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Declining to order the
re-statement of Hoo-
bitat. Asst V. M. Go-
indarapu mudahas
who resigned his appoint-
ment on being trans-
ferred from Gapa-
migram to Raga-
da in the Hill
district.

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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Through the Surgeon General with the Govt of Madras

Gajapatinagram.

Vizagapatam District

10 November 1894.

To.

His Excellency the Right Honorable
Beilby Baron Wenlock G. C. I. E.
Governor of Fort St. George.

The humble Memorial of 1st Class
Hospital Assistant V. M. Govindaraju
Modaliar No 240.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,

1. That he, an Ex-member of the Civil Hospital Assistant Branch of the Subordinate Medical Department, ~~and~~ has, till recently been in charge of the L. F. Dispensary at Gajapatinagram, Vizagapatam District.

2. That he passed out in July 1879 as 3rd Class Hospital Assistant and served in the following capacities:—with Rumpia Field Forces; in the Hospital for Women and Children at Madras; in the central Jail Hospital at Cannanore; in the L. F. Dispensary at Sathiamangalam; in the General Hospital at Madras; in the Civil Hospital at Polemcothah and Cuddalore (New and old towns); in the L. F. Dispensaries at Villupuram and Panruti; in the Municipal Dispensary at Karantalingudi, Tanjore; in the District Jail Hospital at Tanjore; St. Bartholomew Hospital at Oortamund; in the General Hospital at Madras for 2nd time; in the Ophthalmic Hospital at Madras; and was at last posted to the L. F. Dispensary at Gajapatinagram on the 18th May 1889, where he remained till the end of July last giving every satisfaction to his superiors and the public.

3. That he has served nearly throughout the whole of the Presidency and had many frequent and distant transfers more than any other in his position.

4. That for the last 5 years he has been applying but in vain for a transfer to a place in the North Arcot District, that in reply to his last petition to the Surgeon General the District Surgeon of Vizagapatam through whom it went ordered him (on the strength of G. O. 1331 Judicial 15th June 94) to go to Rayagadda, 70 miles further inland in the Hill tracts as a qualified and skilled Assistant was wanted there by the Governor's Agent, Vizagapatam; though there are several Natives of this part as well qualified and having no Hill service, besides those belonging to the Southern Districts who came in recently.

5. That he has not had any kind of leave though repeatedly applied for and promised during the last six years.

6. That his stay at Gajapatinagram (a place some hundreds of miles away from his home, Vellore) for a long period involved him in pecuniary losses and embarrassments which he was unable to overcome with his small pay.

7. That unable to bear his troubles any more and knowing that a further stay of 2 years would only increase them, he was driven by his misery and despair to send in his resignation (in spite of his meritorious service of 15 years, acknowledged by the Surgeon General and District Surgeon) and its acceptance was communicated to him on 12th September 1894.

8. That he was 1st class Hospital Assistant, for a year only, that he held the Chairmanship of the Union Panchayet, Gajapatinagram for five years and did much to improve the Sanitation of the place, about which the District Medical and Sanitary Officer remarked "Compared with the usual Sanitary condition of most Indian towns this decidedly fair," that a reference to the various Sanitary reports and the remarks of Presidents, Taluk Board, Vizagapatam would bear out the statements, that Mr. Scott, the present President endorsed the extract of the Proceedings of the Union Meeting to record the appreciation of his services thus "I agree with the opinion of the Panchayet."

9. That the Senior Assistant to the Governor's Agent, Vizagapatam who was dismissed with the 3rd class Hospital Assistant posted there is not him.

10. That his long service

No: 4846

Office of Surg: Genl
C. with the Govt of Madras
Madras 16 Augt 1876.

From

Surg: Genl. Thomson, M.B.

Surg: Surgeon General

C. with the Govt of Madras

To

The Dist and Sanitary Officer
Vizagapatam.

Subject

Please inform 2nd Class Hospital
Assistant V. M. Govindarajooloo that the Surgeon General has seen and read
this very intemperate Memorial in which the
Hospital Assistant complains of his treatment
in the Service, which does not appear to differ
in any way from the System and Terms under
which he enlisted, and which are unavoidable
owing to the present Constitution of the Service.
The Surgeon General considers that Hospital
Assistant Govindarajooloo has been sadly
wanting in the requisite spirit of obedience
and sense of discipline, but as he has hitherto
been well reported upon, the Surgeon General
does not wish to accept his resignation
by which he will lose all the benefit of
his good service, without giving him another
Chance of reconsidering his conduct, and
Chance of showing his true worth.

General

by promptly obeying the orders he has received, to proceed to Royagada.

(Return requested.)
(By order)

(SD) M. Thomson
Sur: Capt
Secy sur: Genl
(with the Govt of Madras.)

