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[Despatch Abstract]

Remitting to the Genl.
General, with certain
D. S. Subthorpe's communication
on the subject of
additional accommodation
for the General
Hospital

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
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ENCLOSURES.

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DUTY.

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Memo

Subject.

Genl. Medl

Officer's Letter No. 92 of 30-1-90. Med. Subordin.

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for ant. patients

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servants.

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Staff and bed
accommodation

1900 " 143 of 8-3-90. Nursing

1900 " 157 of 11-3-90. Accommodation

1900 " 163 of 14-3-90. The same

1900 " 186 of 24-3-90. The same

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Medical Staff

1900 " 244 of 12-4-90. Accommoda-
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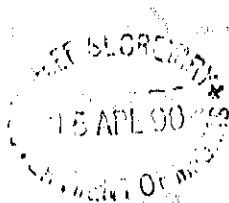
1900 " 249 of 14-4-90. Duties of
Genl. Apothecary
& compounder

C. Linchoupe

Brigade Surgeon

Ag. Genl. San. Officer

L.O. 88
No 250



General Hospital
Madras 14 April 1890.

Sir,

I have the honor to call your attention to the correspondence as per Memo attached, between me and the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras regarding the administration of this hospital. Soon after I took charge in December last, I at once saw that the Medical and Nursing staff were overworked. I have had exceptional opportunities of knowing the working of this hospital as I was appointed Resident Medical Officer here in 1875 soon after the passing of the Government order ending with G. O. No 820 of 23 July 1874, which practically reorganized the hospital and I had to see to the carrying out of these orders. I wish to bring the subject before Government without delay.

as orders are necessary on most of the points raised and the hospital is now more filled than it has ever been. Yesterday all the available beds for Natives were full and only six of the beds for Europeans were available; this is partly due to the now prevailing epidemic of influenza. I would not ^{mention the} bring the subject up directly, except that I see no chance of the Surgeon General being able to report on it for some time; and it will not bear further delay without a probable increase in the hospital. I have sent a copy of this letter to the Secretary to the Surgeon General and asked him to forward the whole correspondence to you as I am not aware what steps have been taken about some portions of it.

I am,
Yours faithfully

C. Litchmore
Brigade Surgeon
Ag. Senior Medical Officer
General Hospital

The Chief Secretary
to Government
P.O. Secunderabad

Public

2/0 from Dr. Litchmore
7/14 April 1900.

For order.

In the present peculiar circumstances, Dr. Litchmore may be justified in addressing Genl. direct. Without knowing, however, what the discussion between the Surgeon General & Dr. Litchmore has been about, Genl. cannot pass orders.

It is proposed to telegraph as follows to the Secy. to the Surgeon General:-

"Leave no time in forwarding correspondence between Surgeon General and Dr. Litchmore to the Secy. to the Surgeon General. The Secy. to the Surgeon General has not a right to interfere in the Secy. to the Surgeon General's opinion in the matter. It is the Secy. to the Surgeon General's duty to forward it."

16/4/1900

I do not believe in the existence of any such violent urgency in Dr. Litchmore's proposals, and they seem to have such a nature that it would be inconvenient for Genl. to deal with them direct, and without the advice of a Surgeon General.

Increasing accommodation is not a thing that can be supplied offhand. Especially considering the cramped state of the crowded state of the compound. I doubt very much whether increase of superior medical staff is really wanted. The hospital contains about 300 beds & I have never seen it full. There are four medical officers. We might get the present conditions Dr. Litchmore's attention on the ground of existing pressure, but as reorganization of the staff is a thing to be undertaken with deliberation, things cannot be so bad as to suddenly need a regenerator in the person of Dr. Litchmore. Much that has been said applies to the proposals about nursing.

I should be inclined to give authority to Dr. Litchmore's intentions & call upon Dr. Litchmore to state what temporary measures in regard to medical subordinates & accommodation - including beds & tents for example - he proposes.

Bringing to Council tomorrow.

Yours
Litchmore

16/4/1900

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Hospital

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Madras General Hospital

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Public DEPARTMENT.

Deleg:

From

The Surgeon General
with Govt.

No.

Dated 16th }
Received 16th } April 1890.
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Informing the return from
furlough of Dr. Porter and enquiring
whether Dr. Price is to remain at on a furlough
in view to Brig. Surge Silthorpe's promo-
tion or he is to return to Mysore.

For advice.
Altho no official
intimation of Dr. Silthorpe's
promotion has been
received in this office,
it is ^{believed} ~~known~~ that he
~~has been~~ ^{will be} made a
deputy Surgeon
Genl. - perhaps in
a few days.
There are sure to
be complications,
but it is supposed
that unless detaining
Dr. Price may go
out?

