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Passing orders on the explanation of the Acting Civil Surgeon, Guntur, regarding the bills countersigned by him in which overcharges are said to have been made by the purveyor.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, *17th February 1895.*
Local & Municipal Dept.

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL G. SIBTHORPE, *390 M*

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 1992 M. Ins. dated the 19th December/94, I have the honor to forward the enclosed explanation from the Ag. Civil Surgeon, Guntur, regarding the bills countersigned by him in which systematic overcharges are said to have been made by the purveyor.

2. It is clear from this explanation that in the absence of any other information the Civil Surgeon was naturally guided in countersigning the bills by the rates charged in the previous bills submitted by his predecessor and accepted by the Municipality.

3. As the bills are passed by the Chairman, if in his opinion the rates charged appeared high, he should have brought the same to the notice of the Medical Officer.

The explanation does not say anything about this, or that the Civil Surgeon was guided by the rates charged in the previous bills submitted by his predecessor and accepted by the Municipality. It is clear from this explanation that in the absence of any other information the Civil Surgeon was naturally guided in countersigning the bills by the rates charged in the previous bills submitted by his predecessor and accepted by the Municipality. As the bills are passed by the Chairman, if in his opinion the rates charged appeared high, he should have brought the same to the notice of the Medical Officer.

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Local & Municipal Dept.

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Encl.

From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

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Madras,

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The explanation does not say anything about this, or that the Civil Surgeon was not aware of the rates being paid before or that he signed them without the Chairman to find out if the rates were all right. The General seems himself to see that this was not a good position to take up, & to be strengthening it.

4. It appears to me very desirable that the Civil Surgeon should be furnished by the Municipality with a monthly statement showing the average bazaar rates if such supplies are not properly contracted for.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
Christophe
Surgeon Major General
Surgeon General with Govt. of Madras

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Col. No. 378
M.D. 1895

Civil Surgeon's Office

Guntur. 19th January 1895.

No. 15.

To

The Secretary.

Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras.



A Dispensary Committee was constituted by the Municipal Council of Guntur to scrutinise & pass bills, etc. submitted by this office.

The practice in vogue is that all bills, etc., signed by the Civil Surgeon, are submitted to the Chairman of the Municipal Council, who countersigns the bills for payment after satisfying himself of the correctness of the items & charges & after they have been duly scrutinised & checked by his department.

2. The provisions of the Dispensary Committee Rules were not adhered to, owing to there having been no dispensary Committee formed by the Municipality.

I adhered to the practice of my predecessors & followed their example of submitting bills to the Chairman of the Municipal Council for countersignature.

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the Municipal Council.

The explanation has been re-written in 3.
if Munde form resubmitted.

A. L. Heisterlow.

Asst. Surgeon.

Asst. Civil Surgeon.

Quartermaster.

* Surgeon is, I observe, an acting
man, whose proper position is
that of Asst. to a D.M.S.D. - He
appears not to be qualified for
an independent charge such
as he now occupies, his
taking the richest surgeon
back again showing, in particular,
that he is wanting in a due
sense of the duties of his position -
The S.G. should be requested
to take steps to remove
him to a subordinate charge -
His absolute disregard
of the G.O. of Oct 91 shd.
be pointed out

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Local & Municipal (1895) DEPARTMENT.

PR. CURRENT No. 390

SURG. MAJOR-GEN. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.S.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

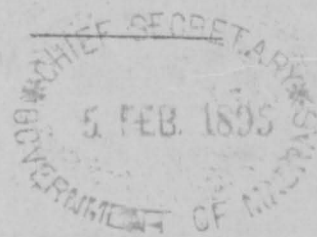
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ENCLOSURES.

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Subject.

Forwards the enclosed explanation from the Civil Surgeon, Guntoor, regarding the bills countersigned by him in which overcharges are said to have been made by the purveyor.

1992 dt. 19-12-94
107 dt. 22-1-95
1177 dt. 29-8-94
1666 dt. 10-94

For orders

It is submitted that the explanation is rather thin. The acting Civil Surgeon practically admits that he never looked at the bills. His plea that there was no Dispensary Committee seems altogether beside the point. If there was no committee G.O. dated 6.10.91. No. 1656.M was in full operation, & the explanation is an admission that rules 6.7. & 8 in this were never attended to. The Chairman is not even given a joint control in these rules, and it was not his business, but the Civil Surgeon's, to detect overcharges.

The Surg. General would, it is submitted, have done better to avoid attempting to whitewash the Civil Surgeon. The Civil Surgeon could himself have procured the price lists, the omission by the Municipality to supply which is apparently considered by the Surg. Genl. to have been the cause of the trouble.

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The explanation tendered is a most unsatisfactory one. The Civil Surgeon seems to have not attempted the slightest check

Most unsatisfactory - The Civil

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L.M. Department.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

again G.O. dt. 19.12.94 No. 1392 M

Read the following paper:—

Read current 390 M.

Order dt. 26.2.95 No. 292 M

The Govt. considers that the explanation offered by the acting Civil Surgeon, Guntoor, is most unsatisfactory. The position of Civil Surgeons in relation to Municipal hospitals and dispensaries is accurately defined in the rules in G.O. dated 6th Oct. 91. No. 1656 M, Nos. 6.7. & 8 of which particularly deal with their responsibilities in the matter of the control over stores & supplies for those institutions. Mr. Hesterlow's explanation renders it evident that he has not attempted to comply with these orders.

2. The circumstances of the present case, & more particularly the action of Mr. Hesterlow in re-entering the purveyor ^{although} after he had been detected in fraud, & although

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the Municipal Council apparently
protested against his employment,
raise the inference that he is
insufficiently qualified for an
independent charge & wanting in
a due sense of the duties of his
position. The Surgeon General
will accordingly be requested
to take steps to re-mand him to
a subordinate charge.

W. H. 298 (from orders.)

To the Surg. General
22/7/95
P.O.
Despatch 28/2/95

Case of the acting
Civil Surgt - Gantur -

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