(True copy)

Chinampal
Sur: Maj Genl
Sur: Genl
(with the Govt of Madras.)

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So,

Gajapathinagarum
5th July 1894.

C. Sitturpe Esq. F.R.C.P. I, M.D.S.A.

Surgeon General
Surgeon General with the Govt of
Madras.

The humble petition of 1st Class
Hospital Assistant C. M. Corindanajula
Moodaliyar No: 240

Most respectfully Sheweth,

That your humble memorialist
is a member of the Civil Hospital Assistant
Branch of the Subordinate Medical Department
and is at present posted to L. F. Dispensary
at Gajapathinagarum, Vizagapalam District.

(2) Your humble memorialist begs
most respectfully to lay before you the grievances
under which he labours, with the full hope that
they may be duly redressed.

(3) Your memorialist having passed
out in July 1879 as 3rd Class Hospital
Assistant performing duties with Mumpu
Field Forces; in the Hospital for Women
and Children, Madras; in the Central
Jail Hospital Cannanore; in the Local
Jail Dispensary, Vathiaad; in the Civil
Hospital, Madras; doing Cholera duty at
Palumcottah and in different places in
Cuddalore District; Municipal Dispensary,
Karatatangi & Tanjore; District Jail Hospital
Tanjore; Civil Hospital, etc.

General Hospital, Madras for the 2nd time; Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras; was a black posted to the Local Fund Dispensary, Cojapathinuram, Cojapataam District on the 18th May 1889, where he still remains - giving every satisfaction to his Superiors and to the public at large.

(4) Thus it will be observed from the foregoing that your memorialist has served in the Department long and honourably. He has been on duty in various parts of the Presidency and undergone the hardships of frequent transfers to distant places. He has moved about the Presidency more than it ordinarily falls to the lot of a Civil Medical Subordinate of his position, unable to answer the calls upon his poor purse which residence in new and distant places far away from his home entails, he has struggled with an inadequate salary to secure a margin as a provision for his wife and children. Besides the strong social ties of the Hindies are another fruitful source of the drain upon his slender means. Which alone will be a decent saving to him if he were not posted to a place like this far away from his home. The incredible sum of Rs 400 and odd which your memorialist has incurred during these five years he has been staying here in shape of travelling expenses on account of his family ~~is~~ is an instance in point. It is simply heart-rending that a subordinate of his position 2nd Class Hospital assistant

until a year ago, should undergo so much unnecessary expenditure for the travelling (to and fro) of his people to his native place Vellore and for receiving the other near dear relatives every now and then especially at a time like this when articles of food are becoming dearer and dearer day by day. Moreover your memorialist feels himself harassed for these five years and his condition is no better than that of a cooly employed on tea gardens, Assam. Since he has been deprived of all his social enjoyments not being granted any kind of leave though repeatedly applied for and at the risk of adding to the item of expenditure pointed out above. All these would have been obviated with a 5 days casual leave at a time with very little expense to the Government as well as to him had your memorialist been posted to his native place or a place in his own District (North Arcot). He shrank there cannot be a greater disaster to a Hospital Assistant than a transfer to a distant place with no corresponding benefit either to the service or to himself.

(5) In no department lower Subordinates are transferred from one District to another and much less to distant Districts. To do so with their paltry pay and low status would be inflicting considerable hardship and cruel loss upon them. What the Government shun - ing from doing in other Departments is done in the Medical Department, much to the unhappiness and misery of the Hospital Assistant. His hardships and sufferings far

far away from his home must necessarily interfere with his efficient discharge of duty. It is remarkable even the officials like Deputy Collectors and Munsiffs who have immense authority and influence and who can command the necessary comforts and convenience with their princely salaries are seldom sent out of the districts with whose language they are conversant and some of the most fortunate amongst them are posted even to their own Districts. But the Hospital Assistant alone stands a singular instance in this as in other respects (viz pay, promotion &c) and is the only unhappy public servant in Government Service who once a Hospital Assistant, should remain a Hospital Assistant throughout his life time. He rots and stagnates in the same service without encouragement. Above all as he is transferred from one end of the Presidency to the other, in addition to the other numerous hardships and difficulties, he has to incur the serious loss of meeting charges from his private sources.

In conclusion your humble memorialist respectfully begs to be pardoned for taking up your valuable time and he further begs that you may be graciously pleased to transfer him at the earliest opportunity to a place in the North Arcot District since he has already been suffering from "Home sickness" by his long separation, for which your humble memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray.

(SD) M. Govindaraja

True Copy /

1st class Hospl Asst

Chinampal

Ref: Your letter no: 27 of 5th July 1894

Memo no: 1476.

Your Memorial to the Surgeon General is a very ill advised one.

