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[Despatch Abstract.]

LUNATIC ASYLUM - HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

Passing orders requesting the Surgeon-General to submit fresh proposals for providing hospital accommodation in the ~~Madras~~ Lunatic Asylum, Madras, or such explanation as may justify his present scheme.

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27-28-32 Objection
hosp. fund.

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No. 693
Encl.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, 22nd December 1894.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE Honble the Chief Secy. to Government
Judicial Department

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 2860 Judicial dated the 27th November 1894, I have the honor to forward herewith a plan of the Madras Lunatic Asylum with the unoccupied blocks of buildings marked by a red-cross viz:-

- Three gate Cottages near the main Entrance
- A block of 3 single rooms in the Female enclosure.
- A block of 3 single rooms adjacent to the noisy enclosure.
- The guard room in the noisy enclosure.

2. Numbers 113 and 114 are contagious blocks for Europeans and natives (males) respectively containing 3 single rooms each

3. The others are all occupied.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon Major-General
Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

LD

16 S.G.—1,000—5-94

one portion of the
meant for males was
be however thought
27-28-32 Objection
Hopl. put

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Judicial (1894) DEPARTMENT.

From 2860:27-11-94 (26)

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, *Recd*
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras,

No. 693
ENCLOSURE.

Dated 22nd December 1894.
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CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a plan
of the Madras Lunatic
Asylum with the unoccupied
blocks marked by a red cross

This may answer
the question of the original
papers still in O.

Yours

Date.

[G.
25]
500-26-6-94.

Judicial
DEPARTMENT.
C. No. 6:

Res: G.O: 2860: of 27/
Cn= 6886 of 94

FOR ORDERS.

The Surgeon feels free
proposals regarding the
accommodation for the
Asylum will best be an
by the following short sum-
of his different propos-

The original hos-
accommodation was only
3/4th

Viz block 72-96
which is situated be-
male & female wards
running between them.

The ~~male~~ portion of
intended for males & 12
1 1/2 beds. Another 3/4 female
8 beds:-

When the Surg^l first
addressed Gov^t (17-7-94)
he stated that the plan
for males being in use
was using 1/4 of the

one portion of the
meant for males was
he however thought
27-28-32. Objection
hosp: first

following proposal —
proposal No 1.
utilizing the blocks ~~was~~
~~the old Criminal ward for~~
the old Criminal ward for
the purposes: this ward
consists of blocks:

Nos 43-44-63-64-65 & 77:
is a ward room: & a latrine):
blocks: 43-44- & 63: he
proposed utilizing for beds &
he proposed utilizing area
& medicine room:-

43 & 44: were said to
moderate 12 beds ^{each} or 24 ^{beds} each
Block No 63: contains 8 Cells
beds: Blocks 43-44 & 63,

also therefore give 32 beds
males: - in addition to this
proposed ~~the~~ ~~hospital~~ ~~building~~
proposed building two extra
for males: (Capacity not
yet set) -

female hospital accommodation
proposed extending the
wall which divided
the female wards so as
the whole of block
for females: this arrangement
to him -

of the - 20 beds (for females)
therefore to have according
to his two ~~male~~ blocks:
block males

For females — 20 beds
No. 404 dated 21st March
information
his father No 408 of 1.7.93
on funeral ~~proposed~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~proposed~~
proposal:-
After he states that

Date.

The Hospital accommodation
required by him is:-

40 beds for males }
20 beds for females. } -

To meet this he proposed ~~utilizing~~
~~blocks~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~area~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~hospital~~
Converting
block No 63, into a general
Hospital to accommodate 15 patients
And to add another building to
the present Hospital enclosure:
(Cost 8000 Rs): — for cell accommodation:

(or
a new Hospital at a cost of Rs. 50,000 or
Rs. 60,000
thousand): — (Note he also proposed
lowering the boundary wall
to 10 ft.)

