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[Despatch Abstract.]

MADRAS LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Passing orders on letter from the Surgeon-General forwarding copy of letter from the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Madras, proposing increase of pay to the scavenging establishment of the--.

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Surgeon Major Genl. C. Sibthorpe F.R.C.S.
Surgeon General with
the Govt. of Madras.
Madras.

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No. 209

Enclosures 2

Dated 28th
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February 1895

No.

Have this
before the
I want to see
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Subject

Forwards with remarks
Plan and estimate sub-
mitted by a Contractor
for the erection of huts
for Tokio of the Madras
Lunatic Asylum.

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For orders with ref. to G.O.

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Note for C.

The papers relating to the
proposed increase in the pay of the
tories are in the big bundle relating
to the Lunatic Asylum which is
with C.S. - No action can be
taken on this letter without these
papers. I.H.H. wishes the whole
question of increased expenditure on
the Lunatic Asylum to be dealt with
together.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 28th February 1895.

No 209

Encl. 2

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No 2990 dated 7th December 1894 *Judicial* The Superintendent Lunatic Asylum informs me that he is unable to obtain the aid of a mistry at the Asylum but forwards a plan and Estimate from a contractor which I forward herewith. The Superintendent points out that he has neither the skill nor the knowledge to enable him to draw up satisfactorily such a scheme as is called for in the above order and that in the long run that it would be probably less expensive to take the skilled opinion of the D.P.W. officers to whom such matters are of almost daily occurrence than his unskilled opinion on a matter on which he

professes no knowledge. I must say that I concur with him in this; his duties as medical officer and Superintendent are already too onerous and moreover I would place far more confidence in plans and estimates prepared by the S.P.W. than in any submitted by a Contractor as I have not the necessary knowledge to efficiently check such estimates.

2. The Superintendent considers that if such huts were erected the toties would have no objection to living in them with their families and that he would have far more control over them; opinions in which I fully concur.

3. As regards the number of toties now working in the asylum the Superintendent on the 16th January '95 points out that up to 1889 the proportion of toties to inmates was 1 to 16. That on the recommendation of the Finance Committee the proportion was lowered to 1 to 20 and it is in my opinion impossible to reduce it still lower and I think it should be raised rather than lowered at all events until our present primitive

pail and gutter arrangements & individual blocks are done away with and a simple comprehensive scheme for draining and cleaning the blocks of the asylum as a whole is carried out. Were high wages given and the numbers lessened I do not think it ^{at} certain we should retain the services of the men any longer and believe we should have just the same trouble, constant absence from work, constant infliction of fines and the same chance of a strike now and again. The toty class in fact out here at the asylum are independent of us and know their own value. It was only a few days ago brought prominently to my notice how difficult it is to keep them to their work here satisfactory by finding that during the Pongul festival even when had been just struggling with cholera epidemic only about

appeared for work for two consecutive days and beyond inflicting fines for absence we were unable to go further as we have no substitutes, no reserve staff of toties and cannot at this distance obtain them" On the 26th January the Superintendent reports for some three weeks or more the toties of the Asylum have repeatedly absented themselves from work on the most trivial pretext and in numbers which are well nigh crippled all efforts in the line of sanitation, no substitutes can be got to take the place of absentees and in some cases we have to manage with our own boys who are doing work for their own men who cannot by any means be secured. This was at a time when I had sanctioned several extra toties for cholera and when their presence was so urgently required in attempting to keep the place clean. The extremely filthy habits of Lunatics must be taken

in this connection taken into consideration, and one has only to see the foul state of the blocks in the morning after they have been opened to see how necessary it is to have a sufficient number of toties present to clean them promptly.

