

Public (189⁶) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1322

Dated 16-12-96

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Surgeon General that the Govt is not in a position to consider at present his proposals for the strengthening of the establishments connected with the out-patient's depts in the Govt and Govt Maternity Hospitals, and ~~for~~ ^{being} ~~nothing~~ to invite attention to them ^{proposals} as soon as the present financial tension has relaxed.

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General Hospital, Madras.										F. M. Dispensary, Igmore										Govt. Ophthalmic Hosp.									
Year	No. Treated			Average daily sick			Maximum No. treated on any one day			No. Treated			Average daily sick			Maximum No. treated on any one day			No. Treated			Average daily sick							
	Europeans and Eurasians	Natives	Total	Europeans and Eurasians	Natives	Total	Europeans and Eurasians	Natives	Total	Europeans and Eurasians	Natives	Total	Europeans and Eurasians	Natives	Total	Europeans and Eurasians	Natives	Total	Europeans and Eurasians	Natives	Total								
1891	7735	31,970	39,705	47.84	249.78	297.62	Not available	5.52	10,000	22,261	28.62	72.93	121.55	60	151	211	748	6,740	7,678	13.14	76.60	107.74							
1892	7759	37,007	44,766	52.06	279.61	331.67	Do	5.27	12,110	22,492	27.21	91.16	118.37	71	169	220	866	7,358	8,622	10.52	115.84	126.36							
1893	8,171	41,450	49,621	50.03	301.43	351.46	Do	5.70	12,523	23,533	28.23	87.24	117.47	64	132	196	813	7,474	8,287	7.64	74.60	96.04							
1894	8,465	42,350	50,815	47.54	273.27	320.81	Do	5.73	12,687	23,390	27.81	84.08	111.89	55	127	182	831	7,428	8,259	10.25	97.34	107.59							
1895	10,656	42,307	52,963	61.83	274.23	336.06	118	457	575	4,716	16,538	43,441	28.79	82.14	110.93	78	141	219	831	7,702	7,933	14.62	98.71	113.33					

Hospital	Year	Maximum No. Treated on any one day		
		Europeans and Eurasians	Natives	Total
Government	1891	34	126	160
Ophthalmic Hos.	1892	25	148	169
Hospital Continued	1893	17	158	175
	1894	33	159	191
	1895	28	159	187

[Signature]
 Surgeon-General
 Ag. Surgeon-General
 with the Govt. of Madras.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
MADRAS, the 24th July 1896.

From Colonel D.F. Bateman,
SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL G. SETHUPATHI, F.R.C.S.
AS: SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

CHIEF SECRETARY
24 JUL 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In paragraph one of G.O.No.227, Public, dated the 14th February 1896, Government called for a special report on the improvements required in the out patient Departments of the Hospitals in Madras suggested by the Director-General, Indian Medical Service. The Director-General considered that in none of the three Presidency towns has the importance of the out-patient department been thoroughly appreciated by the Medical Officers except in two or three instances. He stated that with proper arrangements for ensuring the comforts and meeting the wants of different classes of patients, combined with a business-like management of the dispensary proper, the beneficial influence of that department might be greatly extended and a wider field obtained from which to select suitable cases in hospital. I have the honour to state that I concur in his statement and agree with him that a great deal more remains to be done to make this important department in ^{each} ~~each~~ hospital more efficient and popular. In Madras both Government and the Municipality have during the past ten years spent a great deal of money on improving the buildings for out-patients at all the hospitals where such patients are dealt with.

2. I attach a statement showing the work done in each of the out-patient departments during the past five years.
3. The General Hospital shows a steady increase in the attendance and number of patients treated and they all show how much they are appreciated.

4. As stated in my Annual report for 1895-96, No. T/310, dated the 22nd June 1896 on the Medical Institutions in the Presidency town, I have already issued orders which have greatly simplified the clerical work in the registration of such patients and minimised the work in the compounding and dispensing of medicines which will lead to much greater economy than previously existed.

5. On receipt of the order under reference, I called on the Medical Officers concerned to submit any suggestions they consider would tend to improve their out-patient departments.

