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Cabent, 17th June 1887.

From

Surgeon H. D. Cook M. B. 2867
Civil Surgeon Malabar
Cabent

To

The Magistrate of Malabar
Cabent.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the death of a prisoner (a supposed murderer) and the circumstances of his death I think require your immediate investigation as far as the Magistrate of the Sub-jail is concerned. I enclose a death certificate marked A which requires explanation.

It appears that the "unfortunate man" was lying on the road in a weak state and called to a Constable saying "he was a murderer." He was taken to the Sub-jail, the exact date I don't know, but on Wednesday the 8th of June the Sub-Magistrate sent a packet marked B to the Dispensary requesting a Hospital Assistant (an irregular proceeding to write direct to one of my subordinates) to come and see the Prisoner. 3rd Class Civil Hospital Assistant A. Narayanan went and saw the Prisoner vide Statement marked C. This Hospital Assistant saw the Prisoner but never returned to see how he was the next day, nor did he make any report to me. In his statement he says that the Prisoner "had fever" and that the Constable came the next day for medicine saying "he was better," this I do not believe, for I think by your investigation you will find that the Constable wanted the Hospital Assistant to return. I also am of opinion that the man was very ill on Wednesday and not only suffering from fever as the Hospital Assistant states.

3. The conduct of this will be brought to the notice of the Surgeon General in fact a copy of the letter will be furnished to that office.

4. The Prisoner must have been in his cell in a miserable condition taking a little fever medicine every day until Saturday the 11th June, when the Sub Magistrate sent a peon to the Dispensary (another irregular proceeding on his part) and requested the Hospital Assistant to come and see the Prisoner and stating that he was waiting at the Sub Jail. The Hospital Assistant Mr. Soobramoney told the Peon to go to A. Varayana as he was attending for supposed to be attending the unfortunate man. The peon went for A. Varayana and found him in Hospital Assistant A. Moorthoswamy's house, and as he had just returned from his ordinary duties he actually refused to go. The peon came and told this to Mr. Soobramoney, who went at once and found the Prisoner in a miserable state vide his statement marked D and told the Jail authorities to bring the man to Hospital early in the morning. The Prisoner was brought on Sunday morning at 10.30 A.M. in a sinking condition and died at 7.15 P.M. before I could see him.

5. I saw his dead body next morning and made a Post Mortem examination, the result of which showed inflammation of the right lung which must have existed many days prior to his death and emaciation from want of care and nourishment vide my certificate.

I therefore consider that the Magistrate of the Jail should surely have sent the Prisoner at once to the Hospital

with a letter to me, or even informed me of his state which must have been very bad ever since his admission into the Jail and not merely send a peon to one of my subordinates and then take no further action in the matter.

The conduct of A. Varayana is disgraceful and I will forward a special report concerning it to the Surgeon General. It is the third time in three months that I have had to complain of this Hospital Assistant: mere "want of humanity" and I consider him a disgrace to the Subordinate Medical Department.

I am sure you will call upon the Magistrate of the Jail for an explanation and direct that in such cases I should be written to

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servant.

Sd/ H. D. Cook
M. D.

Surgeon
Civil Surgeon Malabar.

(True copy)

[Signature]

M. D. Surgeon
Civil Surgeon Malabar.

This is to certify that I this day examined
the body of a Prisoner named Theyyan sent to
Hospital on the morning of the 12th June by the
Sub Magistrate of Calicut Town, and it is
my professional opinion that the cause of
death was from inflammation of the
right lung, and that his death was
accelerated very much by want of care,
nourishment, and proper medical
treatment.

Calicut, 17th June 1882
Ed / H. D. Cook.
M. B.
Surgeon
Civil Surgeon Malabar.
(True Copy)
H. D. Cook
M. B. Surgeon
Civil Surgeon Malabar

Malabar 1277—51

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Calicut } (True copy)
 17 June 1897 } *[Signature]* M. B. S. Gouindan
 Civil Surgeon Malabar.

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86/5 Evidence taken by the Civil Surgeon regarding the death of a prisoner in the Sub Jail Calicut.

A. Karayanen 3rd class Civil Hospital Assistant.

On Wednesday the 8th June, I received a Malayalam "Aga" (letter) from the Sub. Magistrate of Calicut Town. It is stating that a prisoner named "Theyyan" was sick, and requesting a Hospital Assistant to come and see him. It was in the evening at about 6 P.M. I received it, I went to the Sub Jail and saw him, he was suffering from fever, I prescribed for him and sent medicine from the Hospital. The prescription is in the book, it is a Diaphoretic mixture, I sent it by the Hospital waterman Nida Singh. I did not return again to see the man. A constable came for medicine next morning Thursday 9th June, who said the man was a little better, I sent medicine but did not return to see him. The next day Friday the 10th June, he again came for medicine and said the man was in the same state. I gave medicine but did not see him. The first day I saw him I told the clerks in the Sub Magistrate's court that if the patient gets worse he should be sent to Hospital. They said it is difficult to give constables to guard him.

Sd/- A. Karayanen
3rd class Hospital Assistant.

(True copy)

[Signature]
M. B. Surgeon
Civil Surgeon Malabar

patient,
17th June 1881

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Evidence taken by Civil Surgeon regarding
the death of a Prisoner in the Sub Jail building.

