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Madras 3rd May 1881.

Sir,

Henry King Esq.

M. B. Ch. M.

Senior Medical Officer,
General Hospital,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No 1115
Dated 30th April last I beg most respectfully
to afford this explanation relative to the
of arrack entered in the liquor account
Book as issued. I remember that about
the 11th of April last a patient who was
admitted in a precarious state of health
and died almost immediately afterwards
was ordered by the doctor. The diet sheet
of the patient was brought to me first as a
rule for the necessary entry to be made
in the liquor account Book for the issue
of such articles ordered in the diet sheet.
But once on the receipt of the diet sheet
made as usual the necessary entry in
the liquor account Book. On the 15th of
April after the lapse of 5 or 6 days Mr.
Brining the New Steward all of a sudden
came and asked me whether the 6 oz of
arrack was issued to a patient who
died in the cell? not knowing to which
patient he referred to I replied to him
that the arrack must have been issued
to the patient if ordered - as a rule all
liquors are issued to the Ward Nurses.

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If a patient dies before or after the liquor is issued, the diet sheet in which the liquor is ordered should be at once taken by the ward nurse to the duty apothecary or to the Medical Officer of the Ward and get the item if unsupplied or unissued struck out from the diet sheet and when the diet sheet as usual is returned to the Ward Office then the necessary correction or alteration is made in the Liquor Account Book.

The diet sheets are in charge of the Nurses of the Ward till a patient dies or discharged. The Nurse is expected to know what was given and not given to a patient. If anything not given which was marked in the diet sheet the Nurse should see such thing struck out from the diet sheet by the Medical Officer of the Ward. I am not supposed to know what occurs in the wards regarding diet liquors for the ward nurse is held responsible.

If the Liquor Account Book shows an error as issued it must be a clerical error.

The item both arrack in the diet sheet was not struck out when Mr. Baring took me and the diet sheet in which both arrack was ordered to Dr. Browne the Resident Surgeon on the 18th of April 1884. Since the item was not struck out the amount both therefore stood in the Liquor Account Book.

Head

If the item been struck out in the diet sheet the entry in the Liquor Account Book will also be struck out.

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When Mr. Baring took me to the Resident Surgeon all of a sudden with a charge of dishonesty I was startled and confused and began to tremble. In this confusion I don't recollect what I replied. Dr. Browne on his report a p.m. Baring spoke to me in a threatening manner. I then stood dumb for some time.

I have been entertained in the General Hospital from August 1875, by the kind recommendation of Mr. R. T. Campbell the then Chief Magistrate of Police. This recommendation was highly approved of by the then Senior Medical Officer Dr. Cockerill after the expiration of a month's probation I was confirmed in my appointment by Dr. Furnell the Senior Medical Officer of the General Hospital and sanctioned by the Surgeon General.

I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to afford every satisfaction in the discharge of the duties entrusted to me. It will be observed under grave consideration that the work monopolized time as it were involves a great deal of responsibility, but also an amount of hard labour which

which I will impart for your information
and kind consideration.

After which I am confined to Diet-keeping. I am
not to attend the Hospital from
6 to 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. daily. In the morning
I have a minor supervision of several
details of the Hospital till 10 A.M. such
as patients morning Coughs, Cough water
Book, extra diets, superintending the lamps,
oil & in the Massachusettes room and
receiving Bread from the Government
Bakery from, after which I have to attend
to my diet accounts from 10 to 12 within
this limited time I am empowered to diet
all the patients of the Hospital both Indian
and Europeans it must be distinctly
understood that the number of patients
req. daily seldom or never fall below 200 or
is 250 or upwards it must be further re-
membered that these diet sheets undergo
several alterations and changes with regard
to diets, Extras and wines & Spirits and
the several and varied alterations
have to be posted in the Diet Hall
Book which are kept by me and also such
alterations or modifications relative to
wines and Spirits in the Liquor Account
Book, all the foregoing work entailed
on me is to be executed within the
limited time allotted some 12 hours
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in the midst of my deep work it will be
observed that it is not unusual for a
Nurse, Ward attendant, or even a Medical
Pupil or student to come to the Steward's
department all of a sudden to inquire
for an ounce of wine, Brandy or arrack
for patients under operation or for
immediate use, in such cases of
emergency I am obliged to leave my
work in abeyance to attend to the
emergency to supply such wines or spirits
as prescribed by the Medical officer
after which I have to revert to my work
which takes me nearly 11 or 12 o'clock
to close the daily accounts for articles
to be supplied by the Contractor, then
the Steward at once hurries me on to
serve the wines and spirits for patients
which is also to be understood that
it is no portion of my work according
to the Rules of the Hospital, wines and
spirits are in special charge of the
Head Steward and he is held personally
responsible for the issue of the same
to patients. (vide Hospital Rule for
Assistant Stewards).

