so many prisoners the services of a Hospital Assistant should be constantly available, and there should be proper Hospital arrangements for the care of the sick which are now conspicuous by their absence."

District Magistrate proceeded to refer to the above-quoted correspondence, and expressed the opinion that the Hospital arrangements at the Subjail are not at all satisfactory, and that it is highly desirable that a Hospital Assistant should be employed to look after the sick in the Subjail exclusively. In reply, he was requested to consider whether

it was not possible to take some measures for the reduction of the population of the Subjail, or, if not, whether some of the nearer Subjails on the line of rail could not be closed, with a view to forming an intermediate Jail midway between a Subjail and a District Jail, such as exist in the Bombay Presidency.

3. The District Magistrate on the 7th Nov. 1894, Letter No 1267 magl., reported that it is impossible to reduce the population of the Calicut Subjail. He wrote:—"The number of Abkari convictions in this District is very large and when the offenders are old and hardened offenders, imprisonment must be awarded. When the Subjails in South Malabar are overcrowded, prisoners must be transferred to the Calicut Subjail; in the absence of a railway they cannot be sent to Cannanore." He stated that Subjails on the line of rail could not be closed as they would be

be required for Under Trial and Remanded prisoners. He enclosed a report from the Deputy Magistrate, giving particulars as to the composition of the population of the Calicut Subjail.

4. Proposals for concentrating Subjails—having been then recently submitted to Government in my Letter No 6364, dated 2nd November 1894, the decision of Government was awaited, and as this has now been recorded in G.O. 12th January 1895 No 65, the District Magistrate's proposal is submitted for orders of Government. The daily average population of the Calicut Subjail during the first 8 months of 1894 was 78.53; during 1893, the daily average population was 54.36; and during 1892, it was 83.56. A large number of these prisoners consist of Convicts transferred by the District Magistrate from other Subjails in South Malabar, or Convicts en route from Courts in South Malabar to the Central Jail at Cannanore. The bulk of the prisoners so received are offenders against the Abkari Law; out of 518 prisoners transferred to the Calicut Subjail by the District Magistrate between January and August 1894, 435 or 84 per cent had been convicted of Abkari offences. There is said to be no prospect of these convictions decreasing.

5. When the Madras Railway is continued from Calicut to Cannanore, it will doubtless be possible to send to the Cannanore Central Jail the bulk of the short-term convicts who have now,

in order to relieve overcrowding in southern sub-
jails, to be transferred to the Calicut subjail, but
until this is done, an average population of between
70 and 80 rising at times to 100 or even 120, must
apparently be expected. Transfers by road to Cannu-
nore are impossible in the case of short term prisoners,
the distance being 59 miles. The Calicut subjail,
which is located in the old District Jail buildings,
is some 3 miles from the Civil Hospital, and hence
there is some difficulty in procuring the attendance
at the subjail of one of the Hospital Assistants at-
tached to the Civil Hospital. In these circumstances
the appointment of a Third Class Hospital Assistant
to the charge of the subjail, until such time as
Railway communication with Cannanore is opened,
seems unavoidable.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
R. G. Lardner
Inspector General of Prisons

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(1895) DEPARTMENT.

From
SURG. MAJOR-GEN. C. SIBTHORPE,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

No. 261

ENCLOSURES. 11/11/94

Dated 13th } March 1895.
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Handwritten notes:
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Submitting for the
favourable consideration & sanction
of Government regarding the
entertainment of a 3rd class
Hospital Assistant to the charge
of the subjail at Calicut for
the reasons set forth by the Insp.
General of Prisons.

For notes

Please see Ch: VIII: Jail
Code: re: the app of his
Maj: Subordinates:
The Hosp: Asst will be
entitled to an allowance of
Rs 10: - 30: -

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Handwritten notes:
which will be paid by B-30
+ down the Jail budget show
whether the funds are available; if not
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Subd. Dis: No: 7: 8:
25/3/95

The Jail Clerk should ask
the B.C. if he cannot get
the information about the
Jail Budget. The latter
is a printed paper & the
Jail Clerk. shd. have it
difficultly in replying

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List of furniture & other articles belonging to the late District Jail
Hospital Calicut.

