

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 961

Dated 9th May, 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

TREATMENT OF WHIPPED CONVICTS IN JAILS.

Stating, with remarks, that the Government has no desire to interfere with the medical officer's decision in the matter of admitting convicts into hospital, and directing the Inspector General of Jails to explain why admissions are so much more frequent in Salem than in other jails.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Postdated 18th April 1895

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Encl.

From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Honble the Chief Secretary to Government.
Judicial Department.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 713 of the 4th April 1895 I have had considerable opportunities of seeing prisoners who had been flogged in some of the Madras and Burma jails and in the District Jail of Banda N.W. Province where I was superintendent during 1874 and 75.

2. It is of course not necessary that all prisoners so punished should be admitted into hospital but in the large proportion of cases it is absolutely necessary that they should be so admitted and treated.

3. I fully concur with the Inspector-General of Prisons that any apparent interference with the Medical officer who is responsible for the admission of any prisoners requiring treatment is to be deprecated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

CHIEF SECRETARY
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SUBJECT.

States that it is not necessary
that all prisoners flogged should
be admitted into hospital,
but in the large proportion
of cases it is absolutely
necessary that they should
be so admitted & treated

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FOR ORDERS.

The S.G. told me he had
seen plenty of cases of whip-
ping with the rattan & that
there was no doubt that it
inflicted severe injuries -

Says that Govt. has no desire
to interfere with the med.
officer's discretion in admitting
whipped convicts to hospital, but
that each case should be considered
on its own merits & that admis-
sion shd. not merely be as a precau-
tionary measure, as the S.G. said
before. Also ask why all whipped
convicts shd. be admitted to hospital
in the Salem jail, when so few are
admitted in other jails?

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The Govt. has no
desire to interfere with
the medical officer's discretion
in the matter of admitting whipped convicts
into hospital but considers that each case
should be treated on its own merits & that
admission should not merely be permitted as
a precautionary measure to be adopted in
every case.
2. The S.G. shd. further explain, if possible,
why admissions are so much more frequent
in Salem than in other jails.

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Attention is invited to the
notes & orders recorded in
G.O. of 4. April 95, No 713. It
is not clear whether the S.G.
has had the opportunity of
seeing the convicts who had
been shipped in the Salem
jail before submitting the
present report. -

The Surgeon General evidently
means that he does not require any
further experience in the matter
as he has already had enough to
form an opinion. viz. that in
the majority of cases the admission
into hospital of whipped convicts
is necessary & that any interference with
the medical officer is to be deprecated
orders are solicited as to whether
any further report from the S.G. is
required and whether his letter may be
communicated to the S.G. of Prisons in
suppression of para. 2 of G.O. of
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any further reference to the S. G.
 as he has clearly formed a
 decided opinion. It still
 remains a curious fact
 that in the Salem Jail all
 whipped convicts have to go
 to hospital for treatment whereas
 elsewhere they have not.

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Treatment of whipped
 convicts in jails.

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