

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>188</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>31. 5.</i>	<i>1861</i>

Not to be folded or roughly handled

P. 22-22

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
31st May 1861.

No. 61. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Department, dated 29th May 1861, No. 764.

Communicating to the Inspector General Medical Department, the report of the Controller of Military Finance on Doctor Pearse's suggestions, that the General Hospital be for the present considered a Military Hospital and its supplies drawn from the Commissariat Department. } (Vide Proceedings in the Public Department, dated 29th May 1861, Nos. 208 & 209.)

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1861, No. 188.
Communicated to the Superintendent of Marine.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel T. MCGOUN, Military Auditor General and Controller of Military Finance; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 13th May 1861, C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, 7th instant, No. 655, and to submit the following observations on Dr. Pearse's suggestion that the General Hospital be for the present considered a Military Hospital, and draw its supplies from the Commissariat, the sums recovered from dieting Civilians and Sailors, &c., being deducted as a set off against the "Charges Military" on account of the Institution.

2. I would respectfully observe that Hospital diet and supplies, &c., on account of Civil Medical Institutions in this Presidency, *including the General Hospital*, have not been estimated for by the Commissary General, in his Budget for 1861-62.

3. There is no objection however to the Commissary General's complying with the requisition of Medical Officers in charge of Civil Medical Institutions, *including the General Hospital*, as regards diet and other supplies until the 1st August next, the same being paid for by funds to be drawn direct from the Civil Department, on estimates to be checked and passed by the Civil Paymaster, (late Civil Auditor); the Commissary General acting merely as an Agent in procuring the supplies, but not bringing their cost to account in his books, either as Civil or Military charges; the receipt and expenditure of such supplies being accounted for in the books of the Medical Department as "Civil charges."

4. The suggestion that the General Hospital be for the present considered a Military Hospital is in opposition to the Proceedings of the Board of Audit of the 8th February 1861, No. 3, wherein it was resolved that in all the Presidencies the expenditure connected with Public Hospitals, Medical College, &c., shall be audited and adjusted as Civil and not Military charges, from the 1st May 1861: and in pursuance of those Proceedings the Accountant General of this

*Order of Government, No. 1,263, dated 25th August 1860, Public Department, paragraphs 5-8.

Do. Nos. 52 and 225, dated 14th January and 12th February 1861, Public Department.

Presidency obtained the sanction of Government* to carry out the said Resolution of the Board of Audit and on his request, Circular instructions have been issued to all Paymasters to cease making payments on account of those Institutions from the 1st instant, except the Paymasters at Kamptee, Secunderabad and Rangoon, where no Civil Treasury of this Presidency exists: the Paymasters at those Stations were directed to continue to make payments on the above account upon Bills audited by the Civil Paymaster, but such payments were not to be charged in the Division Paymaster's account, but to be held in suspense as an advance till adjusted as a remittance to the Civil Department.

5. The question raised by Dr. Pearse as regards the General Hospital would therefore thus appear, for the present, to have been disposed of, and no grounds have been advanced by him, to render it necessary to disturb the existing arrangements; under these circumstances I trust Government will excuse my entering further on the subject.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1861, No. 764.

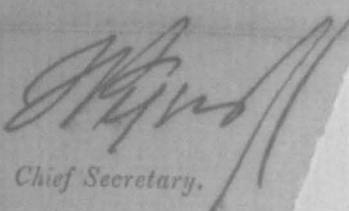
Communicated to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

2. Under the explanation submitted by the Controller of Military Finance, no exception can be made in the case of the *General Hospital*. The cost of supplies furnished by the Commissary General up to 1st August next, and all expenses subsequent to that date, will accordingly be adjusted under the audit of the Civil Paymaster, in the same manner as for the other Civil Medical Institutions at the Presidency.

3. The charges on account of Indian Navy Seamen subsisted in the General Hospital will be debited to the Government of Bombay. Those on account of any Soldiers who do not belong to the European Regiment in Garrison and who may be treated in the General Hospital, will be debited to the Military Department under arrangements to be made by the Principal Inspector General, the Accountant General, and the Controller of Military Finance.

4. The Principal Inspector General will likewise, as heretofore, submit an annual return of sick and wounded Seamen and Marines belonging to the Royal Navy who may be admitted each year, for transmission to the Home Authorities.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

- „ Commissary General.
- „ Civil Paymaster.
- „ Accountant General.
- „ Controller of Military Finance.
- „ Marine Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.



~~Recd of 7 Decr~~

Marine 1861 Sept 5

Pro: 9400 £ in the
Pub: 84. 764.

2084909-

of 29 £
to 30 £ 30 May 1861.

No 176.

Long to the Inspector
General Dec 25 84 the Dept
of the Controller of Militant
Finance on 8th Pearce's
suggestion that the General
should be for the General
considered a Militant
General with an official
General from the Commi-
ssioner Dec 25.

With an Order.

Sub. Pro.

No 188 - 31 May 1861.

Communicated to the
Dept. of Marine.

[Signature]

[Faint stamp]

The Dept. of Marine, Sept 10 1861.

91-82