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Com 49 to the mil. Council of Calcutta,
the remarks of the Surgeon General, in
connection with the transfer of the 1st Class
Hospital acc't: S. E. Canal singh to
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Enclosure No. 8 to Letter No. 502
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Submitted
 The reason for inquiring
 as to the wishes of the Council
 when there was no intention
 of regarding them is not
 apparent.

Cal. & R. 27/11/97
 Camp Baluchistan & J. Hyman.
 28.11.97

No 1249 of 3-12-97
 Order.

TO BE RETURNED
 WITH REPLY.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
 30. NOV. -1897
 LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From Muhammad Habibullah Khan
 Chairman Municipal Council
 Volume

Referred to the Surgeon General
 for early remarks.

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H. Fremantle
 Secretary to Govt.

Dated 22nd November 97

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding Correspondence
 with reference to the transfer
 of 1st Class Hospital
 Assistant S. E. Cammab Singh
 attached to the Civil Hospital
 Lahore, without the consent
 of the Municipal Council
 & requesting that the said
 order of transfer may be
 cancelled for reasons
 stated as the alleged emergency
 is not apparent.

Forwarded
 DESPATCHED 26 NOV. 97
 J. H. Paul & Co.

The Surgeon General.

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order no. 2781 in this d. 11. 12. 87
The remarks of the Surgeon-General in his letter read above will be communicated to the Municipal Council of Vellore.

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11. 12. 97

To the Chairman, M.C. Vellore
this the 14th of Nov. 97.
Surgeon General
10/12/97

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Enclosure No. 1 to Letter No. 502 d. 11/12/97
No. 116
Office of the Dist. Med. & Sanitary Officer
North Arcot, Vellore, 27 November 97

From

The District Medical & Sanitary Officer
North Arcot

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Vellore

Sir

In forwarding the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, No. of 1983, dated 29 October 1897, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me at a very early date whether you have any objection to the Services of 1st class Hospital assistant Cama being replaced at the disposal of the Surgeon-General on the appointment of a substitute.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) John Lancaster
Surgeon Lieutenant Colonel
District Medical & Sanitary Officer
North Arcot

(Encopy)

By J. Marshall
Chairman

Enclosure to letter No. 502 of 11/12/97 Vellore
Municipal office
3rd November 1897

No 1331 of 97

From

Muhammad Habibullah Sahab
Chairman Municipal Council
Vellore

To

The District Medical & Sanitary Officer
North Arcot

Sir

With reference to your letter
No 116 dated 2nd idem Communicating copy
of a letter addressed to you by the Secretary
of the Surgeon-General with the forwarding
of Madras and enquiring whether I have
any objection to the services of 1st class
Hospital assistant S. S. Camalasing being
replaced at the disposal of the Surgeon-
General on the appointment of a substitute,
I have the honor to state as follows.

2. Mr Camalasing was appointed to the
Vellore Municipal Hospital in the early part
of 1895 and during the period of 2 years
and half that he worked under this Council
he has won such golden opinion from the
public of Vellore that the latter can ill-
afford to spare the services of such a useful
and sympathetic medical officer. He combines
in him all the qualifications which make
a medical practitioner popular and it will be
highly detrimental to the well being of the
institution to which he is attached if he
should be suddenly transferred at a
time when the public of Vellore have
begun to appreciate his services and
repose complete confidence in his professional
skill.

3. During the recent visitations of Cholera
in this town he rendered himself so useful

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in Combating the epidemic that the credit of stamping out the disease with a small mortality on each occasion must be given to him entirely, especially considering that the people with whom he had to deal were generally averse to all Sanitary principles

4. The statistics which I quote below will speak for themselves regarding the growing popularity of this medical Subordinate.

		Daily attendance	
Year 1894	Number of Outpatients	20,383	101 - 58
	Do Inpatients	461	18 - 65
1895	Number of Outpatients	27,254	140 - 34
	Do Inpatients	616	24 - 79
1896	Number of Outpatients	29,118	155 - 99
	Do Inpatients	633	24 - 78
1897 up to 31 st October	Number of Outpatients	26,934	183 - 47
	Do Inpatients	629	26 - 47

5. I have the honor, therefore, to request that both in the interest of the public of this Station and the popularity of the institution, you will be good enough to move the Surgeon-General not to withdraw Mr Camal Singh from the Service of this Council.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Muhammad Habibullah
Chairman

(Encopy)

[Signature]