4. In my opinion it would not be possible to reduce the present proportion of toties and I consider that besides erecting huts for them it would be very necessary to grade them on increasing rates of pay as has been done for the male attendants in the Lunatic Asylum and as the male attendants in the General Hospital were allowed in 1874 vide G. O. No 820 Public dated 23rd July and as the Ward Sweepers (toties) of the Army Hospital Corps have been vide Army Regulations India Volume II medical paragraph 399. Both males and females

females should be graded as follows:—

	Males	Females
1 st Grade —	Rs 9 —	8 Rs a month
2 ^d Grade —	Rs 8 —	7 Rs "
3 ^d Grade —	Rs 6 —	5 Rs "

allowing two males and 2 females in the first, 4 males and 4 females in the second and the remainder in the third grade. If Govern-
-ment consents to this I will submit the necessary redistribu-
-tion Statement. The System has worked well in the General Hospital and would be far more economical than increasing their numbers.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

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Surgeon-Major General,

Surgeon General, With Govt of Madras

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[G.
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100-21-12-94.

DEPARTMENT.

No. 1030

From

From the Surgeon General

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

When the Supt. says he can't get hold of a native Maistry I can only ask how do private persons do — They don't go to Consulting Architects on Rs 1800 or so a month, if they want a hut built, but they make their own arrangements; & what they can do the Supt. of the L. Asylum can do.

[The rates in the estimates don't seem unreasonable. I agree that the ~~lower~~ higher estimate is the best because of the superior quality of the material to be used. But if something — tiles or thatch — is not to be put over the corrugated iron sheets, won't the huts be almost or quite uninhabitable in the hot weather. Ask addl. cost of putting tiles over the corrugated iron & keep the heat out — & also ask P.W.D. what is proper price of corrugated iron —] ^{Compare to P.W.D. estimate}

As to the thatch pay, I think the woman may get Rs 5

This is the Surgeon General's reply to G.O. of 7 December 1894 No. 2990. in which ~~the Supt. was directed to prepare plans~~ ^{he was directed} to cause the Supt. of the L. Asylum to prepare plans & estimates for the new toty lines with the assistance of a native Maistry.

2. He now submits two estimates prepared by a native contractor. The Supt. says he was "unable to obtain" the aid of a native Maistry at the "Asylum"; & declares himself to be without the skill or knowledge required to draw up satisfactory plans & estimates. The Surgeon General supports him & again asks that the P.W.D. should be instructed to ^{prepare} the plans &c.

3. The estimates forwarded — for the 2 huts — come to Rs 2127. 62 & Rs 3444. 53; the difference being due to the use of bamboo & country wood for roofing & doors in the one case, & to the use of teakwood & corrugated iron in the other.

The cost per hut is Rs 106 or Rs 172

according to the estimate adopted the accommodation provided is one room 8' x 12', with a verandah of 4' in the back & in the front. - The rates have not been checked; the total cost is however not very high. Sanitary roofing would not last long, & the more costly estimate appears preferable on that account. The cost per hat is well within the limit for police & jail huts in which the accommodation is similar. If H.M. thinks the plan will do, the P.W.D. may perhaps be asked to re-estimate the estimate 4. The Supt^r considers that the ladies would have no objection to living in these huts (vide query in para. 2 of E.O. 7. 12. 94 No. 2950)

5. The Surgeon General is very strongly opposed to reducing the number of loties. The present scale - 1 loty to 20 men - was fixed on 9.0. 27 10 February 1889 No 280: Surgeon General Biddie discusses the subject in para 6 of his letter read therein. The matter was then fully considered, & in view of the present Surgeon General's opinion, it is submitted that a reduction in the number of loties can hardly be made.

6. The S. G. however further proposes to regrade the loty establishment as follows: -

	Males	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Grade I	2	on Rs 9	2	on Rs 8					
Grade II	4	on Rs 8	4	on Rs 7					
Grade III	the rest	on Rs 6	the rest	on Rs 5					

The loty establishment of 1893 was

p.m., in Rs 4 is too low - If the men get Rs 1 good conduct pay p.m. in addn to Rs 6 if never absent without leave, I should say that ought to suffice. Anyway, satisfactory.