In proposing to build a ~~new~~
building for Cells & Converting
the Surgeon Genl: evidently
wished to retain Nos 43 & 44:
By his second proposal he was
to have blocks: Nos

43 & 44: plus: 63: converted
& the new building for Cells:
As regards females he simply
stated that the accommodation
wanted ~~was~~ for 16 beds, evidently
the proposal made in his first
letter of extending the boundary wall
to enclosure No 96: ~~in the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
holds good:

we now come to the Simpson's
third (or ^{so called} explanatory letter) in
which he ^{introduced} a third scheme:

In this letter blocks 43 & 44
which were said to hold 12
beds each ^{were} made to hold
only 10 each:— He gave up the
idea of converting 63 into a
feul hosp: for 15 ^{beds} & of having
another building for cells:—

He proposed having
43: 44 + 63 (unconverted)
but wanted—

"Another ~~building~~ block
for 15 beds"—

He would give ~~him~~

43 + 44: = 12 beds each: & not 10 each

= 24:

63 = 8 } 47 beds

and proposed new block = 15 } (not 43).

& for females: ~~He proposed~~ the
same proposal ~~as before~~ viz:

Extending the boundary wall
to enclose the whole of block
No 96 in the female ward:

@ 20 beds for females:—

G.O: 1726: of: 25: 8: 93 however
sanctioned after considering
all his proposals sanctioned,

Sanctioned,

1. Constructing ~~and~~ a general
ward to hold 12 beds for
males:

2. ~~Extending~~ Extending the
wall of the female enclosure
so as to include the whole
of block No 96, in the
female ward: 20 beds

(and also lowering the walls, Eastern
& Southern, of the old Cr: Enclosure
to seven feet).

Gov: therefore ^{has} already allowed
the Sug: feul: for hosp: purposes:

Blocks: Nos 43: 44 + 63 = 32 beds:

Plus new block = 12 beds

44 beds: Males

And block No 96: @

— and also 12 beds as a store & medicine room.
He ^{the S.G.} has thus got virtually more
than what he said he needed
(viz: 40 for males: & 16: for females)
He has got: inasmuch as

44 ^{for} males & 20 for females.
If ^{we} ^{would} ^{have} ^{the} ^{new} ^{ward}
the Simpson feul: is not satisfied
with this accommodation; he
now wants

80 beds for males &

20 for females:—

feul: has now

Submitted a memo: No 1295
of 27: Oct: 94, from the Sup^t
of the Asylum, embodying
certain fresh proposals:-

Viz:

1. to knock ~~off~~^{down} the wall which
divides the noisy enclosure
from the present Hospital
(or Old Cr: Encl): to build
a new wall so as to throw
blocks

nos 42 + 62

into the Hosp^t: enclosure:-

He would thus have in the Hosp^t: Encl:
blocks:

42-43-44-62-63-64:

I: He proposes to lengthen

42-43-44 so as to

accommodate ⁶⁰24 Each

i.e. 72 beds:- for males:-

He would thus have:

42: 43: 44 = 72 beds:

63 = 8 beds

62 = 4 beds: (?)

Total 84 beds: for males:

And block No 64: which is being used
as a dispensary (Store & medicine room).

III: 42: 43: 44: (after extension)

to be joined by covered
passages or paths as follows:-

And provided with a
bath room & a latrine:

(Note a latrine already exists in this
enclosure No ⁶⁰74:-)

IV: To divide block No 64:
into a dispensary &
Office room for the Apothecary
on duty:

Note according to his letter No
^{60 (Nov 993)}139: of 7th Feb: 93, he wanted
block No 64: as a store and
medicine room:-

For females:

V: he proposes to extend
the boundary wall sanctioned
in G.O: 1726: of 28.8.93:

so as to include not only
the whole of No 96, but also: 73 & 74:

Block 74: in the female ward:

he wants block: 73 as a store
- room in the female ward: & 74
for ^{female}mania patients:-

VI: a latrine & bath room
to be attached to No 96:-

His ~~other~~ further wants are:

VII: a kitchen

a scullery & receiving room

This he is ^{would provide}to have by altering
the present guard room No 60
so as to suit requirements
with such alterations as may
be necessary

God
therefore since the
Feb: 92, when the ball
was first set rolling, received
four different proposals:—

1st: to utilize blocks 70^s

43: 44: 463: (460:)

"Plus two extra blocks"

for females: extension of wall. to include

whole 70^s—71:

2nd: Convert 63: into a full: hospit

for 15: beds: and build another

building for Cells—

"Females no Remarks"

3rd: Retain 63: as it is along

with 43 + 44: and build

a new block for 15 beds:—

Females: Same as I:—

And in the 4th scheme, under

Consideration:—

4th transferring blocks 42 + 62 from

the Noisy Encl: into the hospit:

Encls:

So that ^{blocks} ~~transferred~~ ^{blocks}

42-43-44-62-63 for

hospit (with 42-43-44 extended: and constitutes the hospit)

