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MEDICAL OFFICER FOR COCHIN.

Requesting the Government of India to sanction the restoration of Cochin to List I of Civil Medical stations and the relegation of Cannanore to List II.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 2^d February 1895.

No 81

Encl.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

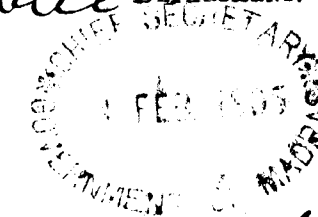
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.



SIR,

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O. No. 930 dated the 6th December 1894 regarding the replacement of the Civil Surgeon Cochin by an Apothecary to be maintained from Municipal Funds. I have the honor to submit the following observations.

2. Some years ago Cochin was considered of importance enough to rank as a first class Civil Station and was only in 1886 converted into a Second Class in order that Madras might be raised to the first class vide G.O. No. 520 dated 11th May 1886 Public Department. It was placed on the List II appointment by the Government of India during the classification of Civil Stations in 1885. Vide G.O. No. 1336 Public dated the 8th June 1885.

Notwithstanding this classification the

Madras

Madras Government resumed this appointment for a Commissioned Medical officer owing to its importance as brought to notice by the then Surgeon General. Vide G.O. No 313 Financial dated the 9th March 1887 and in my letter No 398 dated 2nd June 1894 para 8 recorded in G.O. No 5348 Military dated the 29th August/94 I have recommended that this station should be transferred to List I.

3. It is still an important post with a considerable European and Eurasian population consisting of about 1312 persons, and in the letter recorded in G.O. No 1 Public dated 2nd January/95 the Government of India has stated that "in considering whether the services of a supernumerary Commissioned Medical officer should be retained, the desirability of having European Commissioned Medical officers at stations, especially at those where there is a considerable European community, should not be lost sight of".

The population of the Municipality is given as 17601 including 56 Europeans and 1256 Eurasians and of the taluq 1721.

4. The Municipal Hospital is an important one having a daily average sick from 125 to 150 out-patients with about

about 30 inpatients, the majority of whom are serious cases, and include European sailors landed from the ships.

The number of major operations have been

in 1892 — 95

" 1893 — 67

" 1894 — 89.

5. About one thousand British ships call at the port every year and during the season from September to May there are very often about 200 Native Crafts in the backwaters.

6. Cochin is very liable to epidemics of Cholera and small-pox imported either through these Native Crafts or through boats from the Native State.

7. Even should the Native State engage the services of a European Medical man his services will rarely be available to render any medical assistance in cases of emergencies as he will be often absent on Inspecting duty.

8. The number of Bills of health which have been granted by the Civil

Surgeon

Angon to Vessels going to Europe, the
ports in Ceylon and Burma was as follows:-

in 1892 — 57

1893 — 56

1894 — 59

9. The Civil Surgeon's services are
required on board ships in cases of
serious accident or when a ship arrives
in port flying a quarantine flag. —
Whenever Cholera or small pox is epidemic
in the port or a ship arrives from an
infected port the Civil Surgeon is obliged
to satisfy himself by a personal ins-
pection that there are no cases of an
infectious nature on board.

10. The Civil Surgeon has also charge
of the Subjail in Cochin has supervision
over the Pallipatt Lazzaretto 15 miles from
Cochin wherein are treated about 33 Lepers
in patients. There is a native infantery
Hospital at Erichore 45 miles from Cochin
which with the Lazzaretto he has to
inspect once a month.

11. I do not consider it would be

right

right to move a European Commissioned
Officer from Cochin and would suggest
that it be continued as a Second Class
Civil Station and placed on List I.

11. Cannanore, though important
is not ~~so~~ important as Cochin and might
be transferred to List II appointments
and made a charge for an Uncounted
Medical officer in addition to those
already in the list suggested in my letter
No 541 dated 13th October 94. In Cannanore
there will be generally three Commissioned
Medical officers who can be consulted by
the Europeans viz. the Superintendent of
the Central Jail, the Medical officer in charge
of the Station Hospital, and the Medical
officer in charge of the Native Regiment.

in, Clifton,
Negapatam
Licherry.

Civil
enclosure is
in the Surgeon
and
ideally sufficient
separate enclosures
in this letter.

12. I enclose for the information of
Government a communication on the subject
received since the drafting of this letter
from the Chairman Municipal Council,
Cochin.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
C. Pitt-Roe

Surgeon Major General

Surgeon General with Govt of Madras

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Public (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

SURG. MAJOR-GEN. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

Madras,

No. 81

ENCLOSURES. 1

Dated

Recd.

February 1895.

No.

Subject.

Recommending that a Commissioned
Medical officer be retained at
Cochin, in lieu of an apothecary
under proposal.

