

Extension of Socio-
leper hospital
erection of a new
building.

It seems evident
something must
done shortly to pro-
vide increased accom-
modation. It will not do for lepro-
sy to be allowed to wait
about the streets.

It is suggested
perhaps the Ho-
mestead may
be disposed to me.
Surgeon General
Dr. Cook and
Irwin at the
Hospital some-
thing and dis-
cuss matters on

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FOR ORDERS.

It has been known well enough for several years that if the Lepers Hospital was larger than it is there would be more patients: it has been often enough acknowledged that the situation is not a desirable one. But although Govt. has issued the strictest orders not to come up with proposals which will involve increased or heavy expenditure anything the Women & Children Hospital and additions to the building in Hospital are more which are in the fire, the S.G. comes up with proposals from the Dept. for which much need to a large expenditure. It is utterly impossible to find money now or for a long while to come for any change of position in the Lepers Hospital: indeed it cannot be and the only remedy against overcrowding is to reduce admissions to the number for which there is accommodation: doing this would not lead to any appreciable number of lepers wandering about the streets or to any great harm to the uninfected

It is so - we cannot have
these schemes on our
hands at once

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14/12/94

with above ground, I have not
had at the moment

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12/12/94

No 647
Encl.

From

SURGEON MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public - DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that in May 1894 when I inspected the Madras Lepor Hospital I noticed much overcrowding in it and drew the attention of the Superintendent to the same. That officer informed me that the question of extending the hospital was mooted by him in 1892 but the matter was directed to lie over, and in G. O. No 830 W. D. of 27th March 1893 P. W. an allotment of Rupees 10,000 was withdrawn.

2. On looking over the correspondence on the subject in the office I find that the enclosed block plan and Estimate were submitted by the Consulting Architect, and my predecessor in recording the same observed that, "a building like the Lepor Hospital should be built well out of the city and will recommend that course on some future occasion, for the present beyond

beyond the repairs now carried on, nothing appears to be advisable."

3. On receipt of this decision the Superintendent suggested in a letter of 17th March 1892 that a piece of ground lying to the west of the Monegar Choultry might be taken and a few temporary sheds erected to be used until the question of erecting a new hospital was decided, but the proposal was lodged.

4. Again in March 1893 when the question of transferring the inmates of the Trichingswoly Leper Hospital to the Madras Hospital was raised the Superintendent in reporting that there was no accommodation for them in the hospital considered that it was inexpedient to make any arrangement for enlarging the existing accommodation and urged the necessity for a hospital outside the City. No action was however taken on the matter. Accordingly the allotment of Rs 10,000 in the budget of 93/94 for extending the accommodation was withdrawn. Vide G. O. No. 830. W. of 27th March 1893 Communicated with Public Department No. 396 dated 13th April 1893.

5. In his letter No. 509 dated the 24th July 1894 herewith enclosed the Superintendent now gives further reasons why a new hospital should be built away from

from the town, and is averse to any extensions or additions to the present buildings being undertaken.

6. On receipt of this communication I called upon him for the following information.

- (a) A statement showing the existing accommodation which existed or was erected during the past 5 years.
- (b) A statement showing the average daily sick under each head, Males and females, Europeans & Eurasians & Natives, Criminal & Civil during the past 5 years.
- (c) A statement showing what buildings now exist, what buildings of all kinds would be required if the hospital was moved to the suburbs of Madras.
- (d) A statement showing the present establishment & proposed one.
- (e) Whether the present buildings & site could be sold and if so what sum they are likely to bring in.
- (f) What bearing the removal of the hospital will have on the popularity of the institution amongst the patients.

His report is herewith enclosed for
the information of Government after the
receipt of this report I had also a personal
consultation with the Superintendent on the
subject and asked him to ascertain in
communication with the President
Municipal Commission, Madras whether
he would be willing to give up the piece
of ground now used as a Municipal
Depot in case the extension of the Hospital
is determined upon. In reply he says that
the Municipality is unable to give it up as
it is required for its own purposes. I
therefore request the orders of Government
on the correspondence. If the hospital is
to remain in Madras additional accommo-
-dation for Native females is absolutely
necessary also the repairs and store room
referred to by the Consulting Architect.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

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Surgeon Major General
Surgeon General with the
Government of Madras.

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From
SURG. MAJOR-GEN. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.S.
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
To
Madras,

No. 118

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December 1894

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Subject.

Requesting Govt. to pass orders
on the correspondence of the
Supt. of Lepers Hospital regard-
ing the erection of a new Hosp.

S.O. of 20. 3. 94, No. 228. Fint.
- 17. 5. 94, No. 385. Fint.
- 12. 9. 94, No. 717. Fint.

Order of 20 Dec 1894 No. 965

The attention of the
Surgeon General will
be directed to the orders
marginally noted, which
he has apparently over-
looked.

2. The Govt. has
already before it pro-
posals in connection
with a new Women
& Children's Hospital
and the enlargement
of the existing dying-in-
Hospital. No other large
scheme of any magnitude
can be considered at
present.

3. The Medical Officer
in charge of the Lepers Hos-
pital must so regulate
admissions as to prevent
overcrowding & ensure
the worst cases being
kept off the streets.

4. The papers will be
returned to the Surgeon
General for resubmission at
a later date when the financial situation improves
from orders of 19/12

The Surgeon General
with papers
returned complete

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Declining to consider, in
the present state of the
finances, the proposal
for the erection of a
new Leprosy Hospital.