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[Despatch Abstract.]

DISTRICT MEDICAL AND SANITARY OFFICER, NILGIRIS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 6170, dated 3rd November 1893, submitting for the consideration of Government the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, No. 375-B, dated 28th October 1893:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4845, dated 21st August 1893, communicating G.O., No. 628, Public, dated 11th idem, I have the honour to observe that the distinction drawn by the Surgeon-General between the Secretariat clerks and the Revenue subordinates in this district is that the residence of the former on the hills is temporary, while that of the latter being permanent they can make their own arrangements for medical attendance, and this is made the sole ground for the concession enjoyed by the Secretariat clerks. It may here be pointed out that the Revenue subordinates here are mere sojourners from the plains and often go down to their homes during their illness or whenever there is anything of importance to attend to. Farther, the circumstances of this district are most peculiar, and there are no private practitioners of any description with whom the subordinates can be expected to make their own arrangements.

2. The Surgeon-General states that the provision made in paragraph 2 of the rules regarding medical attendance amply meets all requirements. But his own argument, that the Civil Surgeon at Ootacamund is already overworked, will show that it is not so easy to give full effect to this rule at this place as at other stations, and, as a matter of fact, this concession is very seldom enjoyed by the subordinates. He also quotes the provisions of G.O., No. 41, dated 10th January 1884, and observes that for short periods of absence on medical grounds it will be sufficient if a certificate is produced from a medical subordinate. This is no doubt true, but when unable to attend the hospital the clerks can produce such a certificate only by sending for a medical subordinate and paying his fees, and this they cannot afford to do in a majority of cases owing to the smallness of their pay.

3. I may here point out the concession enjoyed by the clerks attached to the Army head-quarters here and referred to in paragraph 2 of my letter, No. 216-B, dated 17th June 1893. Though they are also permanently located in this place the Government of India have sanctioned the appointment of a first-class assistant apothecary to assist the medical officers in visiting the Government servants attached to the Army head-quarters while sick at their own quarters and the grant of Rs. 30 a month to the existing dispensary at Ootacamund as a contribution towards meeting the extra cost of supplying medicine without charge to subordinates treated in their own houses (*vide* G.O., No. 1687, Military Department, dated 8th April 1884). I make this further representation, because I do not see why the Revenue subordinates in this district should be worse off than their brethren in the Military offices who, in addition to their pay, draw a local allowance. It was never my intention that the medical officer himself should visit these subordinates, but that the great hardship

felt in the matter of medical attendance may be removed to some extent. I had no idea that so much sickness of a petty nature would be prevalent in this station, but, small though the staff is, there is rarely a day on which the whole of it is available for work, and having no proper attendance I am quite unable to say whether the absence is due to real or feigned illness. By the addition of a small remuneration the apothecary attached to the Army head-quarters may, I think, be made to attend on the Revenue subordinates at this station.

Endorsement, No. 2273-R.

Transferred to the Public Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th November 1893.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

From A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A., Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 8th August 1895, No. 4685.

In G.O., No. 989, Public, dated 7th December 1893, it was ruled that all public employes on duty at Ootacamund are entitled, when sick, to gratuitous attendance at their quarters by the assistant apothecary attached to the Army head-quarters. This order was passed on a reference * from

* No. 375-B, dated 28th October 1893.

the Collector of Nilgiris, who pointed out that a similar privilege was enjoyed, not only by clerks attached to the Secretariat who are temporarily resident on the hills, but also by civilian subordinates of the Army head-quarters who draw local allowances in addition to pay and are permanently settled at Ootacamund. Under paragraph 1319 of Army Regulations, India, Volume VI (Medical), civilian and military clerks of the Army head-quarters are, however, entitled, when sick, to gratuitous medical attendance at their quarters both for themselves and for their families, and under G.O., No. 21, dated 7th January 1875, the same privilege is enjoyed by Secretariat clerks. As, in G.O., No. 989, Public, dated 7th December 1893, the Government has decided to place subordinate employes of all departments employed on the Nilgiris in the same position as the clerks attached to the Army head-quarters, it appears that the former are also entitled to gratuitous attendance for their families, when sick, by the assistant apothecary attached to Army head-quarters. I have the honour to enquire whether this conclusion is correct. The reasons adduced in the earlier sentence of paragraph 2 of Mr. Wolfe-Murray's letter, No. 375-B, dated 28th October 1893, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 6170, dated 3rd November 1893, seem to apply with equal force to the point now raised, there being no apparent reason why the subordinates of Civil departments in this district should be worse off than those employed in the Military head-quarter offices.

