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Civil Hospitals & dis-
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Reviewing the report
on — for the
year 1891 —

Office of Surgeon-General

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 15th August 1892.

No. *0/22*

From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

Madras,
THE Chief Secy: to Government
Public Department,

SIR,

CHIEF SECRETARY
15 AUG 92
MADRAS

I have the honor to submit to the Right Honorable the Governor-in-Council two copies of the Annual Report for 1891 on Civil Hospitals worked under Dispensary rules.

I regret that I have not been able to submit the Report in time although all possible efforts were made for its early completion by two Medical Subordinates being temporarily attached to the office to assist the Statistical Department and the whole staff working under the personal supervision of my Secretary.

Unlike other Provinces the number of Institutions at work in this Presidency is exceedingly great, and the Districts being more extensive, it takes a much longer time here to get back a return corrected. This difficulty

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is felt more particularly in the case of
Northern Districts.

I may also point out that simul-
taneously with, or rather previously to, the
submission of this report, I have to sub-
mit other Reports which also engage
the attention of this Department.

Under these circumstances, to
meet the wishes of Government in respect
to the submission of this Report, at an earlier
date it will be necessary to strengthen the
Statistical Department in this office,
and, as recently the work of checking the
foul Returns has also been delegated
to this office I shall shortly address
Government on the subject of an
increase to the office Establishment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servant.

W. F. de Beuckelaer.

S. M. Genl.

Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras

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Public (1892) DEPARTMENT.

From

THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

~~Madras,~~

Cotacamund.

No. 922

Dated 15th } August 1892.
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Encs: 2. No.

Subject.

*Submits two copies of the
Annual Report for 1891 on
Civil Hospitals worked under
dispensary rules.*

Public Department

C. No. 2187.
Order, 1st September 1892, No. 610.

The Surgeon General submits his
report on ~~and statistics regarding~~ Civil
hospitals and dispensaries worked under
the dispensary rules for the year 1891.
Notwithstanding the instructions in para
1 of G.O.d/ 7-9-91, No. 763, the report ~~was~~
~~submitted to~~ Government nearly two months
after the date on which it was due viz
the 25th June. A reference to the orders
marginally noted shows that on the last
two occasions the report was two months
behind time. The Surgeon General's ex-
planation that much time is occupied in
getting back returns which have had to be
retransmitted for correction cannot be
accepted as satisfactory. The ~~returns~~ ^{forms & files in} are

* G.O.d/ 12-5-91, No. 576.
* G.O.d/ 15-4-90, No. 700.
* G.O.d/ 7-9-91, No. 763.

*Govt in G.O. No. 763 Dtd 5/9/91
1891 specially directed that
every endeavour should be made
to submit the report by the date
fixed and if ^{any} ~~any~~ arrangement
had been made there can be no
doubt that the report ^{might} ~~could~~ have
been prepared ^{much earlier} ~~long before~~.*

*The S.G. will state what steps
were taken by him on the receipt
of the G.O. quoted above
to ensure punctuality and
consistency in the submission
of the reports & returns of the
various Med. Officers.*

*It is observed that although in No.
last Govt. Department on the ground
that the necessary ^{forms} had not been made out
referred to sanction the employment of a temporary clerk
to assist in the preparation of the report, two medical
subordinates were placed in ^{charge} ~~charge~~ for this purpose.
The S.G. will explain why this was not done. The measures referred to by Govt.*

severe notice was taken of carelessness
in their preparation or submission it is
most probable that it would not be re-
peated. In regard to the work of com-
pilation in the Surgeon General's office
in connection with the report now before

3. The report for 1891 ^{being} is the tri-
-ennial one for the period 1888-1891
and is ~~consequently~~ fuller than those
for 1889 and 1890. ^AAs directed in para
G of G.O.d/ 18-X-90, No. 700, it ⁱⁿ compares
the state of affairs at the end of the
years 1888 and 1891, ^Tand the advances
made during that period ^{all} can be readily
seen from the following statement which
has been prepared from the figures
furnished ~~in it.~~ by the Surgeon
General:-

N. Arcot.
S. Arcot.
Coimbatore.
Godaveri.
Gonjam.
Malabar.

and is evidence of a steady increasing
appreciation of the benefits of medical
^{treatment} ~~treatment~~ ^{on} ~~in~~ European methods

	1887.	1888.
1887.	21,560	15,430
1888.		

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and the desirability of the present introduction
of the "result" system.

