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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Obtained 6th July 1893.

No. 8/221

From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL W. F. DEFABECK, M.P.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE

*Honorable the Chief Secretary to Govt.
Public Department*

SIR,

*I have the honor to report the
case of the Head Steward, General
Hospital Madras for the Orders of
Government.*

*2/ When Brigade Surgeon Lt. Col W. Price
took over charge of the General Hospital
he found the Stewards' Department
considerably in arrears - chiefly as regards
bills and payments connected with the
Establishment and paying patients. This
state of affairs was largely due to the
illness of the late Senior Medical Officer
Surgeon Major Ritchie. Dr. Price set at
once to place this matter on a proper footing
and found time among his other duties to
enter carefully into details of these arrears.
From the outset however he seems to
have been met with passive opposition*

on

for the Head Steward's part. The Medical Officer tried a regular system of fining him, but even though the aggregate fine in one month amounted to as much as \$20, I regret to say, there has been no improvement. On one occasion I felt compelled to direct Dr. Price to convey a warning (copy enclosed) to the Head Steward that this regular system of fining was incompatible with efficiency on his part and unless some reforms appeared, the matter should be reported for the orders of Government. This warning has had absolutely no effect.

3/ Recently I received a further complaint against the Head Steward from the acting Senior Medical Officer General Hospital in connection with the question of Hospital stoppages of the late Captain Carruthers and copies of the correspondence that ensued are herewith enclosed for the information of Government.

From the correspondence Government will see the great care which Dr. Price and Dr. Brown bestowed on the subject of moneys due to the Hospital; with this care however the Head Steward has been able to elude the Senior Medical Officer's vigilance on account of the irregularity

payments by patients and the of the Steward in reporting them to the Senior Medical Officer. The Senior Medical Officer is almost wholly dependent at the time on the Steward for these payments and it is not till a later date that omissions either to send bills to patients or to give the moneys collected to the Senior Medical Officer, are discovered, when it may be too late.

4/. As all warnings and fines have had no beneficial effect on the Head Steward and as his carelessness has been productive of loss to Government I considered it necessary to suspend him from duty pending a report of his case to Government and called upon him for any explanation he wished to offer regarding the several charges brought against him in the correspondence. He was written to so far back as the 12th May but the explanation was not received in

~~from~~ till the 7th June and it
herewith enclosed for the information
of Government. Since then the Senior
Medical Officer reported to me that
certain sums of money paid by the
parties named in the margin in
January 1893 were not accounted for
in the Hospital Books. The Head
Steward who was called upon to
explain this on the 11th June has now
submitted a letter of explanation -
herewith enclosed together with the
covering letter from the Senior Medical
Officer. This affords further proof
of the extreme carelessness and utter
unreliability of the Head Steward.

Mr James
Mr Cooper

5/ The General Hospital is a very
large institution and combined with
other work is the Senior Medical
Officers duties are it is impossible
without energetic clear headed
assistance in him to efficiently

~~carry~~ out his duties and in my
the present Head Steward is utterly in-
competent for his appointment. The
Explanation for the several charges
submitted by him does not in any way
improve his case. If he was really
overworked or required any assistance,
he should have brought the same to my
notice through the Senior Medical Officer,
but this did not justify his neglecting
the most important part of his duties
and thereby subjecting Government to
pecuniary loss.

6/ The Senior Medical Officer
informs me he has got a better and
abler man - the present Assistant
Steward - and I recommend that the
present Head Steward Mr. J. M. McKers
be required to resign his appointment.

N^o 347 of
29th June/93

7/ The enclosed Correspondence

and then returned from the Union Hotel
officer gives another instruction.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

S. H. F. F. F. F. F. F. F.

Mr Surgeon General with the
Books of Maps &c.

CIVIL NO.
Public (1893) DEPARTMENT.

From

SURG. MAJOR-GEN. W. F. DEFAECK, M.D.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. 9221.

Dated

Reed.

Recd for Regy 7

No.



Subject.

Recommending for
the consideration and Orders
of Govt. that Mr. McKenna
the Head Steward of the
General Hospital has
resigned & resign his
appointment on account
of his inefficiency and
carelessness in his work.