Endorsement No. 2051.

Referred to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces with advertence to G.O., No. 989, Public, dated 7th December 1893, for favour of intimation whether there is any objection to the apothecary attached to the Command head-quarters being required to attend all Government employes and their families at Ootacamund, under the orders of the local medical officer, without receiving extra remuneration for doing so.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd September 1895.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. E. McVITTIE, Principal Medical Officer, Madras Command, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 12th September 1895, No. 662-B.

I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding to inform you that all Government employes at Ootacamund are entitled to free medical attendance for themselves; but, under paragraph 1325, Army Regulations, India, Volume VI, the families of officers (covenanted, uncovenanted or military) who are in civil employment, and those of clerks unconnected with the military service, are not entitled to gratuitous medical attendance. Under paragraph 1308 of the same regulations, the remuneration for attendance in such cases is left to private adjustment.

Endorsement No. 2206.

Referred to the Surgeon-General for report whether it is feasible for the families of Government employes at Ootacamund to be attended to free of charge by a civil medical subordinate at their homes.

OOTACAMUND,
19th September 1895.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 30th October 1895, No. 471.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 2206, of the 19th September 1895, herewith returned with attached correspondence, I am of opinion that it is not feasible at present for the families of Government employes at Ootacamund to be attended to free of charge by a civil medical subordinate at their own houses.

2. There are at present only two civil medical subordinates at Ootacamund, one a temporary Civil Assistant Surgeon appointed under G.O., No. 232, Public, dated 29th March 1895, acting for the apothecary sanctioned under G.O., No. 701, Public, dated 13th July 1888, in St. Bartholomew's hospital. His time is very fully occupied as Resident medical officer in this hospital, and I know he has no time for private practice or for attending people outside the hospital, even if it was desirable he should do so. As he is the only well-educated subordinate attached to the hospital, he should be available at all times to attend to accident or emergent cases.

The second subordinate is a second-class hospital assistant attached to the police hospital and in sub-charge of the subsidiary jail; he also works in St. Bartholomew's hospital during the day and in the mornings and evenings sees most of the out-patients, who averaged, in 1894, 84.77 daily.

The Military Assistant Surgeon attached to Army head-quarters under G.O., No. 1687, Military, dated 8th April 1884, who now attends at their quarters all Government uncovenanted servants on duty in Ootacamund who are sick, under paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 138, Public, dated 17th January 1885, and No. 989, Public, dated 7th December 1893, has his time very fully occupied affording medical aid to the clerks and their families of the various offices of the head-quarters of the Command, and to those of the offices which come up with Government during the season. During the current year, the office of the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Command, has been added and I understand it is possible that the principal Commissariat and Ordnance offices will also be located in Ootacamund before long. His duties are reported to be very hard and trying and to occupy him from morning to night. He is altogether paid from the Military budget.

3. I am strongly of opinion that, under the peculiar circumstances of Ootacamund, all uncovenanted servants of Government, while on duty on the Nilgiris, and their families, should be entitled to gratuitous medical attendance and that Rule 5 published in G.O., No. 138, Public, dated the 17th January 1885, should be amended accordingly.

A

4. In order to enable me to have this carried out, I would suggest that the appointment of an Assistant to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, as was allowed for all the other Presidency districts under G.O., No. 391, Public, dated the 22nd February 1883, should be sanctioned. The medical officer at Ootacamund is now the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Nilgiris, under G.O., No. 167, Public, dated 8th March 1895, and has to leave the station to carry on the necessary inspection duties. The appointment of an Assistant Surgeon would have the advantage of his being able to leave a more highly educated officer in charge during his absence. This officer should be held responsible for the attendance on all the civil uncovenanted officers on duty and their families during their stay at Ootacamund. He should also be placed in charge of the out-patient department of St. Bartholomew's hospital, where he would have to attend at fixed hours morning and evening. This is a much felt want as this important branch of this hospital should be in the sub-charge of a much more highly qualified man than an hospital assistant. If this was sanctioned, I could appoint a third-class hospital assistant to the sub-charge of the police and sub-jail hospitals, who could also assist in the out-patient department of St. Bartholomew's hospital by overseeing and assisting in the surgical dressings which were prescribed and in the necessary professional clerical work.