I also beg to bring to your
notice that Mr. Nimmy has ordered me
to receive Bread sent from the Govern-
ment Bakery and to sign the Bakery
Book and be responsible for the
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the quantity received. The Bread after being issued to the Patient in the morning the remaining Bread is locked up in a box and the key of which is in possession of Mr. Briny while so why should I be held responsible for the Bread and again the Book which is one of the chief duties of the Steward. His chief object in view in giving me such responsible duties is to bring me into trouble. My pay as you are aware of is Rs 30. and that of the Head Steward Rs 220.

It does not seem to me, or possible that in the midst of my multifarious duties as much to remember accurately relative to wines and spirits issued after days together, liquors have been as a rule issued by the Steward his assistants in absence of whom by the Steward's attendant in cases of emergency which is reported to the Steward when he issues liquors, so that it is a difficult operation on the part of the present Steward Mr. Briny to fully understand in his premature standing of the nature of work of the Steward's Department as hitherto carried out.

For an instance a patient being brought to Hospital in a most dangerous state, several diet are marked on his diet sheet as well as wines or

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spirit, the emergency of the case, requires as a course stimulants to be given at once which is obtained from the Steward's department it must be considered that this issue of emergency is met by the Steward himself, his assistants or by the Steward's attendant. If the Steward's attendant had issued the liquor for this emergent case in question and not reporting the same to the Steward, the Steward would be totally kept in suspense of the fact of the issue of the liquor ordered, or otherwise by the Steward, as led by the diet sheet will for a second time issue the said liquor prescribed on the diet sheet.

A prudent Nurse of the Ward observes these mistakes she at once draws the attention of the Steward to it as having previously received it and then the Steward comes to an understanding of the previous issue of the said liquor. Should a Nurse fraudently receive the liquor a second time and appropriate it to her own use is it possible that the Steward could detect such an error on his part - Except it is reported by the Nurse herself.

J.-

I beg to state that on the 16th April last (the day on which you suspended me) I was not present at the Hospital. I obtained leave from the Steward the previous day, to come a little late to attend Church as it was a festival day. When I came to the Hospital at about 10.30 the Hospital Wiper handed over to me your Memo informing me that I was suspended for having an entry of 1/2 arrack in the Liquor Account Book. Had you called me in person to explain how this occurred I would have explained to you satisfactorily how this occurred, but Sir you took the report of Mr. Buiy who is quite new to the working of the Stewards' department and suspended me without any explanation.

I beg to submit for your kind information the enclosed copy of a letter I addressed the Honourable Chief Secretary to Government, Calcutta regarding your order of my suspension and your recommendation of my dismissal.

In conclusion I beg you will kindly consider my case and thus free me from the blame brought against me by Mr. Buiy.

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I beg to remain,
Sir
Your most Obedt & humble Servant
Edmund B.
3rd of Edward.
General Hospital
(under suspension)

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GOVERNMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL,
Steward's Department,
Madras, 6th May 1878.

From

THE SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER,
GENERAL HOSPITAL,
Madras.