6. The Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, considers that on the whole the out-patient department of that hospital, as at present worked in the excellent buildings erected during the past six years, attains nearly the ends mentioned by the Director General, Indian Medical Service, and that to improve this department would require an increase in the present establishment. At present the male side is worked by the Resident Surgeon and one Apothecary. The female side by the Military Assistant Surgeon and one apothecary (except on Friday) when the reverse is the case. This arrangement means that should an operation, lasting quarter of an hour, have to be performed all work at the male side must stop (if chloroform be used) for quarter of an hour. Should one of the subordinates reports sick the double work falls on ^{the} other; should the Resident Surgeon have to go to carry on a post mortem examination or on other duty, the whole work falls on the subordinate. The greater part of the dressing of patients and dispensing of medicines is done by untrained students in their first year of study who in the opinion of those best qualified to judge should be working at the College and not in the hospital. The services of another apothecary are required, or two more compounders to dispense medicines and relieve the untrained students of this duty. There should be one third class Hospital Assistant and one male ward attendant on the male side and one nurse and one female ward attendant on the female side to do all the dressings required. All of these would have to be in addition to the present establishment. If

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If this increase was sanctioned it would make the working of this department on its present lines far more efficient though it would not deal with the important special branches of diseases of the throat, skin, ear, nose, &c, all of which are provided for by the appointment of specialists in the out patient departments of the more important clinical hospitals in Great Britain and Ireland.

7. Regarding the out-patient department of the Government Maternity Hospital working in the Egmore Dispensary, Pantheon Road, the Superintendent reports as follows:-

* In my opinion improvements might be effected at the Egmore Dispensary for women and children in the following ways:-

- A. Increase of Medical Staff.
- B. Increase in the Compounding Staff.
- C. Payment for medicines and appliances.

In reference to the increase of the Medical Staff, the work done at this dispensary is of two kinds,

- a. General work.
- b. Gynaecological work.

a. The General Work- The first class hospital assistant in subordinate charge of the dispensary is chiefly responsible for this. Cases which he feels he cannot deal with are sent on to the Superintendent or his assistant. The women and children who resort to this dispensary are chiefly those who live in the neighbourhood and I believe the wants of this portion of the population have been fairly well supplied by the attendance they can obtain. A more highly qualified man would however be likely to do more thorough and better work.

b. Gynaecological Work- So far as I know, this is the only hospital in Madras, except the Victoria Gaste and Goshu Hospital at which any systematic Gynaecological treatment can be obtained. The Gynaecological patients come from all parts of Madras and the suburbs and even from beyond these parts. The department forms an important feeder to the inpatient portion of the Gynaecological and Lying-in Wards of the Maternity Hospital.

For this work special knowledge and experience is necessary

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and if this is not forthcoming the attendance at the dispensary quickly declines. The Superintendent of the Maternity Hospital, superintends this work himself assisted by the Senior Medical Subordinate of the Hospital. But the work presses very heavily on the Superintendent who is already overloaded with duties at the Maternity Hospital, the Medical College and elsewhere. When I first opened the Gynaecological work at this dispensary I saw patients three or four days a week. For the last three or four years I have found it quite impossible to devote more than two mornings in the week to this duty and I may here say that this work has been done at the expense of considerable wear and tear to the Superintendent as he has occasionally been in the position of having no experienced assistant and has felt that the attendance was depend^{ent} on his personal work. The work is now practically where it has been for a number of years and cannot be developed further unless there is an increase of staff for the purpose.

The person appointed should be in a position to attend daily and devote at least two hours a day to the work. A well qualified female practitioner might answer the purpose in some degree but a European Medical Officer, who could also work at the Maternity Hospital and obtain experience there, is really what is required.

B. Increase in the Compounding Staff.

The compounding of medicines is done by a third class hospital assistant and students posted for this purpose from the Medical College or by the Surgeon-General. Most of the students have to leave to attend the College at 9 o'clock and this is often just the busiest time in the compounding work. The services of two qualified compounders are much to be desired.

C. Payment for Medicines and appliances.

A large number of the patients attending at the Gynaecological department are persons of small means but able to pay for their medicines and any appliances ordered for them. Many of them have their prescriptions made up at Chemists' shops where the drugs are of an unreliable quality and are very dear. If such persons could be allowed to pay for their medicines and any appliances which were necessary for them it would be a boon and it could I think be worked if there was an increase in staff. As matters stand it could not be feasible to do this."