Particulars of articles.	No.	Remarks.
Almirah	1	No Keys
Table writing	2	
Table Compounding	1	
Chair	1	
Benches	2	
Poison chest	1	No Keys
Basin	1	
Basin Stand	1	Unserviceable.
Filter stand with Chalks	1	Repairable.
Stool.	1	Unserviceable.
Ink Stand with bottles	1	
Ruber	1	
Shelf for books	1	
Bucket	1	
Cots iron	4	
Do wooden	12	
Mattress	6	Unserviceable
Pillows.	4	do -

Calicut }
28th February 95 }

M. J. M. M. M.
Surgeon Major.
Ag. Dist. Med. Officer
Malabar.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 13th March 1895.

No 261

Encl.

From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, *F.R.C.P.S.*

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement N^o 263 dated the 11th February 1895 on Judicial Current N^o 419, herewith returned as requested, I have the honor to state that the entertainment of a 3rd class Hospital Assistant to the charge of the Sub jail at Calicut is very necessary for the reasons set forth by the Inspector-General of Prisons in his letter to Government and meets with my approval.

2^d. As regards accommodation and equipment, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer Malabar to whom the matter was referred, reports that one of the blocks of the old District Jail building can be easily converted into a hospital with very trifling alterations and a third class supply of medicines and instruments will be sufficient

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sufficient. Some of the old hospital furniture as per list enclosed can be utilized and the bedding and clothing as detailed in the margin will also be required, allowing for 8 beds. I fully concur with him in his views and commend his approval for the favorable consideration and sanction of Government.

Palliasses	24
Sheets	24
Pillow cases	48
Towels +	6
Dusters	6

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Chittampudi
Surgeon Major General

Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras.

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[G.]
[25.]
100-21-12-94.

DEPARTMENT.

No. 1281

From

Dated 13 March 1895.

FOR ORDERS.

This current contains the Surgeon-General's remarks on a proposal to entertain a third class hospital assistant to be in medical charge of the Calicut Sub Jail. - The proposal has the support of the Dist. Magistrate, the J.G. of Prisons and the Surgeon-General. The average population of the sub jail for the first 8 months of 1894 was 78.53 & there is said to be no prospect of a decrease. The distance from Calicut to Cannanore - 59 miles by road - makes it impracticable to transfer short term prisoners thither until railway communication is opened. 2. The Civil Surgeon finds it impossible to spare one of the Hospital Assistants attached to the Civil Hospital - 3 miles distant from the sub jail - as often as is required & the Surgeon-General considers the jail population to be large enough to warrant the employment of a whole time hospital assistant. He considers this necessary until the railway to Cannanore is completed. - The Surgeon-General recommends the conversion of one block of the jail buildings - now

to coal- into a hospital, and the supply of medicines, instruments, together with bedding and clothing sufficient for eight patients. - No information as to the cost of this is furnished. If H.M. is approved the appointment of a hospital assistant, perhaps this might be approved with the remark that a regular proposition shall, to meet the furnished, and that the question of converting the block into a hospital will not be settled until definite estimates are before Govt. -

Hospital Assistant,
Albert Subjail

H.M.
St
(Forwarding)

5-4-95
11/5/95

Order 118th May 1895 No 1053
Third class

The proposal to appoint a hospital assistant to the charge of the Calicut Subjail is approved subject to the submission of the necessary proposition statement, & for the understanding that the necessity for the retention of his services ^{will} be considered, when railway communication exists between Calicut & Cannanore. The question of converting a block of the old jail buildings into a hospital cannot be considered until definite estimates are before Govt.

(from orders) H.M.
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