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[Despatch Abstract.]

DIETS AND MEDICINES IN HOSPITALS.

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Passing remarks on the statement submitted by the Surgeon-General showing the cost of diets and medicines for the three years ending with 1893-94 in the Presidency and Mofussil State Hospitals and Dispensaries.

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Financial (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

No. *306*

ENCLOSURES *1.*

Dated *21st*
 Recd. *22nd* } *March* 1895

No.



Subject.

Submitting a statement giving the cost of diet & medicines for the 3 years ending with 1893/94, with the no. of patients & the cost per

1891 - 92															1892 - 93															1893 - 94.														
Name of Hospital	Number of patients treated		Cost of diet		Cost of medicine		Number of patients treated		Cost of diet		Cost of medicine		Number of patients treated		Cost of diet		Cost of medicine		Number of patients treated		Cost of diet		Cost of medicine																					
	In	Out	Total cost	per head	Total cost	per head	In	Out	Total cost	per head	Total cost	per head	In	Out	Total cost	per head	Total cost	per head	In	Out	Total cost	per head	Total cost	per head																				
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1. General Hospital	4716	40781	37100	1	7	1310179	16106	3	61	4298	45852	36102	47	8	6524256	21	79	4793	50195	39410	103	8	37200	1644	510																			
2. Leper Hospital	531	-	20007	56	37	1010	4141411	-	126	570	20	25441	811	44	102747	11	143	497	65	19261	15	38	121	76013	5158																			
3. Spring-in-Hospital and Egmore Dispensary	3290	21616	14527	85	4	68	389833	-	26	3734	22644	15393	84	41	85445	610	34	3879	23474	17001	511	4	6259	1913	35																			
4. Ophthalmic Hospital	1696	8274	4990	13	2	151	580109	-	11	1608	8510	6177	38	3	136	49991	-	9	1698	8272	5455	16	335	2953	5																			
5. Woman & children Hospital	3795	-	15370	74	4	-	103488	38	148	3827	-	16627	154	4	56384	197	1	3514	-	19534	56	5	811	2915	9																			
6. Voluntary Venereal Hospital	448	-	4318	44	9	103	27622	-	910	596	-	5515	138	9	41550	55	-	149	642	-	6577	39	103	11527	-																			
7. Polaveram	-	1387	-	-	-	-	47246	-	55	-	4074	-	-	-	-	48277	-	111	-	3611	-	-	-	16913	8																			
8. Chodaveram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	295	-	-	-	-	88015	72																			
9. Badrachallam	40	2819	56	26	1	66	185710	-	1	93	2452	180	81	1	151	18889	-	12	96	2905	183	63	1	147	20210																			
10. Pallipost Lazaretto	40	-	1944	2	48	98	596311	14	146	43	-	1922	66	44	114	22021	5	111	45	-	1980	8	-	44	-																			
11. Udayagiri	70	3077	127	124	1	132	17312	-	10	87	4324	178	68	2	-	1095	41	-	460	3677	174	68	2	146	4561																			
12. Gungipore	-	5817	-	-	-	-	1261210	-	4	4	7262	4	13	-	133	20522	-	5	29	7975	49	126	1	116	26410																			
13. Gaurangapore	50	3240	4	43	1	69	97153	-	6	67	3492	15	8	-	148	897	-	-	529	3908	2	10	-	15	-																			
14. Royagadda (a)	68	3914	56	40	2	56	9541	-	5	72	3036	87	69	2	610	239114	-	13	72	4307	63	113	2	144	Not known																			
15. Bissemkatak (b)	29	1623	10	2	1	-	210210	-	-	11(c)	25	769	1	14	-	15	-	-	(d)	23	1134	24	-	2	64	5641																		

x High being the initial cost the dispensary was opened in 1871.

Y includes the initial cost of instruments opened in 1891

& Only 3 are pauper patients.

Only 12 — do —

* Only 2 — do —

(a) There were 24, 36 and 22 pauper patients died at the hospital during 1891-92, 92-93, & 93-94 respectively.

(h) 19 self dictated.

(c) 23 do

(d) 13 — do —.

C. H. Thompson

Surgen-Major-General
Surgen-General with the
Government of Madras.