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I fully concur in these suggestions and have already in my letter No. 26, dated the 15th January 1895 suggested the appointment of a female Medical Practitioner to take the place of the first class hospital assistant who should be relegated to charge of the dispensing department and given two trained compounders to do the work now performed by the untrained first year students who should be working at the College as already suggested regarding those attached to the General-Hospital. I have long been of opinion that a second Junior European Commissioned Officer should be attached to this Hospital in the same way as there is one on the staff of the Eden Hospital in Calcutta where there is not half the work or responsibility for the Superintendent that exists in Madras. It would be a great benefit to the women in the Madras Presidency, if the Superintendent of this hospital had an opportunity of training a junior Medical Officer in his very special branch of Medical aid. I consider it would be desirable that the appointment should be for an officer under the rank of Surgeon-Major and that it should be for a period not more than three years and that he should get the same pay and allowances of the Resident Medical Officer on the Staff of the Eden Hospital, Calcutta. As regards the sale of medicines and appliances I think it would be a mistake to interfere with the existing rules which were framed with the idea of not interfering with local trade.

8. As regards the out-patient department of the Government Ophthalmic Hospital, the Superintendent reports as follows:
- "The waiting room for European and Eurasian patients, although a small one, satisfies the requirements, there being only a small attendance of this class of patients.
 - "The Waiting shed for Native patients is divided into two compartments, one for males and the other for females. Owing to the increasing number of patients this shed was enlarged last year at a cost of Rs. 1312/-. It still requires a further enlargement as it is every morning very much overcrowded.
 - "The prescribing room is large and commodious for all requirements.
 - "The dressing and compounding room at present is one and the

same room, the compounding being separated from the dressing portion by woodwork about three feet in height. The superficial area of the dressing portion is far too small, and male and female patients elbow each other in this room. I would therefore suggest the following changes in this room:-

(a) That there be two dressing rooms one for male and the other for female patients, on either side of a compounding room as shown in the diagram attached, the dressing rooms being fitted with the required number of benches.

(b) That there be a side room between the prescribing room and the other rooms, for patients to wait before they pass into their respective dressing rooms.

(c) That there be a verandah adjoining for patients to wait until they are able to go away.

" I would also suggest that a latrine be constructed for the out-patients. At present there is no latrine for this class of patients."

I concur in his suggestions and consider the improvement in the out-patient buildings absolutely necessary. The time in the morning of the Superintendent and the Apothecary have become so fully occupied looking after the increased number of in-patients and dealing with the largely increased cases for operation that it is most desirable that another Apothecary or Assistant Surgeon should be added to the staff in order that the out-patients may be more promptly and regularly dealt with. I would also suggest that he be allowed two trained compounders to take the place of the first year untrained Students.

9. As regards the Government Voluntary Venereal Hospital I am sure that if an out-patient department were organised --- in connection therewith it would serve a good purpose and be very useful to the unfortunate class of women.

10. As regards the improvements required in the out-patient departments of the Black town dispensary, Royapuram and of the Royapettah hospital, these questions are now before -----

the

the Municipal Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. S. S. S.
Surgeon-Colonel,

Acting Surgeon-General

with the Government of Madras.

C. S. S.

From
Colonel D.F. Bethell,
SURGN.-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,
AG: SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. 225

Dated 24th }
Received 31 } July 1896.
Desd 1-8-96
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Subject.

Submitting remarks on the improvements
required in the out-patient Departments
of the Hospitals in the Presidency town
of Madras.

FOR ORDERS.

Please let me have with
of what the proposed increase
of the will cost. The building
of the Eye Hospital are no
great matter. As to the little
there is this to be said for
sanctioning them, viz., that India
has virtually proposed them, &
will therefore have to allow
for them in the new Prov.
Contract. This being so, I don't
know why we should not go in
for them. We can stand the
expense for the rest of the
current year without difficulty.
The real difficulty will be in
getting a Genl. officer to help
transport - As if India
disallows that we could fall
back on a female doctor

22/8/96

* vide page 4 (2) a of the Annual report
for 1895 on the Medical Institute
- Madras, flagged T.