H.L.
16/4

I am so entirely in ignorance as
to what is going on that I cannot say
better bring to Council tomorrow

H.L.
17/4.

Public.

E. N^o ~~64, 788~~ 1125 and

R.O. from Dr. Silthorpe 14.4.90

Telegram: Dep^t 13/4.

No. 120. Retention ~~of~~ Price sanctioned.
Call on Dr. Silthorpe to state what
temporary measures in regard Medical
Subordinates and accommodation ~~pitching~~
~~for~~ for example ^{pitching tents} he proposes. Other
matters must stand over until Surgeon
General is appointed.

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Secy: To Surge General
with Govt.

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Correspondence referred to by Brig: Genl
Edithurpe in his D.O. letter of 14th April 90
to the address of the Chief Secy to Govt.

No: 92 of 30-1-90 - Charge allowance
to C. apothecaries - } question already before
Govt

No: 35 of 28-1-90 - accommodation - Consulting Architect
for patients addressed for plans &
Estimates

No: 49 of 13-2-90 - Rooms for students -

No: 104 of 18-2-90 - Contagious Diseases - Madras Municipality
Sheds written to.

No: 108 of 19-2-90 - Clothing of servants - Before Govt - with
letter no: 176 of 3/3/90

No: 126 of 28-2-90 - Diet - See Slys' letter to Govt
No: 306 - 3/4/90

No: 128 of 1-3-90 - Duties of medl staff

No: 157 of 11-3-90 - Accommodation

No: 163 of 14-3-90 - Do

No: 143 of 8-3-90 - Nursing Est.

No: 186 of 24-3-90 - Accommodation

No: 228 of 4-4-90 - Do

No: 234 of 8-4-90 - Medl Staff

No: 244 of 12-4-90 - Accommodation

No: 249 of 14-4-90 - Duties of Senior
apoth & Compounding
Dept - }

C^{no} 1187

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Fort St. George, 19 April 1890

No. 348

From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Govt.
Public Department

Sir,

I have the honor to state that on receipt of your telegram of the 18th inst I requested Brigade Surgeon Sibthorpe to submit a letter on the two points mentioned in the telegram for transmission to Government, but he writes in reply to say that "I am convinced that it is impossible for the Chief Secretary to understand the questions raised without seeing the whole correspondence and request that you will send it on by tonight's mail."

2 Accordingly I have the honor to forward the whole correspondence for the perusal of Government with reference to the questions raised in telegram.

3 I beg to request that the whole

whole correspondence be returned
and order to comply with the
directions of Gov^t concerning it being
placed before the next Surgeon General.

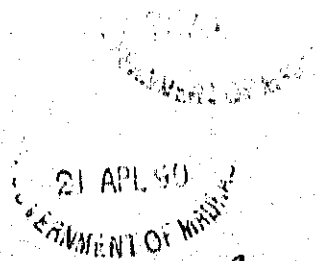
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t Serv^t

Thos. M. Jones
ag^y for Surgeon General
with the Gov^t of Maryland

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From
The Surgeon General
with the Govt of Madras



A. 348

Dated 19th } April
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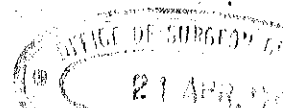
Submits correspondence
relative to the proposals
of Brigade Surg^y Sibthorpe
for additional accommodati-
on for General Hospital

For

- For orders whether
the voluminous - it can
hardly be called cor-
respondence as it is
almost entirely on
Dr. Sibthorpe's ^{side} parts
is to be considered.
- The letters of the
1st, 11th & 14th March
seem to be the most
worthy of perusal.
- The letter of the 12th
April seems to be
scarcely ^{excusable} by
the ~~supposed~~ departure
of Dr. Bidie from
office; the nature
of it is improper.
- Whether Dr. Sibthorpe
is right or wrong, it
does not appear that
even sanctioning his pro-
posals ~~en bloc~~ would
meet the present
Emergency ^{mainly} due to
the influx of patients
suffering from influenza
they are ~~entirely~~ ^{mainly} ~~proposed~~ ^{proposed} to
be ~~marked~~ ^{marked} out by the head
of the dept. at a Committee
in the first instance.

No. 290

General Hospital
Madras 21 April 1890



To,

Brigade Surgeon Sibthorpe
Surgeon General Hospital
Madras

To,

The Secretary to the
Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras
(Through the Senior Medical
Officer, General Hospital,
Madras.)