Chairman

Enclosure No 3 to Letter No 2 of 4/12/97

No 159

Extract from the order by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Madras the 3rd November 1897

Rank	Name	From	To
2 nd Class Hospital Assistant	S. H. G. Dastaghi Label No 421	Civil Dispensary Puthur	Placed at disposal of Chairman Municipal Council, Vellore, Dice 101840 Hospital Assistant S. E. Camal Singh No 321.
1 st Class Hospital Assistant	S. E. Camal Singh No 321	Municipal Hospital Vellore	To proceed to Berhampore and report himself to the District Medical and Sanitary officer Gungam for orders

(True Extract)
Through the District Medical and Sanitary offices, North Arcot
(Signed) R. H. Elliot
Surgeon Captain
Secretary, Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras
To
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Vellore

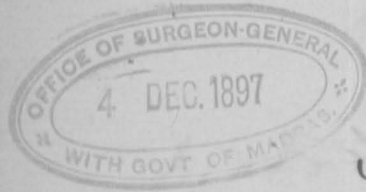
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by Chairman

Enclosure No. 14 to letter No. 502
No. 1335 of 97
Municipal Office
Vellore 5th November 97

From

Mahomed Habibullah Saheli
Chairman, Municipal Council
Vellore.



To,

The Surgeon-General
with the Government of
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the extract
from orders passed by you No. 159 dated
3rd idem transferring 1st class Hospital
Assistant N. E. Camal Singh No. 321 to
Berhampore and in continuation of my
telegram despatched to you this morning
on the subject, I have the honor to
state as follows:—

2. On the 2nd Instant I received
a letter from the District Medical
and Sanitary Officer communicating
to me a copy of the letter addressed
to him by the Secretary to the Surgeon
General asking him to place himself
in communication with me with a
view to the services of Mr. Camal Singh
being placed at the disposal of the
Medical department and enquiring
whether I had any objection thereto.
On the 3rd Instant I wrote to the
District

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District Medical and Sanitary Officer
giving in extenso my reasons for
retaining Camalsingh in the Vellore
Municipal Hospital and requesting
him to move you not to withdraw
the aforesaid medical subordinate
from this hospital; but before any
action was taken on my representation
I find that orders have been already
passed by you transferring him
elsewhere.

3. You are aware that, unlike other
public servants whose transfers from
one station to the other in rotation
become necessary owing to exigencies
of service and whose retention in any
particular station for any length
of period may not be conducive to
public interest, the transfer of a
medical subordinate who has earned
the popularity & good-will of those with
whom he has to deal, will be opposed
to public interest. Further the Council
which pays for the services of a medical
officer is entitled to claim the best
man that it can procure and when it
finds that such a person has been kindly
lent to it, it can, I think, in the interest
of the public whose accredited representative
it is, claim that such services shall be

Continued

continued to it. Mr. Camal Singh has
been in the municipal service for the
last 2 1/2 years and during this period
has endeared himself to the people to such
an extent that his place cannot be
easily filled up. He has been so popular
with them & has merited their confidence
to such an extent that his transfer will
be universally deplored, and as the
Executive Officer of this Council which has
to provide for the wants of the people
entrusted to its care and remove all their
grievances, I consider it my duty to
protest against such a transfer. During
the prevalence of Cholera in this town his
services have invariably praiseworthy.
The interest and energy which he brings to
bear in the discharge of his professional
duties are admirable. I may here add
that fears of a recurrence of Cholera in this
station have not vanished as yet, as it
is still raging in villages which are in
close proximity to Vellore and we may be
disappointed to find the epidemic re-appearing
in our midst any day. On such an
occasion the presence of a medical officer
who has known the place and known the
people and has earned their confidence
is invaluable in checking the spread of
the disease. A new medical officer will
find it impossible to surmount
the

the innumerable difficulties which
beset the path of every Sanitary Officer.

4. For the foregoing reasons, I have
the honor to request that you will
be pleased to cancel his transfer
and communicate the same to me
forthwith.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Sd/- Md Hakeemullah
Chairman.

(True Copy)

Sd/-

Chairman

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No 5940

Office of the Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras

Madras 28 November 1897

Enclosure No 5 to Letter No 502 d/6/12/97

From

Surgeon Captain R. H. Elliot, M.B.
As Secretary, Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras,
Madras

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Vellore

Sir

With reference to your letter
No 1335 dated the 5th November 1897 your
attention is invited to this office reply
No 5908 dated 6th Instant to your
previous communication on the subject.