The Asst Surgeon General submits the
special report called for inf. O. No.
227 Pubd 14. 2. 96 in regard to possible
improvements (as suggested by
S. Cleghorn in his note recorded
therein) in the out-patient depts
of the hospitals in Madras.

It will be seen that something
has already been done in Madras in
this direction for

1. Both Govt and the Municipality
have in the past decade spent
a great deal of money in im-
proving the buildings for out-patients
in all the hospitals where such
patients are treated - more es-
pecially in the General Hospital
2. Departmental orders have
been issued which have
greatly simplified the clerical
work, while that of Compounds and

and dispensing of medicine has been minimised tending to greater economy with use of medicine.

In the statement appended to C. 2465 is shown the work done in each out-patient dept during the past quinquennium. The Genl Hspl shows a steady increase in the number of patients but in the Female Dispensary & in the numbers have fallen during the past two years while in the foot Ophth. Clinic Hspl there has been a steady decrease since 1892.

Coming now to the improvements suggested it is observed that they in all cases involve extra expenditure particularly in establishments.

~~on the 10th inst. the S.G. was informed that no further applications for extra establishments were submitted this year.~~

(a) The General Hospital -

The Senior Medical Officer

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

The out-patient dept hours are from 7. a.m. to 4. p.m. It is not apparent why operations should not be performed after 4. p.m. There are no direct spoken cases but cannot be kept waiting.

The reason is that there must be a trained person to attend under chloroform and watch the patient so that these operations can work uninterfered. There are only the R. Surgeon & 2 Ophth.

reports that the out-patient dept of the Genl Hspl "attains nearly the ends" mentioned by D. Cleghorn. This being so, it would be well to adopt the principle of "quieta non movere". As improvement can only be obtained by increasing the establishment it seems best to let well alone, more especially as that establishment has only just been reorganised vide G.O. No 535 dated 15.9.96.

Attention is invited to the remarks in para 6. It is not quite clear why an operation requiring the use of chloroform and lasting for 15 minutes should stop all work at the male side for two persons. As to the fact that the greater part of the dressing of patients is done by untrained students in their first year, and as to the wisdom of this arrangement, a further report may perhaps be called for. The question of the appointment of specialists for the treatment of diseases of the throat, skin &c is, for the present at any rate, out of the question.

(b) The Female Dispensary -

Here again, as far as the general work is concerned the wants of the neighbourhood are fairly well supplied and here also the

more thorough & better work means an increase of ob-
-servation. As to gynaecological work it is no doubt true that the Supdt of the Maternity Hosp^l "who is already over-
-loaded with work duties" at that institution must find it very difficult to give more than "two mornings in the week to this duty." As this work requires a specialist who is not always available it has necessarily become a standstill. An extra Eu-
-ropean medical officer at least - as well as a qualified female practitioner is no doubt necessary, but this submitted there are equally, if not more, urgent calls on the public purse even supposing that the funds were for the coming. The suggestion that patients should be allowed to pay for their medicines etc is not recommended by Surg^l Col Buteman, who thinks that the arrangement will inter-
-fere with local trade. It is not quite clear why this should be so, but in any case as the working of this suggestion "would not be feasible" without an increase of staff it may be set aside.

for the Ophthalmic Hospital.

As remarked

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vide diagram attached to the current.

current the waiting room for European and Eurasian patients satisfies all re-
-quirements. Attention to punctuality and despatch of work in con-
-nection with. That for latrine is undoubtedly very much overcrowded and the suggested improve-
-ments seem to be necessary especially as to the two dressing rooms and the latrine. Surg^l Col Buteman remarks that he considers the improvement absolutely necessary. It may be remarked that outpatients are fre-
-quently kept waiting a very considerable time and as the Europeans and Eurasians are attended to first, the necessity for a time for the natives will be apparent, especially during ~~our~~ wet and inclement weather. It is submitted that ^{the P. W. D. may be} ~~the P. W. D. may be~~ ^{asked for plan as proposed} ~~asked for plan as proposed~~ ^{for the station the station} ~~for the station the station~~ ^{provision} ~~provision~~. Here again an increase of establishment is suggested by Surg^l Col Buteman.