Sir,

With reference to the
copy of the telegram of the 18th
April 1890, from the Chief Secretary
to Government, regarding the
temporary measures proposed
by me to accommodate and
meet the increasing number
of ordinary patients, in accordance
with the standing orders of Govern-
ment, I have the honor to invite

Send. Med. Off. to Mr. N. 128 d/1.3-90
para 13 to 15

400	157	d/11-3-90
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400	231	d/8-4-90
400	249	d/14-11-90

attention to the Mar-
ginal notes portions
of the correspondence
now before Government.
2. As a purely temporary
arrangement

arrangement, pending the decision of Government on the extension of the main building, my proposals are as follows:

1st. That two tents, one for Medical and one for Surgical patients, 20 beds each, should be erected with proper latrine and lavatory accommodation, complete in furniture, appliances, fittings and bedding and clothing. In my letter N^o 186 dated 24th March 1890, I have fully expressed my reasons against the use of tents. The proposed tents may be similar to those erected during the famine year.

2^d. That the furniture detailed in my letter N^o 163 of the 14th April 1890 be, as therein proposed, obtained partly from the Commissariat Department on loan and partly purchased. If, however, Government should decide upon purchasing the whole of the furniture, it will be necessary to make a special allotment for the same.

3^d. Medical Staff. The additional 40 beds must be divided be-

tween the present Medical Officers.

At least four Civil Apothecaries are required, allowing an additional one to each Medical Officer, one to assist the Senior Apothecary, as proposed in my letter N^o 249 of the 14th April 1890, and one to assist the Resident Medical Officer in the Out-patient Department as pointed out in para 8 of my letter N^o 128 of 1st March 1890 and para 15 of my letter N^o 234 of the 8th April 1890. The difficulties about the pay, position and quarters of these subordinates has been pointed out in my letter N^o 92 of the 30th January 1890.

4th. Nursing. This is referred to in my letter N^o 163 of the 14th March 1890. Four Nurses will be required, two trained women and two pupil Nurses. The difficulty of obtaining this class of women under the present rules has been pointed out in my letter N^o 143 of 8 March 1890. These extra women should be granted the proposed

proposed new rate of pay of Rs. 30
a month with 15 rupees ration
and clothing for the Nurses and 15
rupees ration money and clothing
for the pupil Nurses.

Ward Attendants - Four caste men
will be required on rupees 7 a
month each.

Porters - Two will be required
on 6 rupees a month each.

Surgeon - A female on Rs. 4 per
month will be necessary.

Cooks - One extra caste man on
rupees 7 will also be needed.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

C. Leitch.

Brigade Surgeon
Surgeon, General Hospital
Madras

No. 271

Forwarded

A. Porter

Senior Medical Officer
General Hospital

21 April 1890 Madras

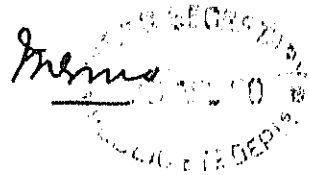
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Forwarded to the
Chief Secretary to
Government, Public
Department, in continuation
of this office letter no.
348 dated the 19th inst.

7/1/1900

Received Surgo
agreed for Surgo and
with Comptroller

Forwards 21 April 1900

From
The Surgeon General
to the Govt.

No. 350

Dated 21 }
Received 23 } April 1890
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Submitting remarks by Dr. Sibthorpe regarding the accommodations & treatment of the increasing number of ordinary patients in the General Hospital.

Submitted
Court of C. No. 1187/90

This is in response to the reply to the telegram from Govt. dated 18th Feb 90. It is nothing to be taken as a final accommodation is urgently and absolutely necessary. Submitted that the Hospital may be re-arranged to the S. G. for disposal in the ordinary course.

24 Apr.

I don't find anything to be objected to in the terms of Dr. Sibthorpe's letter which show a very complete acquaintance with the working of all departments ~~and~~ of the important institution under his charge and a laudable desire for its improvement. His zeal has perhaps led him into indiscretion in insisting on his letters being forwarded to Govt. but in the circumstances of the time this procedure does not call for more than a very mild rebuke. The interrog-
numbing now over the several questions can now be taken up by the new Surgeon General.

The matter most immediately pressing is the increase of temporary accommodation proposed by the erection of tents to hold 40 beds, & the enlistment of the necessary staff, and also the proper supervision of the contagious cases. That a patient suffering from chicken pox should contract small pox in the hospital is intolerable and arrangements which admit of it must at once be rectified. I would like to see Govt. to look into these matters at once & that if he thinks the additional accommodation immediately necessary he may take steps to provide it, & report the results to Govt.