3. The increase in the number of institutions is ~~529~~ ⁽⁵²⁹⁾ and of sick treated (529,200) is ~~10~~ ¹⁰ satisfactory, and ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~advance~~ ^{advance} made under ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~present~~ ^{present} ~~arrangement~~ ^{arrangement} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~adequate~~ ^{adequate} ~~proportion~~ ^{proportion} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~population~~ ^{population}. It appears, however, from the statement at page 4 that the medical relief provided in six districts is ~~not~~ ^{not} in adequate proportion to the population. The subject will be brought to the notice of the L & M Department. The advance of 529,200 in the number of sick treated is evidence of the necessity that existed for additional medical institutions. The statement of cases of principal diseases treated during 1888 and 1891 at page 7 exhibits large increases in nearly all diseases. The ~~large increase in the number of cases of~~ ^{large increase in the number of cases of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~large~~ ^{large} ~~decrease~~ ^{decrease} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~diseases~~ ^{diseases} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~lungs~~ ^{lungs} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~satisfactory~~ ^{satisfactory}. It is attributed to the ~~reason~~ ^{reason} ~~having~~ ^{having} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~a~~ ^a ~~mild~~ ^{mild} ~~year~~ ^{year}.
4. The Govt. is pleased to observe the advance made in the number of midwives employed and in the cases attended by the ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~remark~~ ^{remark} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~regard~~ ^{regard} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~their~~ ^{their} ~~payment~~ ^{payment} ~~made~~ ^{made} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Surgeon~~ ^{Surgeon} ~~General~~ ^{General} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~end~~ ^{end} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~year~~ ^{year} ~~1891~~ ¹⁸⁹¹ ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~adequate~~ ^{adequate} ~~proportion~~ ^{proportion} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~population~~ ^{population}. The continued increase in the number of surgical operations will be brought to the notice of the Govt. of India with reference to para 3 of G.O.d/ 7-9-91, No. 762.
5. The details given under "Adminis-

tration show that in nearly all dis-
 tricts ^{of epidemics} outbreaks of a
 severe nature had to be contended with,
 and the higher percentage of mortality ^{among}
 among inpatients, is ^{largely} ^{attributable} due to

that cause. The remark that vaccination
 was very lax in the Godavari District
 will be communicated to the L & M dept.
 with reference to G.O.d/6-8-92, No. 1790

6. With ^{advice} ~~reference~~ to the Surgeon
 General's remarks under the heading
 "Agents in charge" it is observed that
 the question of the supply of Medical
 Officers for Civil employ ^{ment} is receiving
^{attention} ~~attention~~ the
 Surgeon General may desire to make in
 the matter mentioned in the concluding
 portion of the paragraph regarding
 "Subordinates" should form the subject
 of a separate communication.

7. The financial statements at page 18
 of the report show a satisfactory de-
 crease in the percentage of total cost
 which is defrayed by Govt. It is to be
 regretted that the donations from the
 public amounted to only Rs. 37,187
 against Rs. 30,917 in 1888. Of the former
 sum no less than Rs. 4661 was given to
 the hospital at Ootacamund. Under ex-
 penditure the most ^{notable} ~~striking~~ item is

1888	7.91
1891	9.51

Note

301
 118
 2281
 681

- (a) = charge allowance of Rs. 30.
- (b) = " " " " " " 25
- (c) = " " " " " " 15
- (d) = " " " " " " 10
- (e) = " " " " " " 5
- (f) = no charge allowance.

		Rs.
Vizagapatam	P.	6104 - 5 - 4
Rajahmundry	M.	500 - " - "
Jeypore	P.	498 - 4 - 3
Cochin	M.	350 - " - "
Ootacamund	P.	240 - 8 - 8
Guntur	M.	61 - 2 - 0
Anantapur	M.	6 - 9 - 0

the increase of Rs. 74,671 in the cost of
 establishments, rendered necessary by the
 opening of ^{enhanced pay} new institutions and ~~promotions~~ earned by
 medical subordinates.

8. Of the statistical returns, Statement
 V ^{is} ~~is~~ prepared for the first time in the
 form ~~is~~ prescribed by the Govt. of India
 in G.O.d/ 19-2-92, No. 121. The instructions
 conveyed in G.O.d/ 10-9-91, No. 775, appear
 to have received ^{due} ~~careful~~ attention. The
 year in which each institution was opened
 has not been shown, but it is noted that
 this information will, if possible, be given
~~in~~ next year. The letters L., M. or P
 might with advantage be repeated in Part
 I (Expenditure). It was ~~ordered~~ that the
 various rates of charge allowances should
 be specified in foot notes. The inclusion
 of these amounts in column a as "Cash
 balance in hand" at the beginning of the
 year is incorrect and should not be re-
 peated. There are apparently five diffe-
 rent rates of charge allowance; they might

in future be indicated as shown in the
^{the particular letter being entered after the name of}
~~margin, and explanation afforded in a foot~~
 note at the bottom of each page. Column ~~27~~
^{Statement}
 of V, Part I, and Part II show that only
 seven institutions invested money during
 the year. Of these Vizagapatam withdrew
 deposits amounting to Rs. 6023 & Jeypore
 Rs. 1089. Perambalur ^{sold securities for} ~~withdrew~~ Rs. 1328 and

received Rs.74 as interest, but in-
vested nothing. '1892' in column
5 should be '1891'. The necessity for
this column is not apparent, although
the peculiar amounts shown as invest-
ments effected during the year give
rise to a doubt whether the whole or
some portion of them was not actually
in hand at the close of the year. The
foot note on page 101 regarding the
Black Town Dispensary, North Side, is
not understood & should be explained.