4th ^{transferring} ^{blocks} ^{for} 84:—) ^{as before}

transferring ^{blocks} ^{for} the

73 + 74 + whole of 96, ^{which}

the female ward:—

Accommodation wanted ^{for} females

Feb: 20 1892

besides this ^{are} other alterations
as regards latrine, kitchen &c.
It will be seen from the Surg
files: Letter (CN: 6886 of 94)
that the following blocks
are ~~now~~ unoccupied:

70^s: 57-76-91-107-108-109

(113 + 114: Contagious Disease blocks).—

It will however be ^{supposed}

remembered that the ^{very} ~~last~~ ^{use} of the

Can have ^{very} little ~~use~~ use of the

following blocks:

27-28-32:

he used them once for hospit:

purposes + gave them up

for blocks in the old Criminal

Enclosure:—

From CN: 5990 of 94 (G.O:

7th: 2860. of 27. 11. 94) it will

be seen that the Surgeon Super:

is willing to give up blocks

42-462 in the noisy Encl

73 + 74 in the male ward

+ 76 + 77: guard room:

for Hospital purposes: He

Can therefore ^{apparently} ~~have~~ ^{has} no use

for them + they must be

treated as spare accommodat

It will therefore

be seen that the

Supr has 6 blocks
No 42-62-73-74-76-77
57-91-107-108-109

(And evidently 27-28 & 32)
for which he has no actual
need: And they are all spare
blocks: - in which on any
special occasion arising he
can easily & comfortably
lodge his sick:

G.O. No. 1450: of 17-7-93
Reminded the Supr of
this, And Stated,

"if the Hosp^l accommodation
is insufficient there must
be numerous blocks
of empty cells which
could be converted
into Hosp^l wards at
a small cost".

It is seen There seems
to be however no need of
converting these blocks for Hosp^l
purposes: As will be seen from
the following statistics:

(2:0-28:0-31-11-54)

The Supr. Memo. has a return
of sick attached to it: which shows
that 117 is the largest number of male
sick, since 91, & 28.84, largest number
female sick since 91:-

Number of female patients
located in the Hosp^l since
1-1-93.

The average strength of
the Asylum is

91 was 420:

92 409.25

93 439

In 94 } - 483:
on the 27th Oct.

Number 117 seems therefore
a very high percentage for an
average population of 439: this however
may be accounted for the fact
that a very large number were
suffering from Debility, Dysentry
& Diarrhoea: As will be seen from
the following table: (Page Form VIII:
L: a: report for 93)

In 93:
Debility 175: males: }
47: females: }
Dysentry 19 males:
1 female
Diarrhoea: 51: males:
8 females:

The reports for 91 & 92 also
show that the prevailing complaint
at the Asylum was
Debility - Diarrhoea & Dysentry
The

The reports of the
other provinces are
not at all close to
show that a large
percentage suffer from
debility - diarrhoea,
dysentery & fever.

Supdt. of the Asylum has not
supplied any statistics for
94:- His return shows that
the number of in-patients
both ~~male~~ & female has fallen
off very rapidly since: Oct 93:-

In his memo: the Supdt
states that the total number of
sick ^{in the Asylum} Oct. 94, is 81, of whom
^{at least 70} should be in the Hosp:
of females he ~~has~~ states he has
20 sick: He accordingly
asks for accommodation
for 80 males & 20 females:-
The total strength of the
Asylum in Oct. 94 was 483:
~~it is therefore less than~~
(81 + 20) = 101 sick out
of 483, is a very high per-
centage: It can therefore
be safely presumed that ^{the majority of} these
sick patients are ^{were} suffering
from dysentery, diarrhoea
or biliousness: And that they
can safely be treated as
out-patients; ~~based on the~~
~~assumption that~~: And the
accommodation for 44 males
& 20 females now available

^{therefore} seems to be ample for all
Ordinary purposes:

In the female ward the
only use he ^{wishes} to make
of 73 & 74, is ^{to convert} ~~as a~~ mania ward & 73
as a store room: He can
be told that should occasion
ever arise for a mania ward
he can safely use block 7091
in the female ward which
is unoccupied, and he can
easily use one of the many vacant
blocks as a store-room.