Pub go. no 8974-2-95

50722-1-95

93076-12-94

Chief Officer file done 9/2

Ref of 9. 2. 95 no 2

The Surgeon General
is requested to furnish
details of the duties
performed by the Civil
Surgeon at Cannanore

The enclosure
referred to in para. 12
has not been recd.
A copy of a letter from
the Civil Surgeon
of the 22nd January
has accompanied the
Surgeon General's letter.

S.S.B.
6/2/95.

S.S.
7/2/95

The Surgeon General. S.S.B.

9/2/95

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 18th February 1895.

No 1/71

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,

With reference to Public Depart-
ment Memorandum No 259 dated the
9th instant, I have the honor to state
that the duties performed by the Civil
Surgeon Cannanore are as follows:

- (1) Examining and treating all in-
and out patients of the Cannanore Mun-
icipal Hospital of which he is in both
medical and administrative charge.
(The hospital contains 28 beds for in-
patients)
- (2) Supervising the work of mun-
icipal Vaccinators and verifying their
operations.
- (3) Looking after the Sanitation
of the town
- (4) Treating the Police sick and
also the Jail warders in one of the
wards

wards of the Municipal Hospital.

(5) Performing post-mortem examinations and examining hurt cases and granting certificates in connection with the same.

(6) Granting certificates of all nature to Government servants in the station

(7) Is also Post Officer but the duties are unimportant. Health Officer of the Port

2. There are about 15 European and 300 Eurasian residents in the town including children.

3. By the appointment of a medical officer as Superintendent of the Central Jail under the new scheme, the Civil Surgeon is relieved of his medical duties at the jail.

4. The Communication referred to in the last para of my letter No 81 dated the 2nd February 1895 is herewith forwarded. I regret that it was inadvertently kept back through an oversight on the part of the Examining and despatching Clerks. The copy of the letter of Civil Surgeon Cochran was attached in error —

And

and may be returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

C. J. B. Morpe
Surgeon Major-General,
Surgeon General, with Govt. of Madras.

SR

The 1st letter is
almost a copy
of it.

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From

SURG. MAJOR-GEN. C. SIBTHORPE, F. R. C. P. S.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

No. 171

ENCLOSURES. 2

Dated 18th Feb. 1895.
Recd. 19th Feb. 1895.

No.

Subject.

Submits details of duties of the Civil Surgeon Cannanore & returns the enclosure of letter No. 87 of 2.2.95

Order of 13th Apr. 95 No. 283

The Govt. of India will be requested to sanction the restoration of Cochin to List I and the relegation of Cannanore to List II.

from orders

28.3.95
14.3.95

11/4/95

The Surgeon General with 3 endos ret. 17/4

FOR ORDERS.

Certainly Cochin is apparently a place more entitled to a Comd. Medl. Officer than Cannanore & I think we might propose the transfer of Cannanore instead of Cochin to List II. Cannanore evidently does not need a highly qualified medl. man any more than, if so much as, a number of other small towns which could be mentioned.

Jayram
13/3/95
18/3

I think the S. G. has made out a good case for Cochin versus Cannanore, & that we should ask to have them transposed. But I think too much should not be made of the fact that at Cannanore being a Commis. Medical Officer. In the first place I suppose he will not be allowed to take private practice - and then again it does not follow that he will be always at Cannanore. The exigencies of the service might cause his removal to some other place tomorrow.

16 Mar

The Surgeon General still strongly advocates the retention of a Comd. Medl. Officer for British Cochin and from the information afforded it certainly does appear that there is plenty of important work there for one. On the other hand, the necessity for having a Comd. Offr. at Cannanore is not so apparent. The duties are by no means onerous or important and there are several other Comd. Medl. Officers there. It is submitted that Cannanore should be relegated to List II - and orders are requested whether the circle may be represented to India in view to Cochin being restored to List I.

28.3.95. It appears probable that the Comd. Officer at Cannanore will be done away with but even then there would be two Comd. Officers left where should the Civil Surgeon at Cannanore be withdrawn. Apparently a Comd.

Medical Officer can be more easily placed
at Cannore than Cochin. The S.G.
has made out, apparently, a
very good case for his permanent
posting
11/3/95

Medical Officer

And Air C.

For A.

Is not the Station Hospital
at Cannore to be
attached

LP
25/7/95-

that the Cannore Hospital
is to be attached to the
Station Hospital at Cochin.

Public Department.

Letter No 284

To
The Secretary to the
Govt. of India,
Home Dept.
(Medical)

Sir,

I am directed to
invite attention to Para 6
of the Pro: of this Govt.
No 0
549, Public, of 13th.