5. I have for some time been strongly impressed with the inadequacy of the subordinate medical staff at Ootacamund, especially with reference to St. Bartholomew's hospital, and I am convinced that if the above proposals are sanctioned, the medical arrangements in Ootacamund will be more satisfactory and that all the duties could then be properly carried out.

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 17th January 1896, No. 30.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 3048, Public, dated the 20th December 1895, I have the honour to state that the proposal to entrust the duties of inspection of the whole district of the Nilgiris to the Civil Surgeon, Coonoor, will practically make that officer the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of the Nilgiris and reduce Ootacamund to its former position of a Civil Surgeoncy, thereby detracting from its value.

2. Moreover, the proposed change will not obviate the necessity for the appointment of an extra Assistant Surgeon, as one will still be required for Coonoor during the absence of the Civil Surgeon on inspection tours, as there are too many European residents at that place safely to be left in charge of a hospital assistant, who is now the only medical subordinate at the station.

3. The appointment of an Assistant Surgeon to Ootacamund will be in keeping with the arrangements in all other districts, and he will be of great assistance to the medical officer in charge of St. Bartholomew's hospital in carrying on efficiently the work of that important institution.

ORDER—No. 306, Public, dated 2nd March 1896.

The Inspector-General of Prisons will be informed that the conclusion he has arrived at in regard to the gratuitous attendance at their quarters of the families of all subordinate employees of Government stationed at Ootacamund is incorrect. His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction any further concessions in this direction.

2. The Government is not convinced of the necessity for an Assistant Surgeon for duty on the Nilgiris, and in view of the many other more pressing demands of the Medical department on State funds cannot accord sanction to the appointment.

B

3. It appears very desirable that the medical officer at Ootacamund should not be required to leave that station on duty. The objections urged by the Surgeon-General to constituting the medical officer at Coonoor the inspecting officer of the district are by no means convincing. The return of the appointment at Ootacamund to a Civil Surgeoncy would not affect the officer holding it pecuniarily or interfere in any way with his private practice. The European residents at Coonoor are, almost without exception, non-official, excluding the Chaplain, and the Government can accept no responsibility in regard to the provision of medical services for those who are not in its employ. Furthermore, the proximity of Wellington, where there are always commissioned medical officers, is a sufficient guarantee that Europeans living at Coonoor would not be left without the means of obtaining proper medical attention during the absence on inspection duty of the medical officer.

4. In supersession of all previous orders on the subject, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the medical officer whose head-quarters are at Coonoor shall in future be the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of the Nilgiris and shall be responsible for the inspection duty of the whole of the district. The medical officer at Ootacamund will be styled the Civil Surgeon.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
" Inspector-General of Prisons.
" Accountant-General.

Mrd. A. Baith.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.
PUBLIC.

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G.O., No. 306, 2nd March 1896.

MARCH.

Medical Arrangements, Nilgiris.

Directing that the medical officer whose head-quarters are at Coonoor shall in future be the District Medical and Sanitary Officer and that the medical officer at Ootacamund be styled the Civil Surgeon; declining to appoint an Assistant Surgeon for duty on the Nilgiris; and refusing to sanction any further concession in regard to the gratuitous attendance at their quarters of the families of subordinate employes of Government.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 3rd November. 1893.

No. 6170

Mis.
Routine.

READ Letter from F. D. A. G. Wolfe Murray Esquire,
Acting Collector of Nilgiris, dated 28 October
1893. No. 375 B. to the Secretary to the Commis-
sioners of Land Revenue.

Resolution

submitted for the consideration
of Government.