RS
24/1/95

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100-21-12-94.

DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

Dated

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FOR ORDERS.

as follows: -

1st class male loties -	1	Rs 7
2nd	16	Rs 6
Total women	5	Rs 4

The total cost of 22 was Rs 123

per mensem.

According to the scale now proposed by the Surgeon General; but for economy's sake taking 11 loty women: the cost of 22 would be as follows: -

2 males	at Rs 9	=	18
4	at Rs 8	=	32
5	at Rs 6	=	30
2 females	at Rs 8	=	16
4	at Rs 7	=	28
5	at Rs 5	=	25
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- The increase is thus Rs 26 per mensem assuming that so many loty women could be procured: if only 5 loty women were available as in 1893, the increased cost would be Rs 30 per mensem.

The Surgeon General considers this increase a pay "necessary", & as a parallel addn to the case of the regim^t & General Hospital attendants & the ward-sweepers of the Army Hospital Corps. Another reason is

assigned for the proposed increase; the
parallels quoted are only in point in so
far as relates to the introduction of grades:
they in no way justify grading on the
high rates of pay recommended by the
Surgeon General.

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Loty lines +
grading of loty lines

III

Very urgent.

No 365

Madras Lunatic Asylum.
Madras 6th April 1895.

From

Surgeon. Capt. C. H. Lee. M.B.

Superintendent

Madras Lunatic Asylum.

To

The Secretary to the Surgeon General.
with the Govt. of Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information
of the Surgeon General that, practically another
strike has occurred among the sweepers of
this Asylum. Out of the total number 15 - now
on the rolls, only 7 presented themselves for
work this morning and these even performed
their work in the most perfunctory manner.
I need hardly say how seriously such conduct
on the part of this class of servants, incommodes
us in carrying out the sanitary arrangements
so essential to the well being of the inmates
of so large an institution as the Madras Lunatic
Asylum.

2. In this Office No 87 dated 26th January 1895
to your address, this unsatisfactory state
of things was forcibly pointed out, and for

the reasons therein advanced, the only possible remedy - that of raising the individual pay of a male sweeper to Rs 7. (the Maistry or Headman getting Rs 8) and that of a female sweeper to Rs 5. and thereby rendering work here more popular - was strongly advocated but, up to the present, without satisfactory result.

3. I beg to emphasize here what has been already stated, the serious difficulties under which we labor with these constant strikes among the sweepers and absence from work, and with all deference add, that it is simply impossible to carry out the ordinary daily cleaning of the blocks and flushing out of the drains when we are so handicapped in this direction.

Occasions have arisen when there was a total absence of sweepers from their work for 3 and 4 days at a time, and it can be imagined what a state the Asylum was reduced to for those periods.

4. In view of the foregoing facts, I beg again to urge that the sanction of Govt. may be very urgently obtained to the original proposal of this office, and thus place the Sanitary arrangements of the Asylum on a more satisfactory basis, at least, so far

as the class of sweepers is concerned. This measure becomes all the more absolutely necessary, when it is remembered that we have only lately recovered from a severe outbreak of epidemic cholera attended with high rate of mortality and that further risk is run if immediate remedial efforts be not made to arrest a dead lock in the conservancy arrangements of this Institution.

I have &c

Sgt. C. H. Lee Pall. Ints.

Surgeon. Captain

Supdt. Govt. Lunatic Asylum

CURRENT No. 1868

No. 1200
8.

Office of Surgeon. General
with the Govt. of Madras.

Camp Coimbatore 11th April 1895.

True copy forwarded for the information of Government in continuation of my letter No. 346 of the 6th April 1895.

P. H. H. H.

Surgeon. Major. General.

Surgeon. Genl. with the Govt. of Madras.

To

The Honble. the Chief Secretary to Government.
Judicial Department.

Jud. 1895 Dept. G.O. R N^o 439/10.4.95

From.