No 306

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,

Financial DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In compliance with the financial department Memorandum No: 2563 dated 22nd December 1894 and the reminders ~ thereto, I have the honor to submit a ~ Statement giving the cost of diet and Medicines for the 3 years ending with 1893/94 in the Presidency and Provisal ~ State Hospitals and Dispensaries, together with the number of patients and the cost per head.

2. Owing to the absence of regular ~ communication between the mainland and the Minicoy Island I have not been able to obtain the required information from the dispensary there. A separate Statement will be submitted hereafter in respect of this institution and of that in the Laccadives when the report

from

from both these places has been received.
3. The cost per head under diet is high in the Leper Hospital, Madras, and the Pallipott Lazaretto at Malabar and is due to the Chronic nature of the cases treated.

4. The cost per head of Medicines as obtained at the Pallipott Lazaretto is the highest. The matter has been referred for the explanation of the Medical Officer concerned and will be forwarded to Government when received.

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

Surgeon-Major Genl.
Surgeon-General with
the Govt of Madras.

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T. J. J. J. (1895) DEPARTMENT.

Ans 3148 of 94
" 245 of 95

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

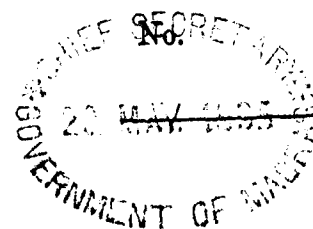
No. *172*

ENCLOSURES. *8*

Dated *18*

Received *20*

May 189 .



Subject.
To forward explanation
of the Cost of diet
obtained at the
Pallipott Lazaretto.

BC

In continuation of
No. 3148 of 1895 which
was forwarded to the
Government of Madras.

No
His Origl
93.

Office of Surgeon General
with Govt of Madras
Madras 30 April 1895

To

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer
Malabar.

Please expedite the des-
-patch of the Statement of Minicoy Dis-
-pensary called for in the marginally
noted numbers.

/ By order /

Prof. A. Simpson M.B.

Surgeon Captain
Secy. Surgeon General
with Government of Madras.

(True copy)

C. B. Moore

Surgeon Major General
Surgeon General with Government of Madras

{ This Office No 456 of 23-1-95
and Circular No 10 of 11-2-95 }

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No. *Four*Encl. *172*

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras

To

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Financial DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter A. 30 dated 21 March 1895, I have the honor to forward the explanation of the Civil Surgeon Cochin as regards the higher cost of diets obtained at the Palloport Lazarets.

2. The comparison being between institutions working under similar conditions and treating ailments of the same character, I do not consider his explanation convincingly satisfactory. Vide Correspondence marked A attached.

3. The Statement received from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer South Canara regarding the Government dispensary at Caccadives is herewith submitted. The Statement in question does not show any outlay on European medicines and from the enclosed —

Correspondence

Correspondence marked B, it will be seen that no indents were submitted during 1891-92 and 1893-94 but the cost of medicines supplied in the intermediate year was Rs 45-11-10

4. The Statement called for from Krinicoy has not yet been received in this Office vide copy of letter attached marked C.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
C. J. S. S. S.

Surgeon Major General

Surgeon General with Govt. of Madras

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Please see this note on the paper. The subject of the costs of diet is under consideration in the Public Department and the question raised in the C.S. note are administrative questions, which should, if so submitted, be dealt with in Public. If Financial issues arise in the sense of C.S. note there will be overlapping of orders in the two dep'ts. The Hon'ble Member has accepted the Financial order ^{originally drafted} as far as it goes and the best course appears to issue that order communicating it to Public for further action - together with Hon'ble Members - C.S. note. Finl. has dealt with the question so far as it concerns the budget. There is correspondence ^{it is understood} in Public both as regards the cost of medicines and of diet - the G. of I called attention to this point last year & it was in order to avoid any chance of confusion & of orders being passed on the same question in two separate dep'ts. That

Copy of note by the Honorable Mr. Bliss, C.I.E. on
Financial Current Nos. 3148 of 1894 & 245,711 & 1185 of 1895:—

"This draft is right as far as it goes, but
it does not deal adequately with the matter. A fresh draft should
be prepared on the lines of the C.S.'s note. See also my remarks
on the Cochin Doctor's letter d/ 17-3-95. From part of this it
appears that diet money has been spent on clothing (P) & part is
unintelligible."