Statistics regarding the two Mission
Dispensaries ~~not available~~ are
reported to be 'not available'. The
Surgeon General should endeavour to
obtain them in future in order to make
the return as complete as possible. The

foot note on page 105 regarding the
apothecary at Gudalur ~~should refer to~~ ^{is understood} ~~to be a clerical error for~~ ^{appears}
'Wynaad' not 'Wann' allowance."

9. With these remarks the report and
statistics will be forwarded to the
Govt. of India.

Note

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Madras .- Black Town Medical
Mission — Misn
Dindigul.- — Misn

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- Surgeon General. 5
- Sanitary Commissioner. 5
- L & M Department. 5
- Revenue Department. 7
- Military .. 6
- Financial .. 1
- Accountant General. 6
- Inspector General of Police. 6
- Superintendent Govt. Press. 3
- Examiner of Medical Accounts. 6

20B.
12/9/92

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Endorsement.- No. 611.
Copy to the Govt. of India
Home Dept, with copies of the report
and statistics.

Dispensaries Report.

How. Sir H. E. Stokes K.C.S.I.
How. Mr. Garstin C.S.I.

Y.C.
Madras.

*Please call for proof
 and correct accordingly.
 There is no time to send
 a proof up here. Please
 double the copies of the
 report. Please send to
 J.N.B. Section
 1/9/92*

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1st SEPTEMBER 1892, Nos. 610, 611, PUBLIC.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated Ootacamund, 15th August 1892, No. 22-O.

ABSTRACT.—Submits copies of the Annual Report for 1891 on Civil Hospitals worked under dispensary rules.

ORDER—dated 1st September 1892, No. 610, Public.

The Surgeon-General submits, with the statistics relating thereto, his report on civil hospitals and dispensaries worked under the dispensary rules for the year 1891. Notwithstanding the instructions in paragraph 1 of G.O., dated 7th September 1891, No. 762, the report reached Government nearly two months after the date on which it was due, viz., the 25th June. The Surgeon-General's explanation of this great delay cannot be accepted as satisfactory. Government, in G.O., Nos. 762, 763, Public, dated 7th September 1891, specially directed that every endeavour should be made to submit the report by the proper date, and, if due arrangements had been made, there can be no doubt that the report might have been prepared much earlier. The forms to be filled in are simple, and if the accounts are correctly kept up to date during the year, there should be no difficulty in submitting accurate returns shortly after the close of the period to which they relate. The Surgeon-General will state what steps were taken by him on the receipt of the Government order quoted above to ensure punctuality and correctness in the submission of the reports and returns of the various medical officers. It is observed that, although in November last, Government, on the ground that the necessity had not been made out, refused to sanction the employment of a temporary clerk to assist in the preparation of the report, two medical subordinates were placed on special duty for this purpose. The Surgeon-General will explain why this was done without the previous approval of Government.

2. The report for 1891, being the triennial one for the period 1888-1891, is fuller than those for 1889 and 1890. As directed in paragraph 6 of G.O., dated 18th October 1890, No. 700, it compares the state of affairs at the end of the years 1888 and 1891. The advances made during that period will be seen from the following statement, which has been prepared from the figures furnished by the Surgeon-General:—

Year.	No. of institutions.	No. of in-patients.	No. of out-patients.	No. of beds main- tained.	Daily average of both in and out patients.	Midwives.		Surgical opera- tions.		Receipts.	Expen- diture.	Percentage of total expenditure de- frayed by Govern- ment.
						No.	Cases at- tended.	Major.	Minor.			
1888 ..	301	31,490	2,182,723	2,667	10,193	157	6,086	3,075	64,760	7,07,700	0,99,008	11.76
1891 ..	414	37,243	2,706,176	2,913	10,311	208	11,703	3,646	89,793	8,36,560	8,27,899	8.04

3. The increase in the number of institutions (53) and of sick treated (529,200) is satisfactory and is evidence of a steady increasing appreciation of the benefit of medical treatment on European methods. From the statement at page 4 of the report,

North Arcot.	Godavari.
South Arcot.	Ganjam.
Coimbatore.	Malabar.

however, it would seem that the medical relief provided in the six districts marginally noted is hardly in adequate proportion to the population. The subject will be considered in the Local and Municipal Department.

