

ORDINARY, MS.

Public
DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED 14-6-90
No. 433.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning the extra trans-
mission of a Permanent
Apothecary for the Out-
patient ward of the
General Hospital.

From

The Resident Medical Officer
General Hospital
Madras

To

The Senior Medical Officer
General Hospital
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the total inefficiency of the Medical Staff in the out patients' room on Sundays, my day for general inspection and on which I am unable to do any out patients' work. There is only the Senior Apothecary to do both the male and female sides, and if it were not for a young Mahomedan practitioner who wanders in occasionally on Sundays to see what is going on and a sick Apothecary who, at present, to oblige the Senior Apothecary helps with the women, there would be a complete break down of the work.

2. I beg that an apothecary be very urgently applied for - permanently -

to work with me in the male side, daily,
and to take my place on Sundays so
that the Senior Apothecary may be
to give the women and children proper
attention. It is a great pity that the poor
of this city and neighbourhood should
come to the principal hospital in the
presidency and be obliged to leave
either without treatment at all or
with only such attention as our apothecary
can give when obliged to run through
three hundred patients in two separate
compartments of a hospital in the space
of three hours, and when that apothecary
in addition has a great deal of other
work on hand.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt servant

Wm. Munn

Resident Med. Offr.

Forwarded to Sir. Surgeon General.
for favour of forwarding con-
sideration

A. Porter Esq

General Hospital } Senior Medical Officer
Madras 21 April 1890 } General Hospital

1890

No 2821

No 273

No 357



Forwarded to the Chief
Secy of Govt: in Continuation
of this Office letter no: 247
of the 18th March 1890.

In the statement attached
to that letter provision
is made for an Apothecary
for the out patient Dept
of the General Hospital.

It has hitherto been
usual to post a doing
duty apothecary to work
in the Out patient Room
but under the Circumstances
represented by the Resident
Med Officer a permanent
apothecary appears to be
essentially necessary.

Edward Smith
agrees for Supplement
with Mr Madon
In Witness 22nd April 90

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of G.O. 328 J.
1275-23

Cns 800/90

From

The Surg. General
with Genl.

No. 367

Dated 22 }
Received 24 } April 1890.
Enclosures.

SUBJECT.

Requirement of an additional
~~permanent~~ apothecary for the Genl
Hospital to attend on the out
patients.

For orders

The sanctioned scale for the
General Hospital provides
only for 5 apothecaries: please
see G.O. 768-9 of 10. 7. 74
129 of 2. 2. 75
and para 6 of the Surgeon in
Genl's letter of 5-Janr '88 No 2.

30 M^m

When is the letter 247 dated 18 March 90.
I am sure Mr. Bidin. The letter is appearing
to be correct.

11/11
B. H. H.

AB

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Reference.

27/11 May 1890

Referred to the Surgeon General

~~As it is~~ for remarks fuller report

The sanctioned number of
apothecaries for the General Hospital has
been 5 since 1845; statistics should
be furnished to show how the work
has increased so considerably of late
as to require the addition of a
permanent hand to the sanctioned staff.

AB
10/5

To the Surgeon Genl
with Current

No 3054

Memo

Referred to the
Senior Medical Officer
Hospital for a detailed
report.

(By Order)

~~700/10~~
Surf. Major

agreed upon and
with Govt of Madras

For a Report 21 May 1890

To be returned

No 493

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No 316

General Hospital
Madras 23 May 1890

From

The Senior Medical Officer
General Hospital

To

The Secretary to the Surgeon General
with the Govt of Madras

Sir,

With reference to your memo, No 3054
dated 21st May/90 on order No. 1222 dated
14th May Public Department I have the honor
to submit the following figures showing
the average daily attendance of outpatients
at the General Hospital Madras from 1875
till 1889 inclusive:—

Years	average daily attendance		Operations
	Europeans	Natives	
1875-76	19 1/2	81 1/2	
1876-77	27.56	86.80	
1877	32.10	94.93	
1878	33.66	113.27	442
1879	35.57	145.91	245
1880	38.97	142.84	601
1881	41.33	153.43	653
1882	35.20	134.20	877
1883	30.62	153.57	1114
1884	34.57	166.83	942
1885	31.30	169.67	893
1886	32.82	183.97	871
1887	39.60	171.88	870
1888	41.39	180.99	1494
1889	48.96	221 1/4	2495

* Herewith returned

From which it is seen that the average daily in 1875/76 was 101 in 1889 it was 270.

The operation register for outpatients is only available since 1878, for that year the number of operations was 442 whereas for 1889 it was 2495.

The only assistant the Resident Surgeon has ever had, except an occasional doing duty apothecary, has been the Senior apothecary, whose time is largely taken up with other duties. Years ago when the numbers were small the work was only with difficulty accomplished, but now with over twice the number of patients and six times the number of operations, the work becomes an impossibility. The other four apothecaries are for inpatient work and of course are never available for work in the outpatient room.

The Resident Surgeon has been for months past working till 11 or 12 o'clock from 7 a.m. trying to get over the work, and now finds he cannot keep it up.

When the outpatient room was opened it was intended to see patients only between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m. but owing to the utterly inadequate assistance no Resident Surgeon who has made it a point to have all

the patients properly looked after has ever been able to leave the outpatient room before 10.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
A Porter M.D.F.R.C.
Brigade Surgeon
Levinshed Office

No 449

Memo

For orders

4 June
7 JuneSanction scale for necessary
proposition statementUio
10 June

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Order 14 June 1901 No 433.

The entertainment of per-
manent apothecary for the out-
patient ward of the general Hospital
is sanctioned. A proposition
statement in the prescribed
form ^{should} be submitted to
Govt. in the Civil Dept.
(From orders)

13 June

AB
14/6.

To The Surgeon Genl
a. Hutt
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Chief Secretary to Govt

Public Department

with acknowledgement this

Reference on No: 1222 of

the 14th inst: the Enclosure

of which is herewith

returned as requested.

The statistics furnished

by the Senior Med Officer

fully establish the necessity

for the addition of a permanent

hand to the sanctioned

staff.

W. H. Fisher M.D.

Surgeon General

with Govt. Madras

Encl. 29 May 1890.

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18 No. MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No. 1222

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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Surgeon General with Govt.
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Furnishing statistics
showing how the work has
increased so considerably
from the Genl. Hospital
& requires the addition
of a permanent apothecary
to the sanitary staff.