Lovendale

Ootacamund

10 July 1893



From,

M. J. McPherson
Head Steward, Genl Hospital
Madras.

To, The Honble. F. Price
Chief Secretary to the Govt of Madras
Ootacamund.

Sir,
I beg respectfully, in continuation
of the explanation, forwarded by the
Surgeon General, in connection with
the circumstances, which led to my sus-
pension to furnish herewith, with a view
to facilitating reference and to prevent de-
lay, the accompanying notes bearing out
my case, which I trust will throw ad-
ditional light on the explanation fur-
nished by me.

A true copy of these Notes has been
forwarded to the Senior Medical Officer
for submission through the Surgeon General

I beg to remain

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant
M. J. McPherson

Memo

1. Would beg to draw attention to paras 18, 19, 20 & 21(3) of my explanatory letter, which explain that the arrears of Officer work were not due to imputed carelessness, negligence or unwillingness on any part, to carry out efficiently, considering that this same establishment that was maintained 15 years ago is the same that has now to be worked when the duties have been multiplied within the last few years.

2. Would beg to invite comparison between work ordinarily demanded of the Steward and what he has now to perform.

3. As Steward may now be should have been fully equipped and stocked (as often mentioned by Mr. Saltford) the latter of which has been done on Mr. Saltford's being no separate clerk or agent & the services of the 2nd Steward not being available

for clerical work.

4. The Civil Bill Book is one which demands the special attention of one. First, considering that charges have reference to not only Officers' Quarters but also to patients of the General Wards paying from 20s to 20s per diem. The N. Estimated is about 100 a month.

5. Would respectfully beg to draw attention to the fact that extra help had to be obtained by me at my own expense and with the cognizance of the Gen. Med. Officer to enable me to discharge the numerous and onerous duties of Steward.

6. Would beg to submit that vis Steward, he who he may, would cope with the present demands on him with the same establishment without experiencing the difficulties that I have experienced. That it is in contemplation to increase the Establishment.

7. Fault for inefficiency has only now been found after 8 years efficient and arduous work.

attributable to an undue increase of work.

8. Though with increased work my salary was less than that of my predecessors, whose pay was Rs. 300 and mine rising from 200 to 250 with a larger amount of security.

9. My suspension from 4 May, which still continues, and the corresponding loss of salary have been heavy on me, considering that I have a wife and five children to support. The subsistence allowance for which I applied has also been refused.

Wm. P. P. P.

Colacumund

10 July 1893

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1861

Public DEPARTMENT.

From

Mr. M. J. McPherson

No.

Dated 10. vii. 93

Received 10. vii. 93

Regd. x. vii. 93
Enclosures 1

SUBJECT.

Submitting certain notes
in continuation of his expla-
-nation of the circumstances
which led to his suspension
for purposes of reference.

Public DEPARTMENT.

Current Nos 1815-1861

Dated

FOR ORDERS.

From the papers in Nos ¹³⁷⁸ 15.11.75,
¹⁸²⁹ 16.12.80, and ²⁰² 2.2.81, it would appear
that the appl. of Head Steward of the
General Hospital is made by the Senior
Surgeon, subject to the approval of the
Surgeon General. Applications have
been made for the exemption of
successive incumbents from the
examination rules, but the nomin-
-ation does not appear to have been
otherwise submitted for sanction.

In L. O. of 25. October 1880,
No. 1586, the Govt. on the recommen-
-ation of the Surgeon General, directed
that the services of the then Head
Steward should be dispensed with
for inefficiency but the ^{real} object of
the slip's reference in that case
appears to have been to obtain
sanction to the payment of a
gratuity.

The following draft order is
Submitted

submitted for approval:-

FOR ORDERS.

22 July 1893 No. 569.
ORDER

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^{copy}
The papers will be
returned to the Surgeon-
General with the intimation
that, as the appointment of
Head Steward, General Hospital,
does not rest with Govt, it is
for him to deal with the
present case.

C.L.
19.7.

19/7/93

with all encls ret'd &
Cuo. 1861.