~~As regards the proposed
separate accommodation
for the female patients
should be given to the
new room.~~

It is respectfully proposed
that the whole of the Asylum
be divided into two parts, one for
general "in-patients": Now
that an Extra Apothecary has
been sanctioned, the Apothecary
can easily visit each block
attending those suffering from bilious
dysentery, diarrhoea, & such other

~~promoting such fallacy~~
~~depreciating such fallacy~~

the ample accommodation avail-
-able it is presumed that the Supd.
Comd. ^{comfortably} lodge one patient.

There seems to be no necessity
for a new kitchen, the Asylum has
had a population varying between
300 & 400 since 91, and there
is no probability of this number
going higher.

Attention is also called to
the Supd. Memo: No 1295 of 12/9/94.
in which it is proposed to lower
the wall between the Hospl: enclosure
& the Asylum to about 8 feet.

In his letter of 1.7.93 (G: 1450 of 93)
the Surg^l: proposed lowering
the wall of the Encl: to 4 feet at a
cost of Rs 4000. ~~This proposal was~~
~~sanctioned~~ G: O: 176 of 15.8.93:
however sanctioned the lowering
of the ~~Northern~~ Southern & Eastern
walls to 4 feet. It is presumed that
the Northern & Western walls form
part of the Encl: enclosure. The Surg^l:
gives attention ~~to the~~ ^{major} be
drawn to para: 3 of G: O: 1726 of 93-

accom-
+ 20 females now ad-

its for info
I should say
that would
be much
better
than having
the kitchen
in the
Asylum
Hospital accommodation

(For orders)

H. M.

509-20-6-94.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

No. 6886

From

The Surgeon-General.

Dated 22 December 1894,

FOR ORDERS.

Note for C.

This is submitted to C. only as it is
only calling for a detailed explanation.
C. is familiar with the subject & a
draft reference has been put up instead
of a note for orders. The S.G.'s proposals
are in such a form that it is no
use sending them up to P.M. at this
stage.
17.2

The paper has been detained for
some time partly in order to test
Mr. Kamachia's capacity for preparing
a long note & partly by reason of the
difficulty of understanding the Surgeon-
General's proposals.

2. The proposals contained in G.O. 827
Nos. 1894 No 2800 were unsatisfactory
for want of a proper plan, & the S.G. has
now sent a plan but matters are
none the less very little better.
3. It is proposed to send the following
order with a view to throwing more
light on the subject.

Order 22^d July 1895 No 403
4. ~~Refers to~~

The Surgeon-General states that all
the Asylum buildings are occupied
except blocks numbers 54, 76, 91, 107,
108, 109, 113 & 114. Nos. 113 & 114 are
contagious blocks which must be
reserved for use. No. 76 is a guard
room & cannot be utilized to receive
patients. Nos. 54 & 91 contain each
three single rooms, i.e. accommodation
for 6 patients; Nos 107, 108 & 109 appear
from the plan to be from 20 to 25 feet
square, making allowances for verandahs
& wall cannot contain more than some
6 patients each. The total accommoda-
at present unoccupied thus appears to

The S.G. says No 91 is also a con-
tagious block - for females - No

allowance for a bed ^{being 8} 60 feet.
6 beds = 360 sq. feet or 19 feet square.

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be sufficient for some 24 patients, including
the contagious blocks & a diseased guard-
room.

In his annual report for 1891 the
S.G. stated that the Madras Arsenal
had accommodation available for
29 inmates; the completion of the
criminal enclosure raised the ac-
commodation to 411. Now the
Supt's letter read in 90. 17. 27. 11. 94
No 2800 speaks of the strength on the
27th October last as 483, a figure
some 44 in excess of the daily average
population of 1893. Assuming the high
figure to hold good for the present, there
should be accommodation available
for (411 - 483 - or) 228 ^{extra} patients. But
from the rough calculation in the preceding
paragraph it appears that the unoccupied
buildings have only accommodation for
24 patients. The contagious blocks (115 & 116)
contain 3 single rooms each; including
these therefore, there is according to the S.G.'s
account vacant accommodation for 30
patients. From this it follows that,
assuming the present means population
to be 483, there is in the "occupied" blocks
room for (228 - 30 or) 198 ^{extra} patients.
The conclusion is that a careful re-distribution
of the patients would leave a large number
of blocks unoccupied; it should be easily
possible to arrange to utilize some of these
as a hospital, without going to the expense
of erecting new buildings as proposed
by the Surgeon-General. - It is not likely
that the cost of converting some of the
existing blocks into hospitals would
be great, for the Consulting Architect
(in the letter which forms an enclosure
to the S.G.'s report dated 90. 14. 50) J.W.
+ 2 17 July 1893) he stated that it would
cost some Rs. 250 to convert

as appears from the annual report
for the year 1890

502-20-6-91.

