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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 11th June 1890, Nos. 423, 424, Public.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the Surgeon-General's report regarding the working of the new diet scales in Presidency Hospitals.

READ—also the following papers:—

From W. F. DEFABECK, Esq., M.D., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 26th January 1891, No. 65.

As promised in Surgeon-General Bidie's letter, No. 306, of 3rd April 1890, recorded in G.O., Nos. 423 and 424, of 11th June 1890, I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a statement showing the financial results of the working of the new scale of diets sanctioned as an experimental measure for the Presidency hospitals in G.O., No. 1, of 1st January 1889, and also an epitome of the reports submitted by the officers in charge of these institutions.

2. The delay in the submission of this report was owing to the Medical officers having taken time to consider the matter of purchasing and storing grains, &c., in large quantities when cheap, and also to the want of a uniform statement from all the hospitals.

3. I have ordered the Superintendent of the Leper Hospital to place the native patients immediately on the old scale of diets, and recommend his proposals as per enclosed copy of his letter for the favourable consideration of Government. The Medical officer in charge of the Women and Children's Hospital has been ordered to revise the new scale of "Full diet."

4. It is observed from all the reports of the Medical officers that the new scale affords general satisfaction with a very few exceptions, and that while the cost has been a little more than in the previous year in some hospitals, it has been less in others.

5. With reference to paragraph 2 of the order of Government, most of the Medical officers attached to the Presidency hospitals are against any change in the present system of obtaining supplies by contract, and I quite concur with them.

6. If the suggested system of purveyance takes place, the cost to Government would be more, while the evils complained of would become greater. In other words, if the change proposed is adopted, in my opinion the desired object—viz., substantial reduction in cost—will not be effected, and greater facilities will be afforded for evil practices on the part of the subordinate hospital staff by placing before them temptations to which under the contract system they are not exposed.

7. Under the present contract system the hospitals could always calculate on a supply of fresh materials daily. They have the power to receive or reject and at the same time to insist on fresh supplies from the contractor, whereas, on the other hand, the course suggested by Government—viz., buying in bulk at times when articles are cheap—would not ensure the daily supply of fresh materials, as articles such as potatoes, rice, &c., are liable to deterioration, and the purchase of a large supply, even at a cheap rate, would in the long run result in a loss.

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8. Again, the proposed system would necessarily require an extra establishment such as storekeepers, weighers, cleaners, &c. All these subordinates will require close watching, and if the stewards are required to supervise the stores and its extra establishment and to purchase materials at the local markets, they will be necessarily drawn away from their legitimate work at serious inconvenience to the hospital.

9. Further, it is very doubtful if the purveying system in Madras would be cheaper than the contract system, as Madras is a large sea-port town receiving its food supplies from all parts of India, and as the demand in the city is always steady, the prices of food supplies do not fluctuate much all the year round.

10. After a careful consideration of the whole matter, I am decidedly of opinion that the present system is the most satisfactory one that could be adopted.

11. The Superintendents of the three Lunatic Asylums where the system of purchasing and storing grains, &c., in large quantities as per G.O., No. 1307, of 30th July 1889, is in vogue, have given their opinion that the system causes a good deal of wastage and loss.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the financial result of the new scale of diets as per G.O., Nos. 423 and 424, of 11th June 1890.

Hospitals.	Number of diets.		Cost of diets and extras.				Average cost of diet.			
	1888-89.	1889-90.	1888-89.		1889-90.		1888-89.		1889-90.	
Ophthalmic Hospital ..	18,153	18,550	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.	RS.	A. P.
Voluntary Venereal Hospital ..	15,375	17,013	5,238	8 2	5,272	0 10	0 4 7	0 4 6	0 4 6	0 4 6
Leper Hospital ..	48,104	57,160	2,596	12 3	3,609	1 2	0 2 8	0 3 4	0 3 4	0 3 4
Women and Children's Hospital ..	38,000	38,800	11,254	3 9	16,167	15 6	0 3 9	0 4 6	0 4 6	0 4 6
Lying-in Hospital ..	17,904	17,268	12,543	8 2	13,195	2 8	0 5 3	0 5 6	0 5 6	0 5 6
General Hospital ..	78,571	75,846	4,690	3 8	4,511	5 4	0 4 2	0 4 2	0 4 2	0 4 2
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EPITOME of Reports by Officers in charge.