Off. Memo

Improvement in
Out-Patient Dept.
of Hospitals

With ref. to his letter no.
325 of the 24th ultimo,
the Surgeon-General is
requested to submit
an estimate ^{showing the}
details of cost of the additional
~~establishments, for the improvement of~~
Establishments with
proposed

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How Mr. H. W. Bliss C.R.

The Surgeon-General

Public (1896) Department.

CURRENT No.



Cd. C. 3465 & 3917.

From

The Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras.

No. 7

Dated November 1896.

Received 21/11/96

Registered 22/11/96

Enclosures 2.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks certain pro-
posals on the additional establish-
ment for the efficient working of
the out-patients' departments in the
General and Government Maternity
Hospitals, Madras.

Order No. 1322 of 16-12-96
The Govt. is not in
a position to consider
these proposals at present.
The Surg. Genl. will be
at liberty to invite
attention to them as
soon as the present fin-
ancial tension has
relaxed.

from orders

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The Surg. Genl.

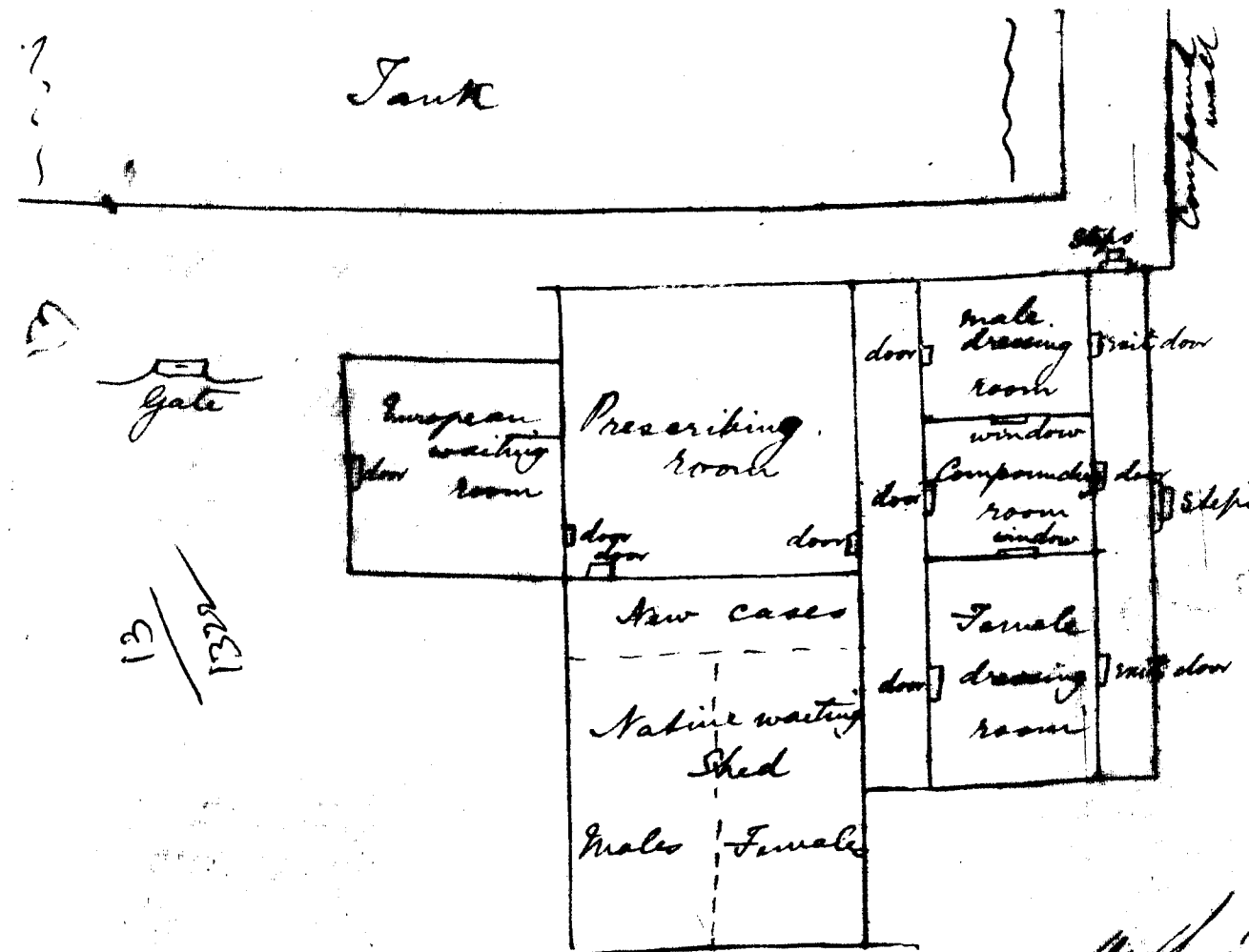
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Latrine for
 out-patients