M. Soobramoney, 1st Class Hospital Assistant, states
that on Wednesday evening 8th June about 6 P.M.
the Yadaast came to the Sub-Magistrate's
asked the writer to see it and then asked
"A. ha, ayanu" to see the Prisoner.
Narayanan returned and said he was
suffering from fever and that he told the
Clerks to send the man to Hospital if he got
worse, and that he sent medicine.

On Saturday evening 11th June a person
came from the Sub-Magistrate's Court and
said the man was very ill and that the Sub-
Magistrate was ailing. I had plenty of work
in Hospital and said to him to go and tell
Narayanan, he the Dresser who has been
attending upon Narayanan was at Hospital
Asst. Moothoosur's house. Narayanan said
to the person to ask Soobramoney to go. The person
returned and told me that Narayanan did
not want to go to the Magistrate's Court. I
went immediately and on my way met
the Sub-Magistrate who had been waiting
for about half an hour. The Sub-Magistrate
did not return with me to the Sub Jail. I
saw the Prisoner he was lying on a piece of
canvas in a state of great exhaustion
not able to speak to me. I asked about his
case the people said he had been suffering
from fever and the Dresser had been giving
medicine robies we are giving every three
hours. There was a bad smell in the cell.
I asked if his bowls had been moved there
were "foeces" and "urine" on the mat, they said
that the bowls had been moved twice, I

ordered him to be moved to another mat,
and a cumby to be put over him, and ordered
brandy and cumby to be given every three hours.

I said this ought to have been
brought to Hospital long ago. I said you had
better bring him to Hospital early tomorrow
morning (Sunday June) I then went away.
The next morning I brought the man
between 10 and 11 in a dying state; the
(Doctor had left the Hospital, I saw he was
getting worse as I sent a chit to the
Doctor between 3 & 4 P.M. The man brought
back the chit and said the Doctor was
out and not be back till 10 o'clock
at night. I returned the chit and said to
the man to lie it at the Doctor's house.
I thought it in hopeless case and
therefore did not send the chit to the
house of the Superintendent of Police where
I heard the Doctor was. V

After he came to the Hospital he had
many motions gave him astringent
with brandy, opium, stupor, mustard
poultice, &c. died at 7.15 P.M.

J. M. Soobramoney
1st Class Hospital Host.

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17th June 1887

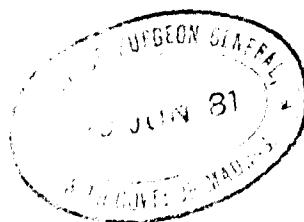
J. Hoyle
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Surgeon
Genl. Surgeon Malabar

No. 93

17th June 1881.

From Surgeon J. Cook M. B.
Civil Surgeon Malabar
Calicut, Y

To The Secretary General
With Lt. of Madras
Madras. 8/8



Sir,
I have the honor to forward the enclosed report to the District Magistrate Malabar for the information of the Surgeon General and request you to draw his serious attention to the case of Hospital Asstt.

Narayanan (under care to Kajahmundry).

You will observe that this Hospital Assistant saw to prisoner on Wednesday the 8th June and although the unfortunate man must have been very ill he never returned to see him, nor did he make any report to me.

When the man got much worse, in fact dying, the Sub-Magistrate sent for the Hospital Assistant who, because he had just left the Hospital, refused to go. It is with great regret I have to report such a case to the Surgeon General and I strongly recommend that a public reprimand be made of the Hospital Assistant. I can help expressing an opinion that Civil Hospital Assistants as a rule, at any rate those who have come under my observation do not display any zeal for their profession, and consider themselves in a much higher position than they actually are. I feel confident that in this case Hospital Assistant Narayanan is not beneath

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his dignity to go to jail and attend to an unfortunate prisoner.

This is the first time I have had to complain about the conduct of the Hospital Assistant and I repeat what I have said in my letter to District Magistrate viz. that he is a disgrace to the Civil Medical Subordinate Department.

I have detained him in sub-judice pending further investigation by the District Magistrate.

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First Class Hospital Assistant Mr. Soobramoney has been reprimanded for not informing of the case in jail. I wish however that he had displayed as much zeal for the profession as Soobramoney would have gone to the Sub-jail on Tuesday - but his time is much occupied in the Dispensary having several operations to attend to. He has been doing in future always to acquaint me of such cases.

The conduct of the Sub-Magistrate will doubtless be noticed by the Magistrate of the District.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedt. Servant.

J. M. S.
J. B. Surgeon
Civil Surgeon Malabar.

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From

W. R. Co

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To

The Chief

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the assistant surgeon has been in the service of the Department to recommend as a general dispenser.

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Madras.
7th June 1881.

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M. J. M. J. M.
Surgeon General
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BY G.O. No. 857

Dated 22

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Subject

Recommends
discharge of 3rd
Class Civil Hospital
Assistant Mahary
Narayana

with order

For order

W. H. G. M.

Dismiss the
man from Govt
Service

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Order 25 June
1881 No 857

The Hon the Govt. Secy, dis.
that Civil Hosp. that the
Narayana be dismissed
from the service of Govt.

24/6/81

W. H. G. M.