In the first place it is much too long. You can state all that you have, in half the space, and you should avoid using many expressions you have used.

It is useless to talk of "paltry pay and low status". You know the pay of the Service when you came into it, and you know your liability to transfer to any part of the Presidency.

I am sorry to have to recommend your transfer but the Agent to the Govt has asked for a well qualified Senior Hospital Assistant for duty at Royagada, as a new bridge is to be built, and the men employed on it will require to be carefully looked after.

I shall forward this Memorial if you wish, but at the same time, I should advise you not to send any Memorials under the circumstances or, at any rate, to write as I have suggested putting facts plainly and shortly as possible.

18th July 1894 } (SD) A. H. Leapingwell
Surge Lt Col
District Surgeon.

(True Copy)

Chinampal

Reference: your letter d/16 July 1896

Memo no: 1545
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The agent to the Governor Vizagapatam asks for an experienced Hospital Assistant to be at Rayagada during the construction of a bridge over the river at that place: you are the only Hospital Assistant who has experience and has not left service. Probably you may not be kept there after the completion of the bridge. I have always considered your work very satisfactory and I am sorry to have to send you to Rayagada. but under the circumstances there is no help for it.

If you wish it, I will send on your memorial to the Surgeon General but I think, as I have told you, you are acting foolishly.

A copy of G.O. no 1331 Judicial d/15 June 1896 is sent for your information and return.

(Vizagapatam. } (Sd) A. H. Leapingwell
17th July 1896 } Surg: Lt: Col
Adl Surg:

(True copy)

C. Leapingwell

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Gajapattinagar

21st, August 1896

From

V. M. Govindaraja Rao only
1st class Hospital Assistant

To

Dr. A. H. Leapingwell

Surg: Lt: Col

Dist Surg: Vizagapatnam.

Most respectfully,

With reference to Surgeon General's order no 4846 of 10th Augt 1896, I beg most respectfully to inform you that while thanking the Surgeon General for his kindness of giving me another chance to reconsider my request in consideration of my past good service, I am extremely sorry that I cannot recede from the step I have had the misfortune of taking. It is the one to which I have been driven by force of circumstances as explained in my memorial. It is unfortunate that the Surgeon General's order should be so disappointing and heart-breaking, that I am thrown in a state of grief and despair. I am altogether broken down at the constant disregard of my grievances. I have briefly explained in my memorial to the Surgeon General my inability to remain any longer here, nay to go to Rayagada. But as yet, I had not cried in mildness. If the authorities concerned are so indifferent to the cry of distress, my fate is only doomed. In agony of heart, I weep in silence. Hospital Assistants are as a class undoubtedly the least cared for of Her Majesty's servants. As the other servants of the Government, the Hospital Assistants have life's sorrows and life's pleasures.

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as well. As such, it is very unjust that I,
a man of the Chittoor District, should be expected
to go to Royagada, a place hitherto reserved for
those that have misconducted themselves, after
having remained to my cost here, a place some
hundreds of miles away from my home, for more
than 5 years with no sort of recreation from a
hard and monotonous routine work. Further
my present state of health is completely broken
down probably from the shock I have sustained
by the unjust transfer to Royagada. I am afraid
I am taking to bed shortly.

CHIEF SECRETARY
-5 DEC 1884
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

In conclusion, if it be found anywhere
in the letter that I am, in language, too strong
or too bold, I have simply to submit in justifica-
-tion that desperation knows no fear, and to that
desperation I have been driven by the cruel wrongs
and indignities undeservedly heaped on me. Whether
you accept my resignation or not, I shall feel
extremely thankful if you be so generous as to
exempt me from going to Royagada. I hope and
believe that I may be the object of your compassion.
I pray that you may see reason to change your
mind and recommend me to some place in the
North West District or in the adjacent Southern
Districts. To me, the consequence of an unfavourable
order are serious. I pray that you may take that
view of my case which consideration for my health
and service alike recommend.

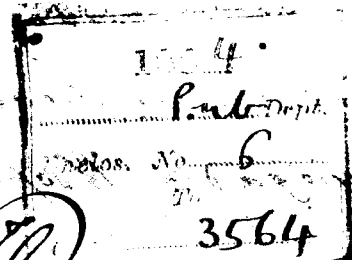
I beg to be

(Sd) V. M. Govindaraja Mudali
1st Class Hospital Dept
No. 240.

(True Copy)

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Surg: Major Genl
Surg: Genl
the Govt of Madras



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Encl

From

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

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Madras, 3 December 18

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Madras,

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THE *Honble the Chief Secretary to Government*
Public Department

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I have the honor to transmit for
disposal the accompanying Memorial to the
members of the High Court of the Government
from H. H. Govindrajoo, late a first
class Civil Hospital Assistant in the
Madras Settlement Medical Department.
The Memorialist desired for
a second copy of his Memorial sent to the
Director from the Office and from the District
Medical and Sanitary Officer. Reference was
made by para. 2 of the Medical Officer's
letter on page 36 of the Fort St. George
Circular No. 941.

