

Public (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 243

Dated 18th Feb. 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

DR. PRICE'S LEAVE.

Granting Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant Colonel Price privilege leave for one month from the 15th August 1895, under Article 291 of the Civil Service Regulations.

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MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE,

9 December 1895

Enclosures.

From

BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. PRICE, M.D.,

PRINCIPAL, MEDICAL COLLEGE,

To

The Secretary to the Surgeon General
With the Government of Madras
Through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that the Surgeon General will be good enough to move Government to kindly reconsider their order dated 17 August 1895 in which I have been granted furlough for one month on sick certificate in lieu of privilege leave for which I was eligible.

2. I would beg leave to point out that when I first applied for privilege leave I knew that the restrictions on the granting of leave had been withdrawn, and I knew that my application would be supported both by the Director of Public Instruction and the Surgeon General, and therefore although not in good health at the time, I did not think it necessary to send a sick certificate.

The following extract from A. 2913 from the Secretary, Surgeon General may be read in the margin.

The Surgeon General regrets that the exigencies of service have compelled Government to retain you for the present especially as he knows the arduousness of your duties and the difficulties you have recently been carrying them on at all owing to the state of your health at the time.

If the state of your health during the approaching

No. 578

Office of Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras,

Madras, 19th December 1895.

Rno 16848/5

Current No. 3711

From

THE PRINCIPAL,

MEDICAL COLLEGE,

Madras,

hot weather renders a change necessary you should report sick in the usual way and submit a sick certificate."

3. I would further beg to point out that on the 25th June I reported that all male patients had been removed from the 3rd floor of the General Hospital and that, as far as I was concerned I was ready to receive the patients from the Women and Children's Hospital at any moment.

4. When leave was refused me in G.O. N^o 843 dated 13-7-95 I was forced to send in a sick certificate, as I knew that if I did not get rest and change I must inevitably break down. And I been in a fit state to continue my work I certainly would not have left it in the face of that G.O. As a matter of fact I remained too long in Madras as it was. And I been an ordinary patient I would have been sent away during the hot weather.

5. I would lastly respectfully beg to point out that even when the exigencies of the service necessitate all leave being stopped it has been the custom of the service to grant privilege leave to those eligible for that leave, who are compelled by sickness to give up work for a time, and who can support their application by a sick certificate, more especially when this certificate has been confirmed by the Medical Board. This was actually done in the case of another medical officer in Madras during this hot weather.

6. Taking the above circumstances into consideration, I trust that Government may be pleased to grant me the privilege leave asked for, as a month's furlough in lieu means a loss of Rs 900, a loss of all the privilege leave I had earned and also that I cannot take furlough (except on sick certificate) for three years after my return duty from this month's furlough.

I have &c

Wm. M. M.
Principal

FORWARDED to the Honble the Chief Secretary

to Government, Public Department, with reference to G.O. N^o 965, Public, dated the 24th November 1895.

2. The decision in G.O. N^o 691, Public, dated the 17th August 1895 has as explained by Brig. Surg. Lt. Col. Price, a very prejudicial effect as regards his pay for the period and his prospects of leave.

3. Considering that the leave he applied for was necessitated by hard work both in the hospital and the College, I trust that Government will be pleased to reconsider their decision in his case.

C. H. Thorpe

Surgeon-Major-Genl.

Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of Madras.

Forwarded and recommended
for very favorable consideration

J. H. M. M.

Sur. Genl. M. M.

N^o 13422

14-12-95

Public (1895) Department

Pub. No. 965 D/21-11-95

785 D/19-9-95

691 D/17-8-95

843 D/13-7-95 Rth

From Surgeon Major General Chittenden, M.C.S.
Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras

Hum. and circ

^{Submitted}
~~Circulated~~ for orders
and attention invited to G.O.
No. 965 D/21-11-95.

Re 578

Dated 19th December 1895
Received 28th
Recd 21st

It is understood that
Dr. Price left Madras for
the Hills several days
before the Christmas
holidays began.

~~The Surgeon General~~
should not use the ~~Endeavour~~
-ment form in addressing
Government.

Dr. Price who is a very hard working
and confident officer appears to
have been really ill and to have
lost much owing to having had to
take furlough. It is submitted that
his case is one which might best
be reconsidered.
The application should have come
up with a covering letter

20/1/96
I am sorry to say that I cannot
agree that Surgeon Lt. Col. Price is
deserving of much, or any, considera-
tion at the hands of Govt. - In
the first place, I observe that we
have not yet had an explanation
as to why he left his Station

Forwarding for reconsidera-
tion of their orders in his case,
letter from Mr. Surgeon Lt. Col. Price,
and, applying for the conversion
of the one month furlough granted
him into Privilege leave
to which he was entitled
at the time.

As to this advertisement - the words
"are very responsible and onerous"
seem certainly much out of place.
But the announcement as to
the days & hours of work is I suppose
no more than in strict accordance
with facts, and if the statements
of what is required are such as to
deter candidates from coming forward,
the conditions should be altered.
If however they are not true -
some severe notice sh^d. be taken of
them. It should be referred to the
S.G. whose attention sh^d. be called
to the superlatives employed - and
the accuracy of the statements made
examined. I sh^d. also like to know
the result of the advertisement.