Ophthalmic Hospital.—The average cost per diet under the new scale for the year 1889-90 was half-a-pie less than in the previous year; the Superintendent, therefore, strongly urges the continuance of the present scale, as being more suitable and economical.

Voluntary Venereal Hospital.—The new scale has given satisfaction; the average cost of a diet was Annas 2-8 in 1888-89 and Annas 3-4 in 1889-90. The increase is due to the admission into hospital only when in an advanced stage of disease.

Leper Hospital.—The average cost of a diet was Annas 3-9 in 1888-89 and Annas 4-6 in 1889-90, so the Medical officer has been advised to place the native patients on the old scale of diets, which is in force now. The increase is due to the patients getting more costly articles of diet than they had under the old scale.

Women and Children's Hospital.—The average cost of a diet was Annas 5-3 in 1888-89 and Annas 5-5 in 1889-90. The slight increase of 2 pies per diet was owing to certain ingredients which form a "full diet" being dearer than the old scale, so its revision has been ordered.

Lying-in Hospital.—The average cost of a diet was the same for both years. The new scale has worked well with the exception of "full diet" for Natives, the old scale is more suitable.

General Hospital.—The average cost of diet was Annas 6-2 in 1888-89 and Annas 5-5 in 1889-90, and the new scale has worked very beneficially.

Reference, dated 13th March 1891.

With reference to paragraph 11 of his letter, No. 65, dated 26th January 1891, the Surgeon-General is requested to forward the reports of the Superintendents of the three Lunatic Asylums on the system of purchasing and storing grains, &c., in large quantities referred to therein.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General with Government.

From W. F. DEFABECK, Esq., M.D., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nungambakum, 21st March 1891, No. 235.

With reference to your reference, No. 253, of 13th March 1891, I have the honour to forward copies of reports from the Superintendents of the three Lunatic Asylums therein called for.

2. It will be seen from the Calicut and Waltair reports that both of them apprehend considerable wastage.

3. As regards the Madras Asylum, it appears from the report that he has been purchasing articles weekly on account of want of accommodation, instead of storing them in large quantities as directed by Government, and hence he is not, he states, able to give a definite opinion as to wastage, but it is obvious from the reports that the storage of grains in large quantities must necessarily result in considerable loss.

ENCLOSURES.

From Surgeon-Major H. D. COOK, M.B., Superintendent, Government Leper Hospital, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated Madras, 28th October 1890, No. 170.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 4804, dated 7th August 1890, directing me to revert to the old scale of diets for natives, I have the honour to state that the old scale of diets for natives comprises only 3 diets, viz., "Full," "Reduced," and "Spoon." Of these, the full is given to the majority of patients who are in a pretty healthy condition, the reduced is given to children only, and the spoon to the sick. As the spoon contains nothing but 10 oz. of rice and a little pepper-water, I am obliged always to give extras; and to avoid this practice, which is expensive, I suggest the following diet, which might be named "Milk," and request you will be good enough to sanction it:—

Milk.

Bread ..	4 oz.	Curry powder ..	1 oz.
Coffee ..	1 pint.	Ghee ..	1 "
Milk ..	1 "	Tamarind ..	1 "
Rice ..	8 oz.	Salt ..	1 "
Mutton ..	4 "	Onions ..	1 "

As regards the "Full," I request your sanction to introduce 12 drs. of curry powder in place of 13½ drs. of chillies, coriander, garlic, turmeric, pepper, mustard, cummin seed and vendium, which are differently shown in the present scale. The formulae of curry powder now under use in the Presidency hospitals being not suitable for this hospital, I recommend the following formulae for your approval:—

For every one pound of curry powder.

Chillies ..	6 oz.	Pepper ..	1 1/2 oz.
Coriander ..	4	Mustard ..	0 1/2
Turmeric ..	2	Vendium ..	0 1/2
Garlic ..	1 1/2	Cummin-seed ..	0 1/2

In the evening according to the present scale the patients get only rice and pepper-water, with which they are not satisfied, and therefore request that 2 oz. of vegetable be added to the diet, that it may serve as curry for their evening meal.

This is required only on mutton days, and the expense, too, is very trifling.

From Surgeon-Major L. BEBOH, Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Calicut, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated Calicut, 30th September 1890, No. 278.

