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[Despatch Abstract.]

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Recording letter from the Surgeon-General furnishing the particulars called for in G.O., No. 297, dated 20th April 1895, and approving of his proposal that the correspondence regarding the frauds of Muniswami Sah in connection with certain tenders of the---be laid confidentially before the Medical officers in charge of the Presidency State Hospitals and the Lunatic Asylums in view to their being on their guard in future.

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FROM

BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL.

MacKett

Surgeon, 2nd District,

TO

THE

*Secretary Ling? General
with the Govt of Madras*

SIR,

With reference to your Confidential.
N.C/69 dated 29th April 1895.
I have the honour to state that
as my frequent applications for an
Extra Clerk to assist the Steward
(who in his dual capacity of Steward
& Writer, has more work to do than
he can possibly carry out) have been
refused, I could not object to the
man employing Extra help for your
post. The room in which the Steward
holds his office is a small one
& necessarily common to servants & others
who have business with the Steward.
The Correspondence is herewith returned.

Sincerest

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

MacKett

Brigade-Surgeon-Lt.-Col.,

Surgeon, 2nd District.

No. *Four*
259
Encl.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To THE Honble the Chief Secretary to Government.
Public Department.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 297 Public dated the 20th April 1895, I have the honor to state that the censure conveyed in para 2 of the G.O. has been communicated to Brigade Surgeon. Lt. Colonel A. L. Mackett.

2. As regards para 3 his explanation dated the 2nd May 1895 is herewith forwarded. As far as it can be ascertained the only formal application for an addition to the clerical staff of his hospital was made by him in March 1895 and as the amalgamation of the institution with the General Hospital was to take place very soon he was informed that it was needless to submit any new proposals to Government for so short a period. This however was barely justification for his allowing a private individual to do official work.

3. With reference to para 4 of the G.O. I have the honor to state that before expressing my views I wished to obtain the opinions of

those Medical Officers with whom Contractor Moonesawmy Sah was brought into contact in their official capacity and also to ascertain what the custom in other hospitals has been as regards accepting tenders with alterations.

4. During the past five years Moonesawmy Sah has been contractor to four Government institutions viz:- the Women & Children, Voluntary General, the Leper Hospital and the Lunatic Asylum Madras. Extracts from their reports are subjoined for the information of Government.

Medical Officer Women & Children Hospital
Brigade Surgeon. Lt. Col. A. L. Hackett.

Moonesawmy Sah conjointly with Ruthuavelu Moodelly held a contract here from April 1892 to March 1894 and from April 1894 to 31st March 1895 by himself alone and during these periods I had no occasion to find fault with him. His supplies were satisfactory and I never had occasion to suspect his conduct as an honest dealer. I always considered him an intelligent and honest man and he has been well spoken of to me by the Superintendent Army Clothing Department.

Medical Officer Voluntary General Hospital.
Brigade Surgeon. Lt. Col. A. L. Hackett.

A contract was held by Moonesawmy Sah in 1891-92 in conjunction with B. Ruthuvelu Moodelly - none since. I had no occasion to find fault with him or suspect his conduct in any way.

Medical Officer Leper Hospital.
Surgeon. Major. G. L. Walker.
Moonesawmy Sah was contractor for hospital supplies to the Government Leper Hospital for the year ending 31st March 1895 no fault appears to have been found with him, his supplies were always good in quality and quantity; his conduct is reported to have been satisfactory, and he was considered a straight forward and honest dealer. This information is derived from information supplied by Surgeon. Lt. Col. A. D. Booth, who was in charge of the Leper Hospital for the past year.

Superintendent Lunatic Asylum Madras
Surgeon. Captain C. M. L. Pelt.

The firm of A. Moonesawmy Sah and B. Ruthuavelu Moodelly were Contractors for the supply of perishable articles of diet for 1891, also for the supply of perishable articles of diet for the first half year 1893 and for certain non-perishable articles for the second half year of 1893. This firm was repeatedly found fault with for irregularities regarding the delivery of articles at the proper time, for supplying inferior articles not up

contract terms, both perishable and non-perishable and for bringing short weights. Their conduct was conclusive of dishonesty on several occasions so much so that heavy fines up to the value of Rs 50/- ^{were levied} and reports made to the Secretary Surgeon General who ordered that their contract would be annulled and their Earnest money forfeited if any more trouble was given or further fault found. Rethnavarlu Madelley was the man who brought the perishable articles daily, A. Moonesawmy Sah appearing once a month for payment. The firm has now been broken up.

Surgeon Captain Palk being a new officer the above report is apparently based on the office information supplied to him.

5 Moonesawmy Sah is not a Contractor this year for any hospital.

6 As regards the question of alterations in tenders the reports received show that tenders with alterations are accepted by most of the hospitals but only when duly

initialed.

7 As the reports on this man are of a dubious nature it is impossible for me to declare in conclusion with fairness that this man has been capable of unfair dealing and all I would propose is that the correspondence concerning the contractor be laid confidentially before the Medical officers in charge of the Presidency State Hospitals and the Lunatic Asylums in order that they may be on their guard in future.

8 I have called for further particulars from the Superintendent Lunatic Asylum Madras and will submit the same for the information of Government.

9 The Police report received with G.O. under reply is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant.

C. B. Moore
Surgeon Major General.
Surgeon General with the Fort of Madras.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

No. Imr
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ENCLOSURES.

Dated 8 } June 1894.
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CHIEF SECRETARY
8 JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject.

Refus with remarks
Correspondence regarding
the Contract of Moonesawmy
Sah at the 2^o District

Mr. d/19th June 1895 No 501
Order 100
19/11

Recorded. The
proposal in para: 7
is approved

16/6/95.

25/3. In opinion of Dr. Bickell with me
11/6/95. who wrote much of

Surg. Genl. } DES. 24 JUN 96
with Encls }
1/4/96 }
21/6.

N.B

A copy of his order
and the Sg's letter read in
the hall in chamber was
furnished to Surgeon
General with Encl
No 2617 Pub 211 0 1900

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