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Block no. 63 into a hospital ^{building} block.
3. The Surgeon-General should therefore
after clearing and as concisely as
possible consider the report whether
it is ^{not} possible in the manner to
provide hospital accommodation by
altering the existing buildings. The amount
of space space appears to be very large
& the S.G. is altogether unable to
understand the necessity for erecting
new hospital buildings when there
must be so many blocks which could
be made available for the purpose by
a better distribution of the patients.
4. The Supt's letter dated 27 October
1894 contains several statements which
need explanation, & should not have
been submitted by the S.G. without comment.
(i) The Supt's words "I have 70 men
under treatment who should be
kept in hospital and I believe it
to be by no means above the probable
average." Yet the annual reports
show that the number of daily average
sick ^{never} exceeded 30 until 1895, when
the average rose at a bound from 30
to 72. The increase has never been
satisfactorily explained. Past statistics
show that the ^{number of} daily average sick is
more likely to be 20 than ^{any} 70. Yet
the S.G. makes no comment on

ii) The return of average daily sick forming an enclosure to the Superintendent, given in the case of males for the year 1893 a ~~new~~^{daily} average based on the recess of the figure given in the annual report for that year, but the obvious discrepancy has not been explained.

~~1886~~ - 433.50

1887 - 457 - 25

1858 - 469 - 00

1889 - 453 - 20;

These figures show that there has been a steady Decrease in the population since 1888, an increase first occurring in 1893, when the figure was still 30 below that of 1888.

(iv) The report speaks of the "old hospital" (Block 96) as containing accommodation for 16 females, but in the previous correspondence * the building has been said to contain

room for 12 men & 8 women. - From the plan its area appears to be some 40' x 80'; - allowing 10 feet for verandah walls on each side, this would give 20 beds at 60 square feet each: it is difficult to suppose that a larger allowance for verandah walls is needed.

4, The necessity for using two of the "beds"
(sic (? cells)) in the present main hospital
tried as "store rooms for clothing, &c - (not
have 10 of the Sept 1st's mens. ^{is not} ~~can be~~
+ 20 ^{fold} ~~folded~~ with accommodation in 1 place

It is about 80 %
of the monthly figures
beaded & divided by
12.

$$\frac{8}{12} \sim$$

the figures for the preceding years

being

1850 432.97

1891 420.00

1892 409. 25

1893 439.50

to S.G. 1
+ wide letters in 90. 1726 ml
25. 8. 93

$$\frac{\{40 - (2 \times 10)\} \times \{00 - (2 \times 10)\}}{60} = 20$$

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for over 200 extra patients, it is
scarcely unnecessary to use hospital
rooms to keep stores in. Vacant ordinary
cells might surely be put to this purpose.
5. The plan now agreed does not
show where the present kitchens
are; the number of the block chases
be stated.

b. With these remarks the Surgeon-General will be requested to submit his proposals with the necessary explanatory fresh proposals for providing hospital accommodation, or such explanation as may justify his present scheme. In this latter case

7. He should remember that it is most essential ~~that~~ he should ~~show~~ ^{clear} ~~clear~~ ^{give} convincing reasons for fixing ~~the~~ ^{his} estimate of the hospital accommodation likely to be required. His predecessor considered 40⁺ beds for males & ²⁰ ~~30~~ ~~40~~ for female sufficient; he recommends 80 beds for men & 40 for women & the only reason assigned is Surgeon Major Evans' ipse dixit contradicted by all the previous statistics excepting the year 1893 in which the enormous rise in the daily average sick requires the fullest explanation. Even Surgeon Major Evans himself considers it "possible" and even probable that all of the

We should transmit the printed
plan referred to in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~above~~ ^{above} ~~and~~
Appendix A in para 12 of
the Capt Memo.

$$\begin{array}{r} 90 \overline{) 1726} \\ 25.893 \end{array}$$

para. 4 of his memo.

Lunatic Asylum,
Madras.

(iii) other. This arrangement would be deemed
to give satisfaction to the patentees of the quiet which
they have at least of them most need.

[Handwritten notes:]

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

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NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

Army in full