[Signature]

Surgeon-Colonel

Ag : Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of Mad

Estimate of the additional Staff required for the efficient working of the Out-patient's Departments of the General and Government Maternity Hospitals.

General Hospital Madras		Minimum number	
	No.	No.	
1. Chief Apothecary	50	150	125
2. Local attendances	30	20	30
3. 3rd class Hospital Assistant	25	25	25
4. Local attendances	10	10	10
5. Nurse rent.	8	8	8
6. 2 Companders (9 to 18)	18	36	31 1/2
7. Nurse	20	40	35
8. Native attendances	15	15	15
9. Female ward attendant	7	15	13
10. Male	7	12	10 3/4
Total	190	341	303 1/4

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 Government of Madras,
 Bellary 19th November 1896.

Govt. Maternity Hospital Madras		Minimum number	
	No.	No.	No.
1. Assistant Superintendent	450	450	450
2. Nurse rent	75	75	75
3. Female Assistant Surgeon	100	200	166 2/3
4. Allowance	30	30	30
5. 2 Companders (9 to 18)	18	36	31 1/2
Total	673	791	753 1/2

Deduct pay and allowance of one 3rd class Hosp. Asst. who will not be required.

Net increase 638 756 788 1/2

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

*Statement showing the additional cost of working the Voluntary General Hospital
with the Establishment proposed.*

	Present Cost	Proposed Cost	Insurance	Reserve	
Minimum	Average	Minimum	Average	Minimum	
Superintendent	100	100	50	190	90
House rent	-	-	18	75	42
1st Grade Hospital Assistant	55	55	"	"	55
Allowance	10	10	"	"	10
House rent	8	8	"	"	8
2nd Grade Hospital Assistant	-	-	35	35	35
Allowance	-	-	10	10	10
House rent	-	-	8	8	8
3rd Grade Hospital Assistant	25	25	"	"	25
Allowance	10	10	"	"	10
House rent	8	8	"	"	8
	276	276	127	285	185
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Office of the Surgeon General
at the Govt. of Madras
Bellary 19th November 1876

Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras.

No. 10/1322

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, 24 November 1896.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 1721, dated the 25th August 1896, I have the honour to attach a statement (marked I) showing in detail the cost of the additional establishment proposed for the efficient working of the out-patients' departments in the General and Government Maternity Hospitals, amounting to Rs. 303 and 718, respectively, per month.

No account has been taken of the improvements proposed for the out-patients' department of the Government Ophthalmic Hospital, as the permanent incumbent, Surgeon Major Pope, having returned to duty in September last and fully gone into the matter, does not concur in the improvements suggested by the acting incumbent which were supported by me and reported to Government in my letter No. 525, dated the 24th July 1896. He considers that he is quite able to carry on the work for the present without any changes. I will watch the working of the out-patients' department of this hospital and if I consider any changes absolutely necessary will address Government on the subject.

For the out-patient department of the Government Maternity Hospital, provision has been made for the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent and a female practitioner as suggested in my letter No. 525, dated the 24th July 1896. The former will be a Junior Commissioned Medical Officer below

below the rank of Surgeon-Major on Rs.450/- a month, the same pay as that allowed to the Resident Medical Officer, Eden Hospital, Calcutta, with Rs.75/- house rent in lieu of free quarters allowed at Calcutta. In Calcutta this officer is not allowed to engage in private practice but Brigade Surgeon-Lieut: Colonel Bramfoot recommends that he should be allowed to take practice and I concur but if he does so, he will forfeit his right to house rent. The female practitioner will be an M.B. or L.M.&S. of the University designated and paid as an Assistant Surgeon. A salary of Rs.100/- per month with Rs.30/- allowance has therefore been provided for her.