/Initialled/ H.W.B.
17-7-95.

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Madras
Govt. of 18 } Madras.

To

The Public Department

Recd. 25 July
Genl. & Mil. Secy 711 & 1183 in orig.
Proceedings, dated 25 July 1895,
No. 546

Subject.

*Passing orders on the
provision of certain items
in the Medical Budget
for 1895-96.*

Financial ~~AM~~ Department.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Surgeon General d/ 27th November 1894, 29th January, 21st March and 18th May 1895 Nos. T. 4/18, 58, 306 and T/172 respectively.

Order d/ 25th July 1895 No 546.

The proposal in paragraph 6 of Surgeon General's first letter read above has been approved in paragraph 8 of G.O.d/ 22nd June 1895 No 470 Financial except as regards the Medical College Budget which should, the Government considers, continue to be transmitted through the Surgeon General.

2. In regard to the cost of Medicines, it is observed that the provision in the Medical budget for 1895-96 is very much in excess of the actuals for 1893-4. This is probably the case with Diets also. The Surgeon General will carefully revise the figures and state the exact requirements for each hospital surrendering the remainder of the provision. Further orders on the subject of the cost of diets and medicines will issue in the Public Department.

3. The Surgeon General should submit his budget for 1896-97 under each detailed account separately, as soon as it is ready.

/True Extract/

Francis

Ag. Under Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.

To The Public Department with C. Nos. 711 & 1185 in origl.

" Accountant General.
" Surgeon General.

C.S.'s note in origl. & copy of this note
+ note for 22-7-95 in origl.

[G.]
25.
600-2-5-95.

DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

When he does things of this kind
time after time, why not simply
return his letters for amendment
& re-submission?

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Absolutely unsatisfactory - (Why not?) Patient
not more perurbed than the Cabinet
before?

W

The S. Q. as usual, instead of writing a
letter placing everything clearly before Gov.
sends up a lot of correspondence which is
totally needless and all of the information
contained in which could have been embodied
in his letter itself.

In going through the statement regarding
the diseases, of which no explanation
is offered by the S. Q. excepting that in
the case of the Palliat Legation, which is
a brief and, to my mind, unsatisfactory report.
There are one or two instances where
papers shown against which would appear
to indicate that if things were looked
into redactions could be effected.

Take the case of the Women and Children
Hospital and the Hospital for the Blind
both of which were under the charge
of Dr. Hackett. The former certainly was

and I am pretty sure that the latter was
too. Take also the papers of 1893-94.

The Com. of Medicine gave head in
the General Hospital was P.O. 5-10
and in the lying in Hospital P.O. 3-4.
But in the Women & Children Hospital
it was P.O. 13-3. And in the P. & V. Hospital
P.O. 13-2.

Again the Com. of Med. in this year in the

2/4
W

General Hospital and lying in Hospital
was respectively Rs. 8-3-7 and Rs. 24-6-2.
In the W. of Hospital it was Rs. 5-8-11
in the V. of Hospital no less than Rs. 10-3-11.

This may be all right and susceptible
of any explanation but it does not
look so and surely the S. G. should
have noticed and explained if he
could why for instance a woman
being treated for venereal disease
should cost more than 100 per
cent ^{more} ~~less~~ than a lying in
mother and why she should again
more than 300 per cent ~~more~~ ^{more} than
more of medicine. He will
probably remember the case where
the prices charged by the Contractor
of the W. of Hospital were the
subject of inquiry and censure.
There seems to have been something
radically wrong in the administration
of these institutions in 1893-94.
It is remarkable how small a
variation ^{in the three years} there has been in the
lying in Hospital which is known
to have been under a capable
& careful Officer both under cost
of medicines and diet as com-
pared with the Women and
Childrens Hospital.

Turning to Provincial Hospitals in
Agency Tracts what strikes one
at once and what ought to
have attracted the S. G. attention
is the marked difference ⁱⁿ between
the cost of diet between Rayapada
and other institutions including
Kudaka Kudayakini. This may
be the result of locality or prices
but still it would seem strange
to have such a difference.

FOR ORDERS.

DEPARTMENT.

[G.]
25.
1895-5-95.