Dr. Sibthorpe's proposals for the increase of the medical staff are drawn up with regard to existing accommodation and may not suit if the size of the hospital is permanently increased. At present I doubt whether, especially regards the Resident Surgeon, whose duties are now almost impossible of performance, a strong case for increase is made out. Though Dr. Sibthorpe shows that the number of beds per man is considerably greater than in Bombay & the whole greater than in Calcutta.

The only letter which could have justified in the least Dr. Sibthorpe's coming up direct to Govt. was No. 104 and 157. The whole of the 18th Feb 90 11th March correspondence could be submitted have easily lain over for the address of the new Surg. Gen. ~~His~~ has not failed to be conveyed in the order of Govt. conveyed in the telegram of the 18th inst. He seems to think that by insisting upon having all his letters sent up he may succeed in having his own way or he perhaps fears that his being numerous letters or some of them may be buried in the S. G. Office.

It is submitted that he must be shown up for what appears not only irregular but insubordinate conduct.

24 Apr.

25/4/90

Dr. Sibthorpe's suggested reorganization
of the subordinate & remaining staff costs
only Rs 96 per annum, in spec. of present
scale, a mere trifle.

The suggestions regarding change of uniforms
to a pattern of clothing for uniform have
been dealt with on Dr. Sibthorpe's
in separate orders.

The proposals for the improvement of the
outpatients department are very necessary
& will cost much, perhaps Rs 2000
in buildings if the proposed ^{in the outpatients} quarters are included.

Provision for permanent in case of accom-
modation can only be made by adding a
third story to the main building which
would cost over a lakh.

I would not judge even considerable ex-
penditure on the improvement of this fine
institution which is of immense utility
to the whole Presidency District to Madras.
In this connection it is not to be forgotten
that a large contribution of Rs 50000 per
annum is now obtained from the Madras
Municipality, chiefly on account of it.

1864
25th Apr.

I think that Dr. Sibthorpe should go
round in support of all his proposals
but they must be approved by the S.
before we can act on them. Dr. Sibthorpe
must then submit them with
silent contempt by not requesting
the necessary Department, to be
the report on one point.

If the main building with third
a third story that I probably
to the best advantage by adding
to its accommodation - but if the
scheme for the improvement of the
General is now carried out
to the main building which
the present building is filled
with a large number of beds which
the present hospital on which
new buildings could be built if
a third story cannot be added
to the present hospital building. I
think it is better to
improve the hospital -

26/4/90
Sibthorpe

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The action of Dr. Sibthorpe
in insisting on the correspondence
in regard to the General Hospital
being submitted to Govt was ^{in regular} ~~unusual~~
but ^{in this case} ~~well~~ ^{as the} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~ascribed~~ ^{been actually} ~~to his~~ ^{been actually} ~~credit~~
to effect in any improvement in the
General Hospital Govt. will not make further
proposals upon it.

2. The several questions raised
in Dr. Sibthorpe's letter
should now be taken up by the
Surgeon General.

3. The matter most immediate
pressing is the ^{proposed} ~~increase~~ ^{to the} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~temporary~~ ^{increase}
accommodation ^{of the hospital} ~~proposed~~ by the erection
of huts to hold 40 beds, and the en-
tainment of the necessary staff, and
also the proper separation of ~~the~~
contagious cases. That a patient
suffering from chicken pox should contract
small pox in the hospital is ^{most dangerous} ~~intolerable~~
and arrangements which admit of

should at once be rectified. Mr. Farquhar
will be requested to give his attention
to the subject at once, and if he
thinks the additional accommodation
immediately necessary he may take
steps to provide it, reporting the cost
to Govt.

Mr. Sibthorpe's proposals for the
increase of the Medical Staff are
drawn up with regard to existing
accommodation and may not suit
if the size of the hospital is permanently
increased, but the Surgⁿ General's
matured opinion on them will be
awaited.

5. The ~~proposed~~ ^{despatched} reorganisation
of the subordinate & nursing staff
it is observed, involve a trifling excess
over the present scale, and if accepted
by the Surgⁿ General, Government
will readily sanction it. ~~The~~
^{The recommendations}
~~suggestions~~ regarding charge allowances

for
Apothecaries, and clothing for
wards, have been dealt with in
separate

separate orders on Surgⁿ Genl. Baines'
suggestions.