To

THE Secretary to the Surgeon General
with the Hotel of Madras

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose
Third Steward D'Amonte's written explana-
-tion as required by Government. I shall
only refer to my former letter recom-
-mending his dismissal and add
that I cannot be held responsible
for the efficient management of this
Hospital if my recommendation of
dismissal of a servant twice detected
in fraud is disregarded.

2. Mr. D'Amonte has favored
me also with a copy of a letter
which he has addressed to the ^{Secretary} ~~Chief~~,
enclosed with his explanation. There
is only one paragraph (3) of the
letter which I think it necessary to
notice. The fear of Phipps was
imposed for reporting that he had
saw the lamps emptied of kerosine
remaining unconsumed in the morning

where

when they were found to retain four
bottles. He was questioned on the subject
by myself personally in presence of
the Resident Medical Officer and the
Steward and had no explanation
to give. I should add that two
Drasalches were sent to jail for
criminal breach of trust in con-
-nexion with this matter and that
during the investigation the Magistrate
repeatedly declared that Mr. Dromont
should also have been prosecuted.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedt. servt.

Hervey King

Senior Med. Off. H. H.

In for Public 94 970

No 2682 1881

Steward's (1881) Department.

From

The Senior Medical Officer,
General Hospital,
Madras.

To

The Secy. Leg. Council
with Mr. Kelly
Madras

Dated

Recd.

S. No. 1185

SUBJECT.

Steward's Dept.
Explanation as required
by Government

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Fort St. George, 7th May 1881.

No. 175

From

W. R. Cornish Esq. J. R. C. S. E.

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Fort St. George,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honor with reference to G. O. No. 587 of
25th April 1881 to submit herewith the required ex-
-planation by Mr. Dromont.
2. Government will perceive that this long and
rambling statement is no explanation at all
of the fact that he entered in the Signor account
as expended on a particular patient six ounces
of arrack, whereas in point of fact it is dis-
-tinctly shown that the liquor in question was
never drawn from the Steward's Department,
the man, for whom it was ordered, dying be-
-fore it could be obtained. Mr. Dromont him-
-self attributes the entry to a "clerical error"
but "clerical errors" of this nature would be
charged in the diet bills and Government
would have been the loser, but for the detection.
3. I would beg to call particular attention
to Dr. King's remarks in regard to Mr. Dromont's
conduct in regard to the Kerosine oil. It is
clear that he made a deliberate mistake.
-ment to Dr. King regarding the expenditure of
oil, and that he was mixed up with the

magnalges in the appropriation of oil remaining in the lamps.

4 I need not point out to Government that a man, who has shown himself so unworthy of confidence, cannot be retained in the General Hospital in connection with the Stewards Department.

5 During the incumbency of an incompetent steward, who was lately removed on my recommendation, grave irregularities in the domestic economy of the General Hospital had occurred, and on the accession of the present Steward to office the Senior Medical officer of the Hospital, and myself were flooded with anonymous libels regarding his life and conduct. The Steward has been successful so far in unearthing several abuses and will I hope succeed in putting a stop to irregular practices, if examples are made of those detected in wrong doing. It will be observed that much of Mr. Dinwiddie's explanation consists in abuse of the Steward Mr. Penning, who brought his dishonest conduct to the notice of the Senior Medical officer.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Yours most obedt. Servt
Wm Cornish
Surgeon. Genl. with the
Fort. Madras

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Public (188) DEPARTMENT
From (Genl Hospital)
THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Fort St. George,

R. D.

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No. 175
Dated 24 May 1881
Recd.

No.
CURRENT No. 946

SUBJECT

Submit with re-
marks, Mr. Dimes's
Explanation in regard
to the entry in the di-
ary account of the
Genl Hosp.

Madras, 28th April 1881.

To R. Davidson Esq.
C. S. I.
Chief Secretary to Government,
Cotacamund.