Surgcon. Maj. Genl. G. S. Sibthorpe F.R.C.P.S.
Surgcon. General.
with the Govt of Madras
Coimbatore.

No. 4/8
1874/95

Dated 11th }
Recd. 15th } April 1895.

Regd. 16th
No.

Subject

Forwards true copy of letter
from the Supdt. Lunatic
Asylum Madras proposing
increase of pay to the seamen
- going Estabbl. of the Lunatic
Asylum Madras

Resubmitted
with G.O. R N^o 439/10.4.95
11/2/95

To await receipt of G.O. R N^o 439/10.4.95

Before leaving Madras, G.O. R N^o 439/10.4.95
an order directing the S.P. to
make the best arrangements
possible for informing him
of the alteration in the seamen's pay

C. No. 1030 of 28.2.95
1785 of 4.4.95
1868 of 11.4.95

FOR ORDERS.

These current^{which} relate to proposals
for increasing the pay of the toties em-
ployed at the Madras Lunatic Asylum
& providing them with lines, are
submitted to H.M. separately from
other proposals for increased ex-
penditure on the Asylum, because the
Surgcon. General requests urgent orders
and anticipates a possible outbreak
of sickness in the event of the continued
of a strike^{which has occurred} among the toties

2. C. 1030 is dealt with in the
enclosed note marked III.

C. 1785 is a reminder thereof
on which (note reverse of current) the Surgcon.
General has directed to make the
best temporary arrangements practical
C. 1868 - written before the Surgcon.
General had received that order - emphasizing
the necessity for prompt orders & action.

the contention that the only means of improving matters is to raise the pay of the totes.

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23-4-95

The pay of totes in the various Presidency Hospitals varies from Rs 6 to Rs 7 in the case of men & Rs 3½ to Rs 6 in that of women. Figures relating to the pay of Municipal & Penitentiary totes are not available in the District office. But can be obtained in two days if C. think necessary

D
23-4-95

I would not have troubled Mr Smith with these papers until the whole entire proposal for the A. Asylum could have been sent up together had it not been that if on the strike which has occurred continued the consequences to the inmates of the Asylum might prove very disastrous. The Medical Officer apparently cannot or will not do anything to supply the places of the defaulters and there seems to be nothing but to give us or run a bigamous risk.

D
23/4/95

FOR ORDERS.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 18 , No. .
Again G.O., dated 18 , No. .
Current No. 10 30 of 18 95, dated 28 Feb from
P.O. R. 439 of 10-4-95
Current No. 1868 of 18 95, dated 11 April from

} the S.P.

- (1) Order. 26 April 1895. No. 874.
The Govt considers that the rates of pay which the Surgeon-General proposes to give to the Asylum totes are excessive, but will be prepared to raise the pay of the women from Rs 4 to Rs 5 per annum and to allow the men Rs 1, good conduct pay, in addition to Rs 6 per annum if they are never absent without leave.
2. Immediate effect may be given to this increase of pay in view of the circumstances set forth in the later letters from the Surgeon-General. Proposition statements may be submitted subsequently.
3. Separate ^{subject} orders will issue on the subsequent of the construction of toty lines.

alluded to in this order. 26/4

(from orders) D
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The Surgeon-General. 24/4/95
The Secy. to Govt. 24/4/95

- (2) Office note to the Secy to Govt. P.W.D.
Has the honour to forward the accompanying estimates for toty lines at the Madras Asylum

Sam, together with an extract
 from a note recorded by the Hon. Mr.
 Bliss C.H. and to request that
 an answer may be given to the
 Hon. member's queries

LD D
 24/4 26.4.95

Sh. Sec? & Es? P.D.
 with 2 estimates & extract } Desp?
 from notes. } 4/4

Madras. Asylum
 Notices

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Cs.

from orders

Please fill the office note
 for C's signature & return the
 file to me today

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