

G.O., No. 218-19 W

DATED 23rd January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Medical Stores Depot: Queering the Cons: Ach-
Leet to submit with the least possible delay an
estimate for improving the — and referring to the
Govt of India the question whether Provincial
funds should continue to bear the charge of
providing accommodation for the Medical Stores.

The Govt of India addressed.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

From the C.A. Government No. 4377 of 30.11.96.
- Govt. of India Ministry of P.W.D. No. 3405-11-15-12-96
Pres. Public Dep. No. 20 dated 9 January 1997

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C.A. G. Govt. ✓
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Sir, In returning ~~the~~ ^{the}

enclosures of your letter no
3405 M.W. dated 15 Dec

1896, I am directed to
forward a report by

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the Comm. Asst. to this Govt.

of his inspection of the medical
store buildings at Madras

during the late rains, &

to state that an estimate

for improving the building

in the manner suggested

by that officer has been

called for -

2. I am at the same

time to invite ~~your~~ attention

to your letter no 3991 D dated

14 August 1896, under which

the control of the medical store

Dept. was removed from this

Govt. to the Director General

Indian medical service,

& to request that the Govt.

of India may be moved to

consider the question whether

Provincial funds should

continue to bear the charge

of providing accommodation

for the medical stores - It

appears to this Govt. that

the ~~new~~ ^{planned} ~~new~~ ^{new}
building should now be
transferred to the Military
Works Dept., and that if
a new building is required
for the stores, it should be
constructed by the same
Dept. at the cost of Imperial
military funds.

3. I am to add that
no other building in the
charge of the local P.W.
Dept. is available as
a medical store Dept.
The old building of the
Women & Children's Hospital
mentioned by the medical
Storekeeper, being already
utilised for Govt. purposes,
& being on a low-lying
site on the banks of
the River Cooum.

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From

The Public Department

Order

No. 20

Dated 9th January 1897

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SUBJECT,

Calling for an early estimate
for improving the building
occupied as the medical
Store Depot.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No. 950, PUBLIC, 3RD SEPTEMBER 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. BARROW, Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, dated Simla, the 14th August 1896, No. 3991-D.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1524, dated 6th April 1896, and in reply to state that the Government of India accept your suggestion that the Surgeon-Generals with the Governments of Madras and Bombay should cease to have any connection with the management of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras, Rangoon and Bombay, and that you may be authorized to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned, subject to the conditions stipulated by the Government of Bombay, *viz.* :—

- (1) That the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay should retain the right to correspond direct with the Medical Storekeeper, Bombay, regarding matters connected with the issue of drugs and stores to civil charges under the Surgeon-General's control, and that the present interests and rights enjoyed by the Civil Department in the stores should be maintained.
 - (2) That the present system of making contracts with Mr. Eyres for the repair of instruments for civil charges should be retained and that the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay should be allowed to make such contracts as heretofore.
2. These conditions will also be applicable to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Copy forwarded to—

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, with reference to his letter, No. 672, Public, dated 25th June 1896, for the information of the Governor in Council.

The Controller, Military Accounts, Madras Command.

(By order.)

(Signed) C. H. SELWYN,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 950, Public, dated 3rd September 1896.

Communicated to the Surgeon-General with reference to G.O., No. 670, Public,
dated 25th June 1896.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

Copy to the Deputy Adjutant-General.

" " Accountant-General.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Iyengar.

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G.O., No. 950, 3rd September 1896.

SEPTEMBER.

Medical Store Depots.

Communicating to the Surgeon-General endorsement of the Government of India forwarding copy of its letter addressed to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, approving of his suggestion that the Surgeon-Generals with the Governments of Madras and Bombay should cease to have any connection with the management of the — at Madras, Rangoon and Bombay and that he may be authorized to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned subject to certain conditions.

No. 670, PUBLIC, 25TH JUNE 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

Notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, No. 162, dated 16th March 1896.

The following notification of the Government of India, Military Department (Medical), is republished for general information:—

Notification, No. 260, dated 6th March 1896.

With the sanction of the Secretary of State for India, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to notify that, from the 1st April 1896, the following changes in the organisation of the Indian Medical Services will have effect.

2. The medical services of Bengal, Madras and Bombay will be amalgamated into one service under the direct administrative control of the Government of India.

3. The Surgeon-General with the Government of India will be the head of the amalgamated Indian Medical Service, and his designation will be Director-General of the Indian Medical Service.