I have the honour to report that the rice I have in store is infested with insects in spite of all possible care taken for its preservation. It has, from long keeping in store, become mouldy, and a greater quantity than hitherto is being lost in cleaning. The wastage is increased from 4 or 5 lb. in an average to 15 or 20 lb. on each bag. I anticipated this, and reported in my letter, No. 241, dated 7th November 1889, the inadvisability of storing large quantities. But agreeably to G.O., No. 1307, dated 30th July 1889, I was obliged to store large quantities.

The consumption in number of bags and value will in consequence of the damage be increased in monthly expenditure as long as the present stock (43 bags) is remaining in store.

From Surgeon-Major H. ARMSTRONG, Superintendent, Government Lunatic Asylum, Madras, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated Madras, 9th October 1890, No. 877.

Has the honour to state that, as there are no rooms of sufficient capacity in the asylum available for storing large quantities of grain, &c., the articles were purchased weekly. Since it was begun to purchase grain, &c., departmentally, the bazaar rates of the articles have risen considerably owing to the season being a bad one for crops, and hence there was only a saving of Rs. 178 in the last six months, as compared with the expenditure for the corresponding period last year. No opinion can, therefore, at present be formed on this subject, as large quantities of grain have not been purchased here.

From Surgeon-Major A. J. STURMER, Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Waltair, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated Waltair, 15th October 1890, No. 146.

With reference to your docket, No. 6210, of the 4th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the only article that is purchased for a whole year's supply is tamarind, and I have found so far no deterioration in the quality.

2. The largest quantity of rice purchased at one time was five garce of paddy, and I believe there was wastage owing to insects getting at it through the gunny; with all that, it is at least 1 pie per lb. cheaper than the contract rate. There is no proper under-ground cellars or house built on a platform to keep paddy in.

3. I believe, if I kept all the articles of food required, there would be a considerable loss. It is as much as I can do with the small number of insanes available to get the daily quantity of rice required properly pounded, husked and sifted.

ORDER—dated 22nd May 1891, No. 402, Public.

His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the results of the experimental working of the new scale of diets, as detailed in the first of the letters read above, are very unsatisfactory, and that the facts now brought to light confirm the conclusion arrived at in paragraph 2 of G.O., dated 11th June 1890, No. 423, that until the daily contract system is abandoned, no substantial reduction in cost will be effected. From the reports of the three Lunatic Asylums read above, in which it is stated that an attempt has been made at purchasing and storing grain in large quantities, it is apparent that the system has not been given a fair trial. At Calicut, sufficient care does not appear to have been taken of the rice. In the case of the Lunatic Asylum at Madras, the purchases were made weekly, but in spite of this fact and a rise in prices, a saving of Rs. 178 is acknowledged by the Superintendent to have been effected; whilst at Waltair, notwithstanding that the experiment was a small one and that the grain was attacked by insects, the Superintendent reports that he saved no less than 1 pie per lb.

2. Under these circumstances, the Government is unable to accept the conclusions arrived at by the Surgeon-General in the latter portion of his first letter read above, and directs that the daily contract system be discontinued with the least possible delay in Government Hospitals and Lunatic Asylums, and that everything excepting perishable articles be purchased in bulk and issued as required. For the daily supply at fixed rates of the quantities required of such articles as fresh meat or fish, milk, sorts, oil and condiments should be purchased by tender in bulk, stored, and issued by the officers of the hospitals and asylums, on their own responsibility. The tenders should be adjudicated on by the principal officer in charge of each institution, subject to the control of the Surgeon-General, and purchases should in all cases be made by, and on the responsibility of, the heads of the several institutions. Under this system the subordinates of the institutions should not be exposed to the temptations alluded to in paragraph 7 of the Surgeon-General's first letter.

3. To carry out the scheme enumerated in the foregoing paragraph, store-rooms will be required in the several institutions and the entertainment of a responsible store-keeper in each will be necessary. The Surgeon-General will accordingly formulate and submit to Government, at an early date, proposals showing the cost of these. That officer will also be requested to draw up a set of rules in connection with the subject for the guidance of those concerned, and to forward the same for the approval of Government.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General with Government.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 22nd May 1891, No. 403, Public.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department, in continuation of endorsement, No. 424, dated 11th June 1890.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of Madras.
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G.O., &c., 22nd May 1891,
Nos. 402, 403.