2. The Surgeon-General regrets that
the exigencies of the Service do not
allow of your request being granted.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant
Signed R. H. Elliot
Surgeon Captain
Secretary to the Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras

(True Copy)

Sd/-

by

Chairman

Enclosure to Letter No 502 of 6/12/97
No. 28

Extract from Proceedings at a ^{GENERAL}~~SPECIAL~~ Meeting of
the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore,
dated 16th November 1897.

PRESENT.

Mahammad Habibullah Sahab Chairman
V. Venugopaul Chetty Esquire J C S Subcollector
Reverend W. I. Chamberlain M.A.
Reverend D. Wilson Bidd B.A.
to R.R. V. Madammy Mudaliar aragal
" V. Eswarappa Mudaliar aragal
Subadar-major Hussain Khan Sahab
to R.R. A.C. Seshagiri Rao aragal
" P. Varadaraja Mudaliar aragal
" V. Gopalakrishna Mudaliar aragal
" V. Govinda Reddier aragal.

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to the Surgeon-General with the foreman
of maddo.

No 5908 dated 6th November 1897

No 5940 dated 8th November 1897

No 5941 dated 8th November 1897

informing that the Surgeon-General
regrets that the exigencies of the Service don't
allow of Hospital Assistant Camabing's
transfer being cancelled with all connected
papers.

The council resolve to address
Government protesting against the
transfer of Mr S. E. Camabing. The
Council are inclined to think that if they
cannot interfere with the transfer of a
popular and Skilful Subordinate
they consider that they may entertain
Hospital Assistants of their own in preference

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to passing for Government Hospital
Assistants over whom they have
no manner of control. It is further
resolved that Government be wired
to delay the said transfers pending
orders of Government on this reference.

(Signed) Muhammad Habibullah
Chairman

(Extract)

[Signature]

by Chairman

Reference on Current No. 2288

DATED

VELLORE MUNICIPAL OFFICE:

Dated 22 November 1897

No. 1366 of 1897

MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHEB,

CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

VELLORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Enclosures

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(through the Divisional Officer)

Sir,

I have the honor, by desire of
the Municipal Council, to lay the following
facts before Government and to solicit
orders on the issues therein involved -

2. Having, on the 2nd Instant, received
a letter from the District Medical and
Sanitary Officer, communicating to me a
copy of the letter addressed to him by
the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with
the Government of Madras asking him
to place himself in communication with me
with a view to the services of 1st class Hospital
Assistant S.E. Camal Singh, attached to
the Vellore Municipal Hospital being
replaced at the disposal of the Medical
Department and inquiring whether I had
any objection thereto, I replied to that
officer on the 3rd Idem giving in extenso my
reasons for retaining the said Medical
Subordinate

subordinate in the Vellore Municipal Hospital, and requesting him to move the Surgeon-General in the matter.

3. On the 5th of the same month, however, I received an extract from the order passed by the Surgeon-General on the 3rd November transferring Hospital Assistant Camal Singh to Berhampore. It will thus be evident that the aforesaid transfer order was passed before any action was taken on my representation and even before it reached the Surgeon-General.

4. Thereupon I addressed the Surgeon-General pointing out to that officer the desirability - nay the absolute necessity - of retaining the said Hospital Assistant at Vellore, adding at the same time that his withdrawal at this part of the year will seriously interfere with the growing popularity of the Institution to which he was attached and deprive the Council of the benefits of a popular and really useful medical subordinate at a time when Cholera and Plague were threatening the city. But in reply thereto, the Surgeon-General expressed his regret that the exigencies of the Service did not allow of my request being granted.

5. A few words regarding the Hospital assistant whose retention the

the Council is anxious to procure may not be considered out of place. He joined the Vellore Municipal Hospital in the early part of 1895 and during this period he has won such golden opinion from the public of Vellore that they cannot afford to spare the services of such a popular and sympathetic medical officer. His services, during the prevalence of cholera in this town were invariably praiseworthy and I have had opportunities to add my quota of testimony to his useful work on such occasions to that borne by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. His knowledge of the people and the confidence which he enjoyed at their hands have enabled him to surmount the innumerable difficulties which beset the path of every Sanitary officer on such trying occasions. Further the following statistics of the Vellore Municipal Hospital will tell their own tale regarding the growing popularity of this medical officer.