4. I would here again urge upon Government the desirability of appointing an Assistant Surgeon as Superintendent of the Voluntary Venereal Hospital and relieving the Surgeon, 2nd District, of his duty as proposed in my letter No.589, dated the 13th August 1895. If this were done an out-patients' department might be organised in connection with it which would meet a great want and increase the good work now being done by the Hospital amongst the unfortunate class of women who resort to it.

5. Should Government be pleased to sanction my proposal and direct the opening out of an out-patient department in connection with the Voluntary Venereal Hospital, the whole hospital may be worked with an additional cost of only Rs.69/- per month as shown in the accompanying statement (marked II.). Considering that the appointment of a Military Assistant Surgeon as Superintendent would relieve the Surgeon, 2nd District, and thus place him in a better position to carry on the duties in the General Hospital, the extra expense would not be excessive.

6. As regards the accommodation for it, the present clothing store room can be utilized and extended to make an efficient out-patients' department and the clothing stored in one of the rooms used as an office, the Superintendent's Office being accommodated in the examination room upstairs.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

C. H. Grose
Surgeon-Major-General,
Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras.

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C. No 3917.
~~THE GOVERNOR.~~
THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.
~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

Public DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECT.

Proposals for improving
out patient dept of
State hospitals at Madras

FOR ORDERS.

in reply to para 1. of No. 27. Public. H. Feb. 98. Hy. C. No. 2465. attached to the current file. [The Director sent with the file in his office in the working of Indian hospitals (printed in the 30. quoted above at Hy C) Jan. 21. 22 & 87. pointed out the necessity for improving the arrangements for free out patients & this was referred to the B.G. for suggestion]

All this must, I fear, stand over in the present - As regards the V.V. Hosp. & the 2nd Dist. my recollection is that I have detailed proposals regarding the file about the out patient dept. in which is still left H.C. - I haven't repeated that since then. I fancy it is as soon to happen that the B.G. has a proposition in the 1st. College - The object of the

In July last the Asst. Surgeon General submitted proposals for improving the out patient department of the State hospitals at Madras. His letter was circulated with a note for orders on the 21st August and on the 22nd column: the Hon. Mr. Bliss called for an estimate of what the proposed increase would cost. This has not been submitted by D. H. H. and amounts to Rs 718 and Rs 305 per month for

for the Maternity and General Hospitals respectively. No details for the Ophthalmic Hospital have been furnished as the permanent Superintendent, who has since returned from leave, does not consider the increases proposed by his locum tenens to be necessary. The estimate for the Maternity Hospital provides for a commissioned Medical Officer as Assistant Superintendent, and a female Assistant Surgeon. In regard to this, the Honourable Member remarked on the 22nd August that if India disallowed a female "Doctor". It is perhaps unnecessary to consider the details of the proposals submitted

The estimate submitted for the Maternity Hospital is for Rs. 10,000 per annum. (file) No. 2465.

changes proposed to give him one. This file should be brought up again as soon as the situation is a bit clearer. The most important matter, I think, is to give Dr. Khan just what he needs.

4/2/96
Meanwhile remind H.C. of the fact that a revision of the file should be made. A good deal depends on the question of their health, as a great many of the patients were sent to the hospital when Dr. Khan left.

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submitted in view of the recent orders regarding expenditure. (G.O. No. 785, Finance dated 10th November 1896) The Surgeon General directs that the Surgeon of the 2nd District should be relieved of the charge of the Voluntary Hospital. (G.O. No. 149, dated 7th September 1895). The need for a permanent Surgeon is a long-standing question. In the Committee's attention is invited to the statement on page 4 of the previous note for orders. It will be seen from the statement attached to current 3917 that the Surgeon General obtains

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But that was before the
outlook became so bad.
M.A.

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The same is ^{under the approval} now submitted
seems to provide for the
arrangement to relieve the Surg. &
Lt. to act for the institution
of an out-patient's Dept., so that
the cost of the latter wd. be
added to the ^{expense} for the
services in the summer.

In view of the season & the doubtful terms of the new Prop^d. Contract it seems safer to take no action at present.

MA 3.12.96.