C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

I quite agree with this
note. On the face of it
there has been most ~~discreet~~ ^{discreet}
neglect ~~on the part of~~ which the S. G.
should have taken proper steps
to detect & correct without the
intervention of Govt. being neces-
sary. He can't possibly be
held responsible for the shortcoming
of his predecessors, but is in fault
for not having detected that things
were grossly wrong (on the face of
them, that is, in default of
explanation) & should have set
to work to set them right. So
far as I can see, he has not
done so.

17/7/95

The explanations offered as regards the
Pallipore Hospital do not seem to be
satisfying and A. P. Pothoore & of the
same opinion. The question is not whether
what Govt. allows has been exceeded
but whether the average amount ex-
penditure on diet is not too high.
A thorough overhaul of these institutions
by the S. G. would probably lead
to economies both as regards medicines
and diet.

13/7/95.

Copy to be made
in the office

FOR ORDERS.

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at that he should have forwarded
a mass of correspondence, ~~mostly~~
which contains the information contained
in which ^{it} should have been embodied
in the ~~Dr. G.~~ letter itself.

Public Current 2483

Order of 10th October 1895 No. 845

^{a matter for}
It is regretted that the S.G.
^{should have} offered no explanation as to the
^{differences appearing}
~~differences~~ exhibited in the
statement submitted by him.
On the other hand, a mass of
unnecessary correspondence
has been forwarded instead
of such information ^{as it may}
^{be} contained being embodied in the
S.G. letter.

2. An examination of the statement accompanying the
S.G. letter suggests the following points
3. The cost of medicines for
head in 1893-94 in the General Hospital
was 5s 10p and in the Lying-in
Hospital 3s 5p; ^{but} in the
Women and Children's and the
Voluntary Venereal Hospitals
^{both of which were under the same medical officer}
it was 12s 3p and 13s 6p
respectively. These figures
^{in the absence of any explanation so}
seem to show that had ~~a~~ ^{careful}
careful supervision been ex-
ercised in the two latter
^{handed} institutions, a considerable
reduction ^{in cost} might have ^{readily} been
effected.

4. Again, the S.G. offers
no reasons for the marked
^{as cheaping}
differences in the cost of drugs
for the same year. Thus, in the
General Hospital and Lying-in
Hospital the figures ^{were}
Rs 8.3.7 and Rs 4.6.2 respectively
in the Women and Children's Hospital

the cost Rs 5.8.1 and in the
Voluntary Venereal Rs 10.3.11.

These differences may be
susceptible of easy explana-

tion, but the ^{cause of them} reason is not by no means
apparent; and the S. G.

should have noticed and
accounted for them where
possible. Judging from the figures mentioned

above it would appear that in 1893-94

a woman treated for a

Venereal disease costs over

100 p.c. more to feed ^{and consumed over 300 per cent worth more} than a

lying-in mother, ~~and consumed~~

~~over 500 p.c. more of medicine and other costs~~

The Govt. is constrained
to remark that the adminis-

tration of the ^{and the Voluntary Venereal Hospitals} Women and Child
Hospitals, in 93-94 seems

to have been exceedingly faulty.

6 ^{During} with regard to Provincial
Hospitals in Agency Tracts,

it is observed that there is

a most striking difference in

the cost of diets between Roy-

-gudda and the other institutions.

Excepting perhaps Udayagiri.

This may be due to the circumstances of

particular locality or to

high prices, but no explanation

whatever is offered by the S. G.

7. As regards the Pallipatt

Lazaretto, the explanation

afforded is ^{very} unsatisfactory.

It is not clear to Govt why the

^{hospital} should cost more

than the Calicut Asylum. A
thorough ^{re-arrange} reorganisation of the
^{just named} former institution by the S. G.
would probably lead to
economies both as to med-
icines and to diets. From
the letter ^{from} the Civil Surgeon
at Cochin ^{forwarded by the S. G.} it would appear
that diet money has been
irregularly
spent upon clothing & Paras
of the ^{the communication referred} 2 and 3, are unintelligible

C.W.
17.9.95

from Orders.
R.D.
9/10/95.

C.S.
This file has been waiting
for the orders on Hosps. & Diets.
J.S.B.
3/10/95.

Singapore General with
enclos. returned } Despatch
22/10.

Cost of diets & Medicines in Hospital

from Order

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