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Diet Scales in the Presidency Hospitals.

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(From Orders).

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 11. June 1890, No. 423/4.

Again G.O., dated 18, No.

Current No. 253 of 1891, dated 26 Jan from The Surgeon General

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Current No. 865 of 1891, dated 21 March Do.

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His Excellency agrees that
the reports of the Sanitary Officers
should be called for & then
mentioned when brought up again.
When it does come up again
his Excellency wishes the exact
nature of the mistake

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WITH REMARKS.

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Public (1891) DEPARTMENT

From

THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Fort St. George.

No. 65

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Subject.

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trade. recommended the proposal
of that officer in his letter No. 170
of 24th Feb, 1890, which was
enclosed to the General Manager
in the forward letter of 2nd March 1890.
The proposed route is the
direction of a new road called "Little"
is place of the "Span Dist." and
affair trifling changes in the
"Full Dist."

FOR ORDERS.

I have had a good deal of experience in the management of hospitals - especially in England, and there the system is excellent of sending tenders for all articles required during the year - for goods to be supplied for 3 - 6 - or 12 months. The contractor who get the contracts deliver ^{as they go on} according to all that is required is a storekeeper to check & weigh the goods as delivered into the establishment. ^{The cost of} This storekeeper and the expense of advertising ^{and for} is all the outlay necessary. I do not see why this system should not be adopted in India. It is very simple - and there should be no picknaps anywhere. There is no room, under this system, any institution may not fill its cellars or godowns with any particular article that happens at any moment to be particularly cheap - to store it. All that is done is to kind tenders for such or such an article, and the price being agreed on, the article can be obtained in any quantity, and delivered if thought advisable immediately, - though ordinarily the successful tenderer agrees to deliver it at such periods as the management call upon him to do so.

h.B. of course samples are sent in - & kept, and delivery must be up to sample, except of course in the case of heat - hysterics etc. but here then one has to be

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It is submitted that the reports now forwarded by the Surgeon General do not furnish sufficient ground to condemn the purveying system. This system does not appear to have given a fair trial and it is submitted for consideration whether it would be advisable to order its adoption in of the Regiments - e. g. Waller's - as an experiment, the Surgeon General being directed to furnish a report on the trial at the end of six months.

It is submitted that the system of transportation by storing in large quantities has not been fairly tried, it will not be until Fort Belvoir is put down as it did in the matter of the supplies in Fair.

The system which is a degree of improvement on the "stationary" of the old system of it has been practically swept away altogether.

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C. No. 865.

From The Surgeon General.

Dated 21st March 1891.FOR ORDERS.

As directed by Honorable

Members in the Notes on C. No. 853,

the Surgeon General was directed.

Reference of 13th March 1891 to forward

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With reference to the Note from the Private Secretary contained in the file it is submitted that under the system ^(a) at present existing to which exception has been taken by Govt, the contract for the supply of articles is ^{somewhat} in the form of a rate per diet, each ingredient being supplied day by ~~day~~ ^{day} at a certain rate and the supplies being made by contractors ~~at~~ in small quantities. Under the system ^(b) of furnishing in bulk articles are supplied in large quantities and not at fixed rates.

Median
1 game = 9,256 1/2 lbs

If we are going to insist on the
inclusion in bulk of all articles
required for hospitals & similar
we have except parish hall articles
it is ~~clear~~ ^{obvious} we must define what are
parish hall articles. Clearly
most articles of food are so, such
as meat, bread, milk, poultry,
cheese, & probably eggs & chocolate.
Salt, tinned goods, chutney, onion
& spices are not so, & any apparatus
except such as can be
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can be worked satisfactorily in
respect of these articles which
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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

WITH THE GOVERNMENT
Wm. Buchanan 27th March 1891
Fort St. George

No. 235

from

THE SURGEON-GENERAL, WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

~~PORT ST. GEORGE.~~

THE *Chief Secretary to Government,*
Public Department.

SIR,

With reference to your reference No 253 of 13th March 1871 I have the honor to forward copies of reports from the Superintendents of the three Lunatic Asylums therein called for.