(True Extract,

Aswaj
Ag. Secretary

To

The Secretary to Govt. L. & L.
with 2 letters in, original (to be returned),
copy to the Collector of Nilgiris.

This of the 11th Nov. attended at the Rev. Secretary's, as proposed by the Clerk. I don't think he should get any salary
reimbursement, for the intention evidently was that he should discharge his as well as other
duties

11/12/93

11/12

Public Revenue 1893. *Sept*
Board of Revenue
 (Land Revenue),
MADRAS.

6/11/93

To
 The Secretary to the Govt.
 R.D.

CHIEF SECRETARY
 20 NOV 93
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
 7 NOV 93
 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Proceedings, dated 3-11-1893
 No. 670 Mis. Routine

Subject: 7-12-93
 Subj. for the consideration
 of Government letter from the
 Collector of Nilgiris making
 further representation regard-
 ing medical attendance to
 the Revenue Subordinates in
 his district.

Enforcement No. 2273 R
 Transferred to the Public
 Department

For H. G. 1893
 no difference between P.W.D. & Rev. D.
 employees. The G.O. was cons. to R.D.
1/12/93

4-7-93 N 2450
 Pub. 940 of 7-11-91.
 There medical certificates, medical
 attendance.
 M. G. O. 1687 of 18-4-84 &c.

*For orders whether the decis-
 ion in G.O. of 11.8.93, No. 628,
 shall be upheld. The hospital
 apothecaries must charge
 very little for private work &
 there is now a medical miss-
 ionary - Dr. Soltan - at Cooty.
 It is astonishing how little
 illness there is among the
 establish. Missions to take care of
 by Secretariat Depto. This is
 26/11/93*

What the duties was the
 of the attached to
 Army H. Quarters?

28/11/93
 What for the H. Q.
 The apothecary was sanctioned to
 assist the medl. offrs. in visiting Govt.
 servants while sick at their own
 quarters - (India's letter 217. B. in
 G.O. 8.4.84. No. 1687) He is not to be
 restricted to duties "solely conn. w/
 with military staff & not" -
 (para 2 of G.O. 19. v. 84, No. 2304) The
 term "Govt. servants" used above by
 India is of "general application" -
 "all public employes on duty at Cooty,
 are while sick at their quarters,
 entitled to the gratuitous services of
 the apothecary recently added
 to the medical staff & ordinarily main-
 tained at the Station, when visited
 by him under the orders of the local
 medical officers" - vide Indl. 3056
 in G.O. 4-7-84, No. 1491. This last order appar-
 ently disposed of the matter. There is no

Medical Department
Attendance

MADRAS GOVERNMENT
 MEDICAL DIVISION

Cootacamund, the 12th Sept 93
 No. 662
 B

To
 The Chief Secretary

Government of Coor.
 Cootacamund.

CHIEF SECRETARY
 14 SEP 1895
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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 or military) who are in civil employment, and those
 of clerks unconnected with the military service, are
 not entitled to gratuitous medical attendance. Under
 para 1308 of the same regulations, the remuneration for
 attendance in such cases is left to private adjustment.

C. M. V. L. L.

Surgeon Major-General
 Principal Medical Officer Madras Command

Public Dept

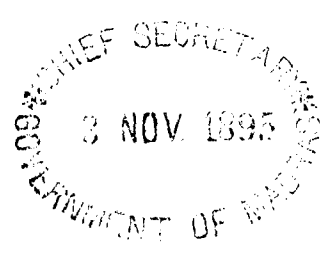
From the Principal Medical
Officer, Madras Command

No 662 B.

Date 12
Recd 14 } Sep 14 95
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Subject

Replying to the Public Endowment No 2051
83-995 re-fratuitous medical attendance
small govt. employes at Ootacamund

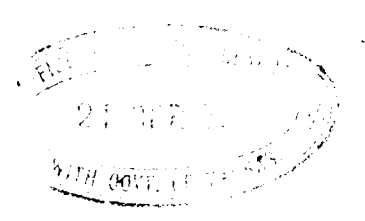


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of govt. employees at
Ootacamund to be attended
to free of charge by a civil
medical subordinate at
their homes.