July 1894, Copy of
which accompanied
my letter ^{that date}
No. 510 of 1894
and to inform you
that the result of the
reference ^{to the} of Cochin has
been
that it has decided

to employ a ^{competent} ~~competent~~
officer of its own ~~and~~
~~steps have been taken~~
to obtain ^{whom} ~~from~~
England; ^{steps have been taken} ~~and~~ ^{as will be seen in my letter}
to Political of 28th
Jan'y 95. to the
Foreign Dept. ^{has been taken}

2. ^{As a result of} ~~As a result of~~ from his
duties ^{in connection} ~~connected~~ with
the ~~Cochin State~~ ^{State}. It was

the intention of this
Govt. to replace the
Commissioned Medical
Officer ^{at Cochin} by an apothecary

who it was thought
would be sufficient
for the ^{work to be performed} ~~service~~ in
British Cochin.
The importance of
these

^{the} ~~these~~ ^{which} ~~was~~ ^{at the time} ~~was~~
underestimated ~~at~~
~~the time~~ ^{It has been} ~~the~~ ^{British Cochin}
has ^{and} European and
Curian population
of over 13,000 ^{including 50 Europeans and 1250 Curians} ~~the~~ ^{the}
~~people residing in~~
the Municipality ^{the population of which} is 17600
including 50 Europeans
and 1250 ~~Curians~~

The municipal hospital
has daily average of
from 125 to 150 out-
patients, with about
18 in-patients ^{the cases of} ~~the~~
many of whom are of a serious
majority of ~~the~~
character. European sailors treated
from the shipping are ~~the~~ ^{the}
amongst those treated as in-patients.
~~the~~ ^{the}

The number of major

operations ^{performed} during the
past three years ~~was~~

95,67,889 respectively.

^{British} Cochin is ~~particularly~~

liable to Epidemics

of Cholera and small-pox

^{particularly the latter} ~~imported~~ by the nature

shipping ~~or by boats~~

from ~~Native Cochin~~

^{The Civil Surgeon has to perform the duties of Dist Surgeon and}
~~During the last~~ shipping

season which closed

on the 30th June last

1684 Vessels with a

net tonnage of 485,246

called at Cochin to land

and receive produce. ^{and the Civil Surgeon has to perform the duties of Dist Surgeon}

The value of the Exports

was Rs 15,42,994.

& of imports Rs 18,84,093.

The three latter figures

~~do not enter the account~~
~~for a thoroughly qualified~~

~~Post Surgeon - The Civil~~

^{The Civil} Surgeon has also charge

in the sub jail at Cochin,

he has to inspect once a

month the Pallipore

Lazaretto, which is 15

miles from Cochin;

with 33 ~~Superintendents~~

^{and} ~~also~~ native Infants

hospital at Erichur.

^{are respectively 15 and 45}
which is 5 miles distant.

^{miles from Cochin.}

4- It will be seen from

the foregoing ~~figures~~

figures that although

Cochin is a ^{the} Class II station

^{attaching to it}
~~its~~ medical duties are
of an important and

description - It was,
indeed, a first class
station until 1886 but
~~as the harbor was~~
~~found to be shallow~~
~~and Cochise was~~
~~transferred to~~

* Home dept
No 203 of 21.5.85.
" 179 of 8.10.06

5. At Lawrence,
however, whether there
is a Civil Surgeon
whose duties are ^{very} ~~lighter~~ ^{lighter and less uniform than}
~~and~~ ~~disproportionate~~ ~~when~~
~~compared with~~ those
of the ^{Medical Officer} ~~Civil Surgeon~~
at Lechin. There are
only 15 European and
500 Eurasian residents
in the town. There is
Municipal hospital
of 28 beds and a jail.

The Civil Surgeon
has, however, ^{recently} been
relieved of his duties
in connection ^{with} the jail
by the appointment
of a medical officer
and Superintendent.
Besides ^{the Civil Surgeon} ~~there~~ there is
also the medical officer
in charge of the ^{Infantry} ~~Native~~ ^{Station at Lawrence} ~~Regiment~~, and, at
present, a third officer
in charge of the Military
Hospital. There is ^a ~~probably~~
of the last-^{mentioned} ~~mentioned~~ ^{being}
withdrawn but, ^{even if this has been done} ~~two~~ ^{officers} ~~medical~~
would still remain -
Lechin, on the contrary,
has ^{the} ~~lost~~ Civil Surgeon
~~done~~

to convey the
 recommendation of this
 Government that the
 Leochin may be added
 to List I and Cawunore
 be relegated to List II.

7. The favor of early
 orders is requested.

from orders.

35B.
 19.3.96.

LD
 11/4/95

This a very poor Draft and it has
 given me a fresh deal of
 trouble to bring it into present
 decent shape.
 More care should in future
 be exercised

LD
 14/4/95

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