4. No change will be made in the conditions under which officers of the Bengal, Madras and Bombay Medical Services, appointed before the second examination in 1896, are serving; promotion will continue to run on their respective lists, and the sphere of their employment will remain as at present, except in cases of emergency, when it may be desirable to employ them temporarily beyond it. In time of war all officers who can be spared from civil duties will be employed as the exigencies of the service may demand.

5. From the date of the second examination in 1896, Surgeon-Lieutenants will be recruited for the amalgamated Indian Medical Service, and the appointments will be made on one general list. Subject to the requirements of the service, officers will be allowed choice of Commands according to their position on the list as determined by the combined results of the preliminary and final examinations. The officers appointed to this list, although ordinarily employed within the Commands to which they may be posted, will be liable to employment in any part of India according to the exigencies of the service. The subsequent transfers to civil duties will ordinarily be allotted, so far as the requirements of the service will allow, to the provinces within the limits of the Command to which the officers were originally posted.

6. The present Surgeon-Generals with the Governments of Madras and Bombay will retain their claim to rank, pay and pensions under existing rules. The question of the continuance of these privileges to their successors in office will be reserved for future consideration.

7. The Surgeon-Generals will be restricted to the exercise of the functions of Administrative Medical Officers and Civil Inspector-Generals of Hospitals in respect to the civil medical staff and civil medical institutions in the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay, respectively. They will cease to exercise any control over those sections of the existing medical establishments of Madras and Bombay which are composed of officers employed with the army, or over the reserve of 25 per cent. for leave and casualties, the administration of which will be conducted directly under the orders of the Government of India.

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8. The post of Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras or Bombay will be retained for the present incumbents of the office of Surgeon-General with those Governments. On a vacancy occurring in the post of Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Madras or Bombay, it will only be filled by an officiating officer, and when the present Surgeon-Generals vacate their appointments, their successors will not have Secretaries but only Personal Assistants.

READ—also the following papers :—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Medical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 22nd April 1896, No. 337.

In consequence of the transfer of the control of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras and Rangoon and of the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department of the Madras Presidency from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras to the Surgeon-General with the Government of India, the work in the latter's office has already considerably increased. This increase will be enhanced by the transfer of work from the Surgeon-General in Madras to the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service which will eventually follow on the orders issued in the Notification in the Military Department, No. 260, dated 6th March 1896.

2. It has consequently become necessary to strengthen the establishment of the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service in order to enable it to cope with the additional work devolving upon it, and it appears to the Government of India to be probable that owing to the relief afforded to the Surgeon-General at Madras by this transfer, some reductions will become feasible in his office establishment. I am accordingly directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, it may be ascertained from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras what reductions can be made in his office establishment, and that the Government of India may be favoured at an early date with the opinion of the Governor in Council in the matter.

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 Ootacamund, 8th May 1896, No. 74-Tour.

I have the honour to return as requested your endorsement, No. 920, dated the 30th April 1896, forwarding for early report a letter from the Government of India enquiring what reductions can be made in this office establishment in view of the transfer of a portion of the work, under the unification scheme, to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

2. The Government of India are of opinion that in consequence (a) of the transfer of the control of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras and Rangoon, and (b) of the administration of the Madras Subordinate Medical Department, to the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service, some reductions in this office establishment appear to be feasible.

3. As regards (a), I have to point out that, as matters stand at present, no relief has been afforded to this office by the transfer of the control of the depôts to the Director-General. Hitherto all questions emanating from the depôt were disposed of by me, but, under the new system, all correspondence is forwarded for the opinion and orders of the Director-General, and his decisions are again communicated to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. This entails double entries in our daily receipt and issue registers, despatch books and indices, so that the new procedure, instead of lessening clerical work in this office as considered by the Government of India, has nearly doubled it.

4. With reference to (b), the only items of work transferred from this office in connection with Military Assistant Surgeons and Hospital Assistants are as follows :—

(1) *Maintenance of Records of Service.*—This involved no labour as no additions were received annually and consequently no relief has been afforded by their transfer.

(2) *Collection and maintenance of Confidential Reports.*—As these reports are submitted once a year and about the same time, their collection and disposition do not occupy the time of a clerk for more than a few weeks at the rate of one hour's work each day. So that their transfer does not afford any permanent relief to this office establishment.

(3) *Preparation and submission of Promotion Rolls.*—Promotions in the Subordinate Medical Department (Military) are always few and far between and not of weekly or even monthly occurrence. The preparation of the rolls for all the promotions made during a year, if done at one time, will not entail more than five days' work for a full-time clerk.