4. The Government is pleased to observe the advance made in the number of midwives employed and in the cases attended by them. It is observed, however, that the Lady Dufferin Fund scheme has had nothing to do with the increase of the employment of midwives. The remarks in regard to the mode of paying them, and the desirability of the general introduction of the result system, made by the Surgeon-General at the end of paragraph 14 of the report, will be communicated to the Local and Municipal Department. The continued increase in the number of surgical operations will be brought to the notice of the Government of India with reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 7th September 1891, No. 762.

5. The details given under "Administration" show that in nearly all districts outbreaks of epidemics of a severe character had to be contended with; the higher percentage* of mortality observable among in-patients is largely attributable to that cause. The remark that vaccination was very lax in the Godavari district—which is, however, not borne out by the vaccination returns, which showed an increase of over 10,000 operations—will be communicated to the Local and Municipal Department.

6. With advertence to the Surgeon-General's remarks under the heading "Agents in charge," it is observed that the question of the supply of medical officers for civil employment is receiving attention. Any recommendation the Surgeon-General may desire to make in the matter mentioned in the concluding portion of the paragraph regarding "Subordinates" should form the subject of a separate communication.

7. The financial statements at page 18 of the report show a satisfactory decrease in the percentage of total cost of hospitals and dispensaries defrayed by Government. It is to be regretted that the donations from the public amounted to only Rs. 27,187 against Rs. 30,917 in 1888. Of the former sum, no less than Rs. 4,661 was given to the hospital at Ootacamund. Under expenditure, the most noticeable item is the increase of Rs. 74,671 in the cost of establishments, rendered necessary by the opening of new institutions and enhanced pay earned by medical subordinates.

8. Of the statistical returns, Statement V is prepared for the first time in the form prescribed by the Government of India in G.O., dated 19th February 1892, No. 121. The instructions conveyed in G.O., dated 10th September 1891, No. 775, appear to have received due attention. The year in which each institution was opened has not been shown, but it is noted that this information will, if possible, be given next year. The letters L, M, or P, might with advantage be repeated in Part I (Expenditure). It was ordered that the various rates of charge allowances should be specified in foot-notes. The inclusion of these amounts in column (a) as "Cash

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 (d) = " " " 10.
 (e) = " " " 5.
 (f) = No charge allowance.

balance in hand" at the beginning of the year is incorrect and should not be repeated. There are apparently 5 different rates of charge allowance; they might in future be indicated as shown in the margin,† the particular letter being entered after the name of each dispensary and explanation afforded in a foot-note at the bottom of

each page. Column (g) of Statement V, Part I, and Part II show that only seven institutions* invested money during the year. Of these, Vizagapatam withdrew

		RS.	A.	P.
* Vizagapatam P.	..	6,104	5	4
Rajahmundry M.	..	500	0	0
Jeypore P.	..	498	4	3
Cochin M.	..	250	0	0
Ootacamund P.	..	240	8	8
Guntur M.	..	61	2	0
Anantapur M.	..	6	9	0

deposits amounting to Rs. 6,023 and Jeypore Rs. 1,089. Perambalur sold securities for Rs. 1,328 and received Rs. 74 as interest, but invested nothing. "1892" in column 5 should be "1891." The necessity for this column is not apparent, although the peculiar amounts shown as investments effected during the year give rise to a doubt whether the whole or some portion of them was not actually in hand at the close of the year. The foot-note on page 101 regarding the Black Town Dispensary, North Side, is not understood and should be explained. Statistics regarding the two Mission dispensaries† are reported to be "not available." The Surgeon-General should endeavour to obtain them in future, in order to make the return as complete as possible. The foot-note on page 105 regarding the apothecary at Gúdalur appears to be a clerical error for "Wynaad allowance."

† Madras Black Town Medical Mission.
 Dindigul Mission.

9. With these remarks the report and statistics will be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
 Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
 „ Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ Local and Municipal Department.
 „ Revenue Department.
 „ Military „
 „ Financial „
 „ Accountant-General.
 „ Inspector-General of Police.
 „ Superintendent, Government Press.
 „ Examiner of Medical Accounts.

ENDORSEMENT—dated 1st September 1892, No. 611, Public.

Copy to the Government of India, Home Department, with copies of the report and statistics.

J. F. PRICE,
 Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of {1892} Madras.
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G.O., &c., 1st September 1892.
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SEPTEMBER.

Civil Hospitals and Dispensaries.

Reviewing the report on — for the year 1891.