Honored Sir,

I beg respectfully to request
that you will kindly lay my case before
the Right Honorable the Governor in Council
with reference to a report from the Senior
Medical Officer of the General Hospital
forwarded to you, through the Surgeon General,
with the Government of Madras recommending
my dismissal.

I was employed in the General
Hospital as 3^d Steward for the past 6 years
and I was twice recommended for increase
of salary by Dr. Funnell the then Senior
Medical Officer of the General Hospital,
I served during the past 6 years under
several Medical Officers viz, Dr. Funnell,
Dickenson, Cockerill, Nean, and King and
during this period I was never once reported
to the Surgeon General for neglect of duty or
for dishonesty.

Last month Mr. Binny was
appointed Steward and from the time he
came to the Hospital he began to treat me
very unkindly and indifferently and gave
me

me responsible duties to perform (irrespective of my own duties) so that he may find some-
thing to find fault with me. One day he asked
me to see to the unconsumed oil in the Hospital
lamps, according to his orders I did so, and
took an account of it and entered it in a Book.
A few hours later he Mr. Binny went and
examined the lamps after they were refilled
with fresh oil and found an excess he reported
this to the Medical Officer and got me fined
Rs 10 unjustly without calling on me for an
explanation.

A few days afterwards he reported
me to the Medical Officer that I did not
issue 6 oz. of arrack to a patient and entering
the same in the Liquor Account Book as issued,
this liquor was ordered on the 10th of April
and on the 14th, after the lapse of 4 days,
the Steward Mr. Binny all of a sudden
came and asked me whether 6 oz. of arrack
was issued to the Patient who died on the
10th April. Not knowing to which Patient
he referred to I replied to him that the
arrack might have been given to him, as
as a rule liquors are issued to the Ward
Nurse.

If a patient dies before or after
the liquor issued the diet sheet in which
the liquor is ordered should be taken by the
Ward Nurse to the duty Apothecary or to the

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the Medical Officer and get the item missed
struck off from the diet sheet after which
the necessary correction is made in the
Liquor account Book.

If the Liquor Book shows 6 oz.
arrack as issued it must be a clerical error
and there is nothing to show of any dishonesty
on my part. As for my appointment as
Steward I have paid a security of Rs 250
while so, for the sake of 6 oz. of arrack
is it likely that I will commit myself
to such a serious blame and thereby
risk my employment.

When the Steward took this
charge against me to the Medical Officer,
Dr. King passed an order at once suspending
me without calling on me for any
explanation. Dr. King stated in his
letter what the Steward dictated to him.
From the date of appointment of the
Present Steward it will be observed that
he got several of the old Hospital servants
dismissed, and he all along tried to
annoy me and then brought a charge
against me unjustly and got an order
passed suspending me, I am now
under suspension from the 16th instant;
under the foregoing circumstances advanced
I beg most respectfully to take into
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into consideration my past career of
6 years service during which period
it will be observed on reference that
I executed my duty to the entire
satisfaction of all the Medical Officers
under whom I have served.

I am a married man with
a large family and I beg you will
kindly take my case into your kind
consideration and see justice done
in this matter. For which act of kindness
as in duty bound will ever pray.

I beg to remain,

Honored Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. C.

3^d Stewards
General Hospital.

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Former papers.

Public
MILITARY (1887) DEPARTMENT.
(Medical)
No.

From

Mr. D. Monte,
3rd Steward, Genl.
Hospital, Madras,
under suspension.

Dated

20 April 1881

Recd.

Registered

27 May 1881

ENCLOSURES.

P. G. No. dated

CURRENT No. 902

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Wait receipt of
written explanation
called for through
the Surgeon Genl.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From Mr. D. Monte, 3rd Steward
General Hospital Madras. 27th April 1881.

From Surgeon Genl. with the Govt.
of Madras. 27th May 1881. No. 175.

Order 19 May 1881 - No. 675

J.B.

Mr De Montes dismissed
is sanctioned

P.F. 1881

To Mr. D. Monte, 3rd Steward Genl Hospital
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The Surgeon Genl with the Govt

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