5. Annual recruitment, including competitive examinations, signing of bonds and attestations and the half-yearly promotion examinations still continue to be arranged for by me—the first under instruction from the Director-General, instead of, as hitherto, under the orders of the Local Government. Thus it is manifest that the transfer of the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department, Madras, to the Director-General has not reduced work in this office to any appreciable extent so as to admit of any reduction being possibly made in its establishment.

6. Government is aware that, owing to the continual development of civil medical institutions in this presidency and the consequent increase in the number of medical subordinates, the work in this office is always heavy and becomes heavier each year. When I joined the office in May 1894, I at once found that the work was considerably far in excess of the power and scope of the establishment then existing, and my letters, Nos. C-83 of the 22nd August 1894 and C-1 of the 3rd November following, give a true picture of the difficulties we have had to contend with in this respect. Although the Government very kindly afforded me some help by sanctioning three additional clerks, I yet find with this addition I am not able to bring the office on a par with other establishments or to relieve most of the clerks from overwork. In fact, in my letter, No. 405, dated the 23rd September 1895, paragraph 25, now before Government, I have applied for three extra clerks with a view to arrange for a better and more satisfactory checking of diet returns and bills, which for want of sufficient establishment could not hitherto be properly checked.

7. I also beg to invite the attention of Government to the standing orders regarding this office administration—copy supplied for the Government office library—in which the duties and salary of each clerk are specified. From this it will be seen that, both in respect of strength and the scale of salaries, the office is labouring under much disadvantage. Any attempt, therefore, at reduction must necessarily paralyse the whole establishment and seriously affect the efficiency of the work, which, in the interests of the department, I trust the Government will not allow.

From Colonel P. J. MAITLAND, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 25th May 1896, No. 2495-D.

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, in which he suggests that the Surgeon-Generals with the Governments of Madras and Bombay should cease to have any connection with the management of the

Medical Store Depôts at Madras, Bombay and Rangoon, and that he may be authorised

to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. With reference thereto, I am to say that the Government of India would be glad to be informed whether His Excellency the Governor in Council has any objection to the change proposed, so far as it affects the Madras Presidency.

2. I am to invite reference to Home Department letter, No. 337—338, dated 22nd April 1896, relating to the reduction which can be effected in the office establishment of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras owing to the relief afforded by the transfer of the control of the Medical Store Depôt referred to, and of the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department, Madras, to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, and to state that the proposed change, if given effect to, will further reduce the work devolving on the office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. CLEGHORN, Esq., M.D., Director-General, Indian Medical Service, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Simla, the 6th April 1896, No. 1524.

With reference to paragraph 77, clause 143, India Army Circulars of 1894, directing that the Surgeons-General, Bombay and Madras, shall act under instructions from the Surgeon-General with the Government of India in respect of all matters connected with the management of the Medical Store Depôts of Bombay, Madras and Rangoon, I beg to suggest, for the consideration of the Government of India, now that the orders for the amalgamation of the Indian Medical Service of the three Provinces have issued, that the Surgeons-General, Bombay and Madras, cease to have any connection with the management of the Medical Store Depôts of Bombay, Madras and Rangoon and that I be authorised to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. The present practice of communicating instructions and orders through the Surgeons-General, Bombay and Madras, only leads to delay in the despatch of business and imposes work on the offices of those officers which could well be avoided.

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 Ootacamund, 12th June 1896, No. T-188.

In returning the Government of India letter referred under your endorsement, No. 1133, Public, dated the 5th June 1896, I have the honour to state that I see no objection to the proposal of the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, that this department should cease to have any connection with the management of the Medical Store Depôts, Madras and Rangoon, and that he should be authorized to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. This change will, in fact, expedite work and lead to greater uniformity in the working of the depôts.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government of India letter, I have to state that my letter, No. T-74, dated the 8th May 1896, fully deals with the question of reduction in this office establishment.

3. The only clerk who will be afforded some relief by the new arrangement will be the budget clerk, but his other duties (*vide* page 10 of the standing orders regarding this office administration) are so numerous and heavy that he will not be available for any other work in the office, and thus there is no possibility of any reduction being made except at the expense of efficiency and expedition.

ORDER—No. 670, Public, dated 25th June 1896.

The Government agrees with the Surgeon-General in considering that the Medical Storekeeper should correspond direct with the Director-General, Indian Medical Service,

2. The Surgeon-General does not, however, allude to the work of distributing forms and books for the Medical Department, which is now performed by the Medical Storekeeper but can no longer be continued under the proposed re-arrangements. Orders on this subject will, however, issue separately.