W
11 Jan

without permission (vide
G.O. 785
19.9.95). Secondly, it
now appears that he left his
Station before the Xmas holidays
began - Thirdly, I would draw
attention to an advt. which Dr.
P. has recently been publishing
in the Fort S. G. Gazette, and also,
I think, in the local newspapers,
calling for applicants for the
vacant post of Asst. Surgeon
(a something of the sort) in the
Genl. Hosp. In this advt., he
says "no holidays allowed."
must work all Sundays" or
to that effect, thus doing his
utmost, as I take it, to
deter applicants from coming
forward. To my mind, action
of this kind is distinctly
disloyal & an officer who is
guilty thereof should be considered
unworthy in any way for
Dr. Price may be a very good
doctor & a hard working man,
but he is contentious and
disloyal & I would do nothing
for him.

W
8/1/96

The one Dr. Price has com-
mitted faults recently he is at
the close of a long career -
as he has worked hard and
loyally & willingly, & much
may be forgiven on that
account. Under all the

circumstances I think knowledge
Leave might be allowed.

JG
10.1.96

I do not believe that Dr. Price has
any intention to be disloyal - but
that he has erred where he has erred
from ~~want of~~ ^{want of} temper and judgment,
caused very much by ~~loss~~ ^{loss} of health
& hard work. Life in this country
spent in hard work such as falls to
Dr. Price tends very much to irritability
and I think due allowance should
be made for this in the case of a
superior and otherwise deserving
officer, such as Dr. Price.
I had not taken in at the time what
a severe penalty was being inflicted
on Dr. Price when his leave was
disallowed - as detailed in
the last para. of his letter. In fact
to insist upon it would in my opinion
be to visit him with a punishment
totally out of proportion to the
requirements of the case. I therefore
agree with the hon. Mr. Price.

W
11 Jan

② Note for the C.S.

This information is
necessary before the privilege
leave can be gazetted.

Ref. No. 157
~~578~~ 1-96.
With reference to his
communication No. 578 d/19th
Dec '95, the Surgeon Genl is
requested to report the exact
period, with inclusive dates,
during which Brigadier
Surgeon Lt Col Price was ab-
sent from duty on the leave
granted him in f.O. No. 69,
Sub. d/17th Aug '95.

2. With reference to the
advertisement for a Head
Steward ^{Sealthorpe} published at page
1005 of the Fort St. George
Gazette of August last,
the attention of the Surgeon-
Genl is invited to that
portion which states that
the duties are "very re-
sponsible and onerous".
Such statements are more
likely to deter candidates
from ^{than to induce}
coming forward
to do so.
He is requested to state
whether the advertisement
contains a perfect
true and unvarnished

description of the duties
of the Head Steward & the
* of the ~~admiralty~~
shall also be reported.

(from orders)

J.B.
14/1/96

16.1.96

the 4 years hence

* This information has
come in since.

J.B.
16/1/96

D. Price's leave

from orders

Public (1896) DEPARTMENT.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

No. 101

ENCLOSURES.

Dated

Received

February 1896.

No.

12 FEB 1896

Subject.

Intimation that Mr. Price
M. Price, M.D. was absent
from duty from 14th August
to 15th Sept 1895 on his leave
granted him in G.O. No 691
Public of 27 August 1895

Pub. G.O. No 109 - 10 22-1-96

C No 203 of 96

Forst George Gazette Part II 27-8-95/4/10.

Papers put up for No 4328 of 95 within

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, *11th February* 1896.

No. *104*

Encl.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 157, *Public*, dated the 21st January 1896, para 1, I have the honor to state that Brig. Surgeon Lt. Col. H. Price was absent from duty from the afternoon of the 14th August to the forenoon of the 15th September 1895, on the leave granted him in G. O. No. 691, *Public*, dated the 17th August 1895.

2. As regards para 2 of your memorandum the advertisement, in my opinion, contains an accurate and uncoloured description of the duties of the Head Steward, General Hospital. In this connection, I would request a reference to the Stewards' bond printed on pages 105 & 106 of the Diet Committee's Report submitted to Government with my letter No. 470 of the *30th October* 1895.

3. The Senior Medical Officer reports

675 in

that in answer to advertisements for Head ~
steward in 1893 about 86 applications were
received but one of the men withdrew his
application when the nature of the work was
explained to him. It was, he says, in order
to prevent such men applying that the words
referred to were inserted in the advertisements
of 1895. In answer to this 56 applications ~
appear to have been received presumably
from men willing to work.

4. It is a matter within the experience
of every head of an office that whenever
any vacancies - specially those carrying a
liberal scale of pay with them - are advertised
there is always a rush of applicants the ~
majority of whom fall considerably below
the required standard. It therefore appears
desirable in the case of special appointments
of the kind under reference that their full
requirements should be mentioned in
the advertisement to save the worry and
correspondence caused by the unnecessary
rush of applicants.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. S. S. S. S.

Major Genl.

Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of Madras.

Note for the H. M. with
ref: to his note of 8.1.96.
The H. M.'s attention is
invited to G. O. No. 870 of
19.10.95; also to paras 2
et seq. of C. 566; to the S. M. O's
letter of 10.9.95 and H. E.'s note of 19.1.96 in
that G. O. and lastly to
C. 203 linked to this file.

See

7/2/96

Public dept

Currents 4328 & 566

G. O. No. 243 of 18 Feb 96

The following
Notn: will be publish-
ed in the Fort St George
Gazette:-

No. Brigade Surg
Lieut Col. W. Price
privilege gave for one
month from the 15th
August 1895 under
Article 291 of the C. S. R.

This cancels Notn.
No. 441 at page 935
of the Gazette of 20.8.95.

Y. S. B.
13.2.96

from orders

14/2/96

18/2/96

Dr. Price's leave.

from orders

✓
Hon: H. W. Bliss. C. 9. 9

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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