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Hospital Stoppages.

Approving of the Accountant-General's proposal in regard to the mode of recovery of —.

No. 3012.

Submitted to Government.

2. The rates of recovery from civil patients on account of "hospital stoppages" have been fixed by the marginally-noted orders; but, as far as this office can trace, no orders have been issued prescribing a method of recovery from officers of Government in Civil Departments other than that by which recoveries are effected from the general public. But as these "stoppages" are undoubtedly payments due to Government by officers who are patients, the method of recovery suggested by the Surgeon-General is appropriate and unobjectionable and, if Government see fit, may be adopted when the officers prefer making payments by deductions from their bills to the other alternative of paying in cash, which should be open to them equally with the general public.

Fort St. George Gazette, page 70, Order No. 94, dated 8th April 1873.
Fort St. George Gazette, page 143, Order No. 84, dated 30th March 1874.
G.O., No. 762, dated 8th June 1875, P.D.
" " 1074 " 13th Aug. 1877 "
" " 285 " 1st Mar. 1879 "

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th October 1894.

(Signed) R. MORRIS,
Offg. Accountant-General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 13th October 1894, No. 770, Public.

The Government agrees with the Accountant-General and is pleased to order accordingly.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
" Accountant-General.
" other Heads of Departments under the Chief Secretary.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.

Ed. C. M. Brisson.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 11th September 1894, No. 497.

I have the honour to state that it has always been the practice in the Presidency hospitals, Madras, to recover hospital stoppages of all Government servants treated in hospital through heads of their departments, and no objection has ever been made to this procedure.

2. The Accountant-General has recently returned a hospital stoppage bill and enquired if there is any order of Government sanctioning the present method of recovery.

3. I am unable to find any distinct order of Government on the subject in the office, nor are the Medical officers in charge of the Presidency hospitals able to quote any.

4. The following is the copy of the rules now in force in the General Hospital :—

1. "All civil patients who are liable to stoppages, whose names are not included in the stoppage rolls sent to the different departments, will be required to pay ten days' hospital charges in advance according to the rates laid down in G.O., No. 762, dated 8th June 1875, and G.O., No. 285, dated 1st March 1879, and to continue the payments in advance from time to time as long as they may be in hospital. Should there be any sum remaining to the credit of the patient on the date of his discharge, it will be reimbursed to him. All bills for hospital stoppages are to be signed by the Resident Surgeon or other Medical officer on the staff of the hospital."

SCALE of hospital stoppages on salaries.

	RS.	A.	P.
From Rs. 12 to Rs. 25	0	2	0
,, ,, 25 to ,, 49	0	4	0
,, ,, 50 to ,, 99	0	8	0
,, ,, 100 to ,, 149	0	12	0
,, ,, 150 to ,, 199	1	0	0
,, ,, 200 to ,, 299	2	0	0
,, ,, 300 to ,, 499	3	0	0
,, ,, 500 and upwards	5	0	0

5. As the present system is most convenient and conducive to a speedy recovery of hospital dues, I trust Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to it.

No. 1901.

Referred to the Accountant-General for remarks.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

OOTACAMUND,
19th September 1894.