3. The Surgeon-General's statement in paragraph 3 of his letter, dated 12th June 1896, is to some extent inconsistent with that in paragraph 3 of his earlier letter, dated 8th May 1896, in which he stated that acting as a post office between the Director-General and the Medical Storekeeper had "nearly doubled" the clerical work of his establishment. The reduction of work in the registering and budget sections due to the new arrangements cannot but afford very appreciable relief to the office; no proposals for further increase of establishments will be entertained.

4. The following letters will be addressed to the Government of India:—

[Here enter letters, No. 671, Public, dated 25th June 1896, to the Home Department, and No. 672, Public, dated 25th June 1896, to the Military Department.]

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

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G.O., No. 670, 25th June 1896.

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Office Establishment of the Surgeon-General.

Concurring with the Surgeon-General that the Medical Storekeeper should correspond direct with the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, and stating that no proposals for the further increase of establishments will be entertained.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Endorsements of the Public Works Department, Nos. 4906C, 5048C and 1C, dated 17th and 23rd December 1896 and 2nd January 1897, respectively.

Order No. 20, dated 9th January 1897.

The Public Works Department will be requested to prepare with the least possible delay an estimate for improving the building occupied as the Medical Store Depot as suggested by the Consulting Architect.

2. With advertence to G.O.'s Nos. 670 and 950 Public, dated 25th June and 3rd September 1896 respectively, the Public Works Department will be requested to examine the question whether in existing circumstances Provincial funds should continue to bear the charge of providing accommodation for the Medical stores.

(True Extract)

A. L. Hanuman
26/6/97
for Chief Secretary.

To

The Public Works Department. ✓

with 6 enclosures.

., Surgeon-General.

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Special & Miscellaneous.

No. 3405 M. W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 15th December 1896.

It is requested
that the above head-
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date of this communi-
cation, may be quoted
in any subsequent cor-
respondence on the
subject.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward the letter used
in the margin, from the Director-General,
No. 5957, dated 15th December 1896. Indian Medical Service
(Return requested) Reporting that the building
occupied by the Medical Store Depot, Madras
Command, is falling seriously and is also
unsafe, and to request that, under the order
of His Excellency the Governor in Council,
the Government of India may be favoured
at an early date, with a report thereon,
and on the measures adopted for the protection
of the Stores.

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant,

W. J. W.

Major R. L. W. J. W.
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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No. 4377

Office of the Consulting Architect to Govt.,
Chennai, Madras,
30 November 1896.

From
G. I. T. Harris, Esq.,
Consulting Architect
to the Government of Madras,

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department

Sir,

Enclosures.

I have the honour to inform you that this morning, at the urgent request of Surgeon Major Sawenther, I did with him, examine into the condition of the premises used as the Government Medical Store, and office of the Medical Store, to Government.

2. I have to report to you that nearly every room is saturated with water on the late very heavy rain, which the roofs have failed to keep out - in fact, water stood in the lint & field box stores so deep that we had occasions in places to step upon bricks which had been placed in the puddles - the water which reached the stores had percolated through the

and the upper floor.

3. Surgeon Major Barnard has recently been put to great straits, to find dry places for the most valuable of the stores (and they are extremely valuable) under his charge. He has placed tarpaulins over his almirahs but even this has not availed. Since, when opening an almirah in my presence & taking out a box of valuable instruments, water poured from it. He has explained to me that at present he is not aware what damage has been done. I saw many medical books which looked as if they had been in a bath.

4. These building constituted part of the old mint, the walls are thick & solid the roof & floor timbers I have not examined, but the doors, shutters, chowkies &c, are strong & serviceable; I am of opinion that the present tinacing would protect in ordinary rains, where intermittent sun shine would allow it to dry at intervals. But I am of opinion that the kind of property stored, to be stored, is too valuable to chance another visitation such as we have lately endured. I consider that a strong 18 B.W.G. roof should be placed over all. The existing timbers in roofs & floors being intimately examined. Partials in certain places on weather

weather side exposed walls must be erected

5. But Surgeon Major Barnard has pointed out to me that in his opinion the position of the store is a bad one it is not central, & most inconvenient, he has asked me if any other building is available, and he has named especially the old Women & childrens Hospital. I am not aware of any suitable building nor do I know if the Women & childrens Hospital or any portion of it; and any part of the compound could be spared for a medical store or to build over on. It should be mentioned that this site lies low.

6. I beg that you will kindly inform me what you would wish me to do in this matter.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. David

Consulting Architect
to Government

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