1894	number of out-patients.	20,383
	Do. In-patients.	461
1895	number of out-patients.	27,254
	Do. In-patients.	616
1896	Do. out-patients.	29,118
	Do. In-patients.	633
1897 up to 31 st October.	Do. out-patients.	26,934
	Do. In-patients.	629

6. Apart from personal considerations, the Council wishes to urge the matter on a question of principle. The Government is aware that the Council pays the entire salary of the Hospital assistants attached to its Hospital and as such it has a right to claim the services of the best man it can procure and when it finds that such a person has been kindly lent to it by the Surgeon-General it can, with equal right, claim that such services shall be continued to it in the interest of the people whose accredited representative it undoubtedly is. It is true that the services of Government Hospital Assistants have been placed at the disposal of the Council and that such officers are liable to be withdrawn in cases of emergency. But when the Council urges that the services of such an officer are required by itself to meet a similar emergency, the Surgeon-General could have made other arrangements to fulfill the exigencies of public service. From the time of the establishment of the Municipal Hospital, such transfers of Hospital assistants are of common occurrence but on no occasion has the Council

interfered

interfered to cancel transfers made by the Surgeon-General. The fact that it has done so now is an unmistakable proof of the necessity for such a step and I would respectfully venture to state that due weight should be attached to it.

7. The Council considers that if its representations to avert the transfer of a really popular and useful Hospital assistant whom it pays, are of no avail, and if it should possess no manner of control whatever over such of its subordinates, it will be far advisable for it to disengage itself from the Government machinery and employ only qualified Hospital assistants of its own thereby ensuring complete control over them.

8. Copies of all correspondence bearing on the subject together with a copy of the Resolution of the Municipal Council No 28 dated 16 November 1897 are herewith submitted.

9. As the Council is anxious to obtain an authoritative ruling of Government on the matter,

I

I request the favor of an early
reply to this reference -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt Servant

[Signature]

Chairman

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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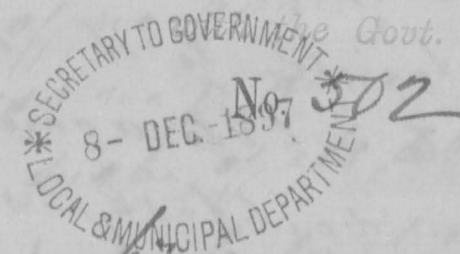
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From

Surgeon Major-Genl C. Sibthorpe,
C.B., F.R.C.P.S.,

Surgeon-General

Govt. of Madras.



Dated 11 December 1897.

Received 8-12-1897

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SUBJECT.

Returns with remarks
Endorsement N^o 1249 of 3/12/97
regarding the transfer
of 1st Class Hospital
Asst. S. E. Canat Sing.

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No. 502

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 6th December 1897.

From

C.B.,

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In returning the papers referred to me for remarks with your endorsement No. 1249 dated 3rd December 1897, I have the honor to state as follows:-

2. The District Medical and Sanitary Officers of Ganjam and Vizagapatam having applied for the services of experienced Telugu speaking Hospital Assistants to replace those who were in the District for many years and who had completed their tour of service in the Agency tracts &c, a selection was made of such Hospital Assistants and they were placed at the disposal of the District Medical and Sanitary Officers concerned.

3. 1st Class Hospital Assistant Camal Singh No. 321 was one of the men selected for duty in the Northern Districts, as he speaks Telugu and had been for more than 13 years employed in the District of North Arcot - a circumstance which in itself rendered his transfer elsewhere desirable.

4. My action in withdrawing this Hospital Assistant was based on section 40 (4) of the Madras District Municipalities Act 1884 as amended by Madras Act No. III of 1897 the provisions of which were duly carried out and another Hospital Assistant was deputed to replace him. The attention of the Chairman was drawn to this section in this office letter No. 5908 dated 6th November 1897, but he has omitted to forward a copy of it to Government along with

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the other correspondence which accompany his letter.

5. In para 7 of his letter the Chairman is practically criticising the Act and thereby endeavouring to make Government interests subservient to those of the Municipality. If his views were to be adopted it would be impossible to administer the Department efficiently as every Medical subordinate holding a Municipal or local fund appointment would make it the first point of his duty to acquire the influence and good graces of his Chairman or the President as the case might be, in order to make his place secure at the expense of others.

6. I may also state that my information regarding Hospital Assistant Camal Singh is not as favorable as alleged in the Chairman's letter. He has since been reported to have committed a breach of the rules governing the conduct of public servants and the matter is now under investigation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the Government
of Madras.

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