3/ On receipt of G.O. No. 1321 dated the 15th June 1894 this Hospital which who had not previously done any Hill Service was posted by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to the Royagaon Hospital where an experienced Medical Subordinate

was required owing to the construction of a bridge over the river.

6/ The Hospital Assistant refused to obey this order and submitted a very intemperate memorial to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer for transmission to me in which he asked me to accept his resignation. The kind and forbearance with which he was treated by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer will be seen from his two letters dated 5th and 16th July 1894 to the Hospital Assistant. As he however declined to accept his resignation the memorial was eventually forwarded to me for disposal.

5/ Before accepting his resignation I pointed out to him the ridiculous position of the rank which he wished to undertake and gave him an opportunity to reconsider the same. (Under this affair I understand he has declined the 1st August 1894) but he declined to avail himself of this opportunity and insisted on his resignation being accepted in a letter more intemperate in language than his previous memorial. His resignation was accordingly accepted.

6/ That the man was showing very Consideration by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer and by me will be clearly seen from the enclosed Copies of Correspondence and

and his obstinacy in declining to avail himself of these opportunities deprives him in my opinion of any claim for the Clemency of Government.

7/ Under these circumstances and in the interests of Departmental discipline, I regret my inability to support his prayer for reinstatement in the Service.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Chinampal

Surgeon Major General

Surgeon General

with the post of Madras.

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Ref

The Surgeon General
is requested to report
whether the following
statements in the
hospital assistant's
memorial are correct:-

1. That he has served
for five years con-
tinuously in the
vizagapatam dist
2. That he has not
had any kind of
leave though repeat-
edly applied for and
promised during
the last six years.

* It is not clear whether
he means since he
joined the service.

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DEPARTMENT

From

SURGN. MAJOR-GENL. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Madras

To

No. 630

ENCLOSURES

Dated

3rd December 1894

Recd

No.

Subject.

Transmitting with remarks
for disposal the memorial from
late 1st class H. A. V. M. Govinda-
rajulu of the Madras Sub
Medical Department

C. No. 3564

From

The Surgeon General.

Dated 3rd December 1894.

FOR ORDERS.

The Surgeon General
does not remark on
the various statements
made in the man's
petition.

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I submit that there is no necessity to
go into the pet's statements as regards
having no leave not being allowed to
return to N. A. &c. The duty of a
Govt. servant is to obey first and argue
afterwards. The pet's was ~~not~~ required
for a particular duty & the Dr. had to
obey orders to him in the most con-
siderate manner on the subject. The
pet's gave his superiors the alternative
of cancelling these orders to the subversion
of discipline or accepting his resignation
and they chose the latter after ^{allowing} giving
him every chance of reconsideration.
It appears to me that he should take
the consequences. It is a pity that he
should have put himself in this
position as he seems to be a good
man. The Surgeon General might perhaps
be told (d. O.) confidentially that if
he comes up after such time as he thinks
will give the pet's sense and asks that
he may be restored Govt. will comply
with his request. 15/12/94.

cs.

The Surgeon General does
not deal with the various
points of the memorial.
There seems some ground
for agreeing that the man
suffered under ~~strange~~ ^{unusual}
circumstances. ~~for the~~ ^{the}
statements repeated in the
draft reference ~~what~~ ^{the}
may seem to have led
cause for discontent. A man
such as he who is ^{in a} ~~in a~~
enough to escape ~~from~~ ^{from}
unhealthy localities ^{is}
is feared, frequently kept on
until forced to leave ^{for}
health. That is hardly fair.
It is subd. that the proposed
question may be asked.

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b. N. 3564.

Order: - 27 Dec 1894 N-983

The Surgeon-General will inform the petitioner that you declines to interfere on his behalf. He should have obeyed the order he received and have submitted any representations he had to make afterwards.

(from order)

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The Surgeon-General (9/12/94)
Apo 28/12/94
IN M.S.

My dear Sibthorpe,
D.O. 31.12.94

With reference to your letter of 3rd December, N-983 regarding Hospital Assistant Govindarajulu's case, on which separate orders are issuing, I am directed to ^{let you know} tell you that if you address Government after such lapse of time as you think sufficient ^{for the purpose of discipline and} to bring the man to his proper senses, and act for his restoration, it is probable ^{that} ^{your request} the case will be considered ^{favorably}.

Yours sincerely,
S. A. P. S. }
General Manager, b. Sibthorpe, F. A. P. S.

20) Resigned Hospital Assistant

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of

(200) 1-10-1916

(from orders)