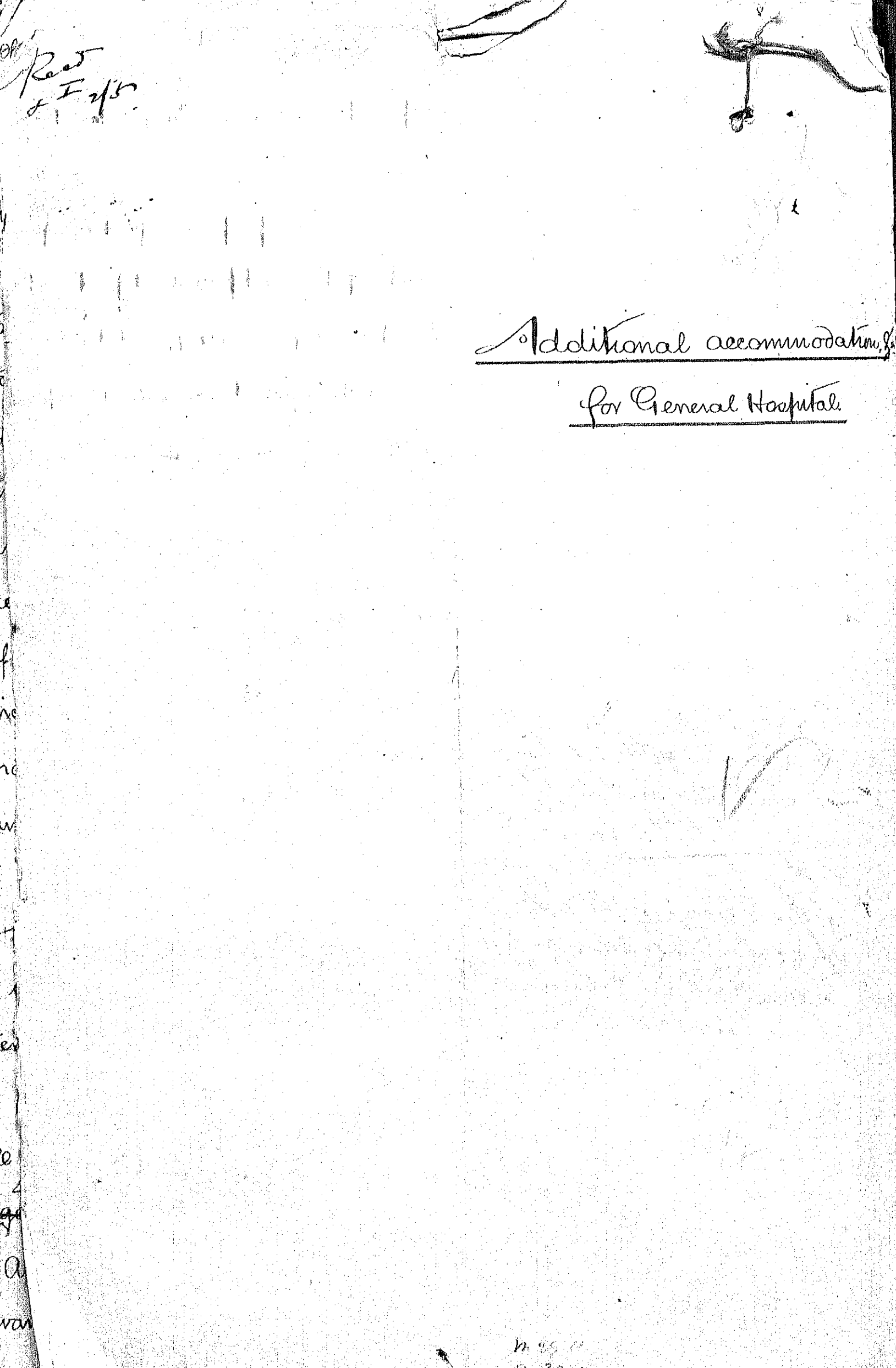
6. The ~~proposals for the~~ ^{additions}
~~improvement to~~ ^{of} the out-patients department
~~probably wanted.~~
~~doubtless very necessary,~~ and the Govt.
will not object to considerable expenditure
may be required for the ~~improvement~~ ^{sanctions what}
on the ~~improvement of~~ the General
Hospital. fully efficient

7. With these ~~proposals~~
remarks the subject of
Dr. Sibthorpe's ~~case~~ ^{will}
be remitted to the Surgⁿ Genl.

W.L.
12/14

29 Nov.

To the Surgⁿ Genl with ~~note~~ ^{despatch} } Despatch
with origl papers



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Additional accommodation

for General Hospital

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