2. It will be seen from the Calicut and Waltair reports that both of them apprehend considerable wastage.

3. As regards the Madras Asylum it appears from the report that he has been purchasing articles weekly on account of want of accommodation instead of storing them in large quantities as directed by Government and hence he is not able to give a definite opinion as to wastage but it is obvious from the reports that the storage of grains in small quantities must necessarily result in considerable loss.

have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant,

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From
THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Fort St. George,

No. 235

Dated 21st March
Received 1891.

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Submits with remarks
Copies of reports from the Superintendents
of the three Lunatic Asylums
regarding the storage of grain.

Current

Government Leprosy Hospital
Madras 28th October 1890.

No. 170

From
Surgeon Major W.D. Cook M.B.
Superintendent, Govt. Leprosy Hospital

To,

The Secretary to Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras
Fort Saint George.
Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 4594
dated 7th August 1890 directing me to revert to
the old scale of diets for natives I have the honor
to state that the old scale of diets for natives
comprises only 3 diets viz Full Reduced and
Spoon. Of these the full is given to the majority
of patients who are in a pretty healthy condition,
the Reduced is given to Children only and the
Spoon to the sick. As the spoon contains nothing
but 10 oz of rice and a little pepper water, I am
obliged always to give extras and to avoid this
practice which is expensive I suggest the following
diet which might be named "Milk" and request
you will be good enough to sanction it.

Milk	1 pint	Curry powder	1/4 oz
		Ghee	1/2
		Sambar	1/2
			1/4

As regards the "Full" I request your sanction to introduce 12 drs. of Curry powder in place of $13\frac{3}{4}$ drs of Chillies, Coriander, Garlic, Sumnerie, Pepper, Mustard, Cumin seed and Vindian, which are differently shown in the present scale. The formulae of curry powder now under use in the Presidency Hospitals being not suitable for this Hospital I recommend the following formulae for your approval.

Chillies	6 oz.	Pepper	1 lb.	For every one pound of Curry powder.
Coriander	4 "	Mustard	7 1/2 "	
Sumnerie	2 "	Vindian	1/2 "	
Garlic	1 3/4 "	Cumin seed	1/2 "	

In the evening according to the present scale the patients get only rice and pepper water with which they are not satisfied and therefore request that 2 oz. of vegetable be added to the diet that it may serve as curry for their evening meal.

This is required only on mutton days and the expense too is very trifling.

I have &c

(Sd) A. D. Cook M.B.

Surgeon Major

Supdt. Govt. Disp. Hosp.

(Enc Copy)

W. J. P. S. M. D.
Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras.

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Lunatic Asylum

Calcut. 30th Sept. 1890

N^o 278

From

The Superintendent

Lunatic Asylum

Calcut.

To,

The Secretary Surgeon General

with the Govt. of Madras.

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the rice I have in store is infested with insects in spite of all possible care taken for its preservation. It has from long keeping in store become mouldy and a greater quantity than hitherto is being lost in cleaning.

The wastage is increased from 4 or 5 lbs in an average to 15 or 20 lbs on each bag.

I anticipated this evil result and reported in my letter N^o 241 dated 7th November 1889.

The inadvisability of laying in a large supply. But agreeably to G.O. N^o 1017 dated 30th July 1889 I was obliged to store up

the supply.

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Chief Surgeon General
to the Govt. of Madras.
Fort Saint George

877 89 October 1890

Revised:

Yours truly

No 6209 of 4th August.

Subject

Has the honor to state that as there are no rooms of sufficient capacity in the asylum available for storing large quantities of grain &c, the articles were purchased weekly. Since it was begun to purchase grain &c departmentally, the bazaars rates of the articles have risen considerably owing to the season being bad one for crops and hence there was only a saving of Rs 170 in the last six months as compared with the expenditure of Rs 1000 during period last year. No other arrangements can at present be formed.

on this subject, as large quantities of grain have not been purchased here.

(S2) H. Munsting
Surgeon Major
Supdt. Govt. Lunatic Asylum

/ True copy /

J. F. M. Jackson
Surgeon General with the
Govt. of Madras.

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Public Dept.

Response. 27/3 March 1891

With reference to para 11 of
his letter No. 65 of 26th Jan 91
The Surgeon General is requested
to forward the reports of the Supdt.
of the Govt. Lunatic Asylum
on the system of purchasing and
storing grain in large quantities
referred to therein.

(From Orders)

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Lt. Col. G. M. G. M. G.

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