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Recording letter from the Surgeon-General remarking on the
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SURGN. MAJOR-GENL. C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

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Madras,

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 a medl. officer in Cochin State has to
 perform his duties.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 22nd December 1894.

Encl.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE Honorable the Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St. George.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 930 dated 6th December/94. regarding a private medical officer from England for duty in the Cochin State — I consider it desirable to bring to the notice of Government the fact that in G.O. No. 882 Political dated 11th December/94 Government has approved of the action of the Resident in detaching Surgeon Lt. Col. H. P. Esmonde-White the Durbar Physician to the temporary charge of the Presidency Hospital in addition to his own duties owing to Dr. E. Innes having been granted six months sick leave.

2. In G.O. No. 204 Political dated the 8th April/93 will be seen the duties for which Dr. Innes was employed.

3. I see by the Administration Report of the Travancore State for 1893 that the Durbar Physician has the medical supervision over the following hospitals and dispensaries in his Head

Head Quarters at Travandrum.

General Hospital about 120 beds.

Maternity Hospital " 15 to 20 beds.

Eyehand Hospital " 100 beds.

Lunatic Asylum contains about 200 insanes
Central Jail Hospital and Superintendent
of Jail with about 700 prisoners.

Two dispensaries in the palace and one
in the Fort.

He has also the administration of the
Medical Department consisting of

2 Assistant Surgeons

4 Sub Assistant Surgeons

35 Apothecaries or locally trained hospital
assistants.

20 Compounders.

2 Matrons for Maternity Hospitals.

14 Midwives.

24 Sick Nurses.

Omitting the special Medical Institutions
at head Quarters there are 14 Hospitals and
15 dispensaries through out the State.

I only detail these duties to
illustrate what appears to me the inadvis-
ability of obtaining such officers as Dr. Innes
direct from home as is contemplated in the
case of Cochin. Either Dr. Innes services
could be dispensed with altogether or the
duties at Travandrum require more than
one

one European officer.

5. If an officer under a similar
engagement to those under which Dr. Innes
is employed, is got out from England
and goes sick a contingency which according
to our experience in the different services
is not unlikely, there will be no one to
do his duties which should be important
in a state like Cochin and which should
in my opinion, be performed by an officer
with some Indian experience which it will
take a young medical man coming out
from England some time to acquire.

6. There can be no doubt that good
medical men can be obtained through the
Secretary of State to come out under short
engagements but are such inexperienced
men the right ones to place in such
charges?

7. There is another point of view
which is most important and that is that
the Government of India requires as many
military medical officers as possible in
Civil employ to act as a War reserve and
it will have no claims on the services
of

of such an officer.

As a matter of fact the average pay of a Commissioned Medical Officer in such an appointment is only Rs 650/- so that the Cochin Government are not at all likely to get a duly qualified European who understands what is expected from him for his pay.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

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Surgeon Major General

Surgeon General with Govt. of Madras.

(D)

The Manager - whose pay was recently raised to 200/-

x (in round figures)

The Cochin Durban must be supposed to know the difficulties as Medical Officer in which it may be involved if it does not see that these difficulties have already been indicated as it was in para 6 of S.O. 509 Pub. 13/7/94. However, the Cochin Durban says that it "denies that the British High Office of the State should be concerned with it" (Mr. Jijji's letter 3457 in S.O. 930 5/11/94). I think the Durban makes a mistake but that seems to me to be its own affair - I see no harm in simply citing the S.O. letter to the Durban through the Res. but I do not do so now. It seems any time.

W
14/4/95

H.B. the Govt.

I really think that it would be better not to send the S. G.'s letter to Cochin - as not only does it show him up as objecting to the action of his own Govt. but it is at the same time such an ungrammatical production that I do not think we should expose one of our senior officers before a native State to the criticism his letter would evoke. I think it would be

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This, it is submitted, is an unusually extraordinary comment even for the Surgeon General's office. It could not possibly have been drafted by either the S. G. or his Secretary and it is only charitable to suppose that the former officer did not read it before he signed it.

It is to be regretted that the Surgeon General should again show a disposition not to fall in with the wishes of Govt.

His letter is apparently a protest against the withdrawal of the British Medical Officer from Cochin. No doubt the appl. is a desirable one, but why should the British Govt. object

650/. a month on it
 when an Apothecary
 on 150/. could do the
 Govt. work satisfactorily?
 As to Cochlin's risk in
 getting an officer out
 from home, it is the
 same as every employer
 of labour has to run,
 and is a question
 entirely for itself. It
 has other medical
 subordinates who cd
 carry on its work for
 a time. Cochlin cannot
 be compared to ~~any~~
~~any~~ Travancore.

Each of J. does not
 lose the services of an
 officer in case of war.
 He is merely transferred
 to another appointment.

* Please read the
 Resident's letter in
 G.O. dt 6.12.94, no 930.

35B. Submitted that there is
 10/1. No reason for altering the
 4.6. *h.b.*

Withdrawal of Cochlin
 Medical Officer

enough to record it - and the G.O. will
 stand as it is. *h*
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NOTE. An application for a treat-
 -ment from England has
 since come in from the Cochlin
 @ ~~where~~ - on this further
 information has been called for
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