Respectfully
Chief Secretary

J.S.B.
19.9.95. Ootacamund }
19th Sept 1895 }



Public. Currents 2586, 3025 & 3716

Ref No 3048
27.20.12.95

With a reference to para
4 of his letter N. 471 of
30th October 95, the Surgeon
Genl is requested
to favour Govt with
his opinion as to the
feasibility of entrusting
the duties of district
of the inspection of the whole
of the inspection to the Civil
Surgeon at Coonoor. This
would obviate the
necessity for the
medical officer at
Ootacamund leaving
that station.

(from Orders in Council)

ew.
12.12.95
J.S.B.
14.12.95

To the Surgeon Genl

Medical Attendance
at Dohacamund

from Orders in Council

* please see letter No. 375 B from
Mr. Wolfe Murray to the Secy to the
Comd. of Land Res. d/28th Oct 93

The Hosp. Assts in the Mahabhar
trunk like bill plans have
plenty of time to get extra allowances.
I think they may well be required
to attend gratuitously on the families
of Govt. servants employed there
as well as on other persons whom
the Officer in Charge they are
attached may order them to attend
whom he may consider should be
allowed to attend without payment.
To apply such rule in Ooty
would necessitate addl. expen-
diture - I don't think it in-
cumbent on Govt. to incur such
addl. expenditure - Clerks &
families must manage as they
have done ever since there were
clerks at Ooty.

20/11/95

I agree about the sp. assistants
office in the Agency to acts of

Public Dept.
G. No. 2586, 30-25-1837/6

for Orders

In August last the J. G.
of ~~Prisons~~ raised the question of gra-
tuitous medl. attendance to the
families of Govt. servants at
Dohacamund.

He referred to G.O. 989 Pub. d/17th
sec 93, which was passed on a
reference from the Colls. of the Milgins.
This G.O. rules that all public
employees on duty at Dohacamund
are entitled when sick to gra-
tuitous attendance at their qua-
rters by the Asst. Apothecary at-
tached to the Army Hd Quarters.

He further pointed out that
under para 1319 A. R. I Vol II
(Medl) Civilian & Milly Clerks
of the Army Hd Quarters are
granted such attendance
not only for themselves but also
for their families, & that G.O.
No 21 Pub. d/17th Jan. 1895 extended
the same privilege to Secretaries
clerks.

Mr. Cardew argued that
from the spirit of G.O. 989

of the depts, it would appear to have been the intention of Govt that the subordinate employees of all depts on duty on the Nilgiris should have medl. attendance for their families gratis, there being no apparent reason why the subordinates of civil depts in Ootacamund should be worse off than those employed in the Mil Hq Quarters offices. He enquired whether his conclusion was correct.

The Lt. Genl was referred to as to whether there was any objection to the Apothecary attached to the Command Hq Quarters being required to attend all Govt. employees & their families at Ootacamund without receiving extra remuneration for so doing.

Current 3025 is his reply. He points to paras 1325 and 1308 A.R.I. Vol VI the first of which expressly disallows gratuitous medl. attendance to the families of officers & clerks in civil employ.

Godavery.

Though it is very desirable that the clerks at Ootacamund & their families should be given gratuitous medical attendance, I do not think Govt. should go to the expense on that account alone, but the S. G. strongly recommends the appointment of an Asst Surgeon to the Nilgiris, & if this is allowed the Asst Surgeon will be able to attend them as well as other work. An officer of that rank is required for the out-patient of St Bartholomew's Hospital. An Asst. Surgeon was appointed to all the other districts in 1883. The Nilgiris was excepted because it was so small, but there is not so much reason for excepting it now - after 12 years. Ootacamund is rapidly developing. The Railway is going to make the Nilgiri district more accessible. 240 square miles.

Please see also in this connection the linked file

of the Wgmd were added (this date in 1877) & this includes Sundar, who the Medical & Sanitary Officer has given to visit. 25/11/90

* C. 3716

I think that the hon. Mr. Grose has shown good reason for granting both requests. The Nilgiris may be a small district - but its peculiarities justify its being given further medical aid. Even in the cold weather there are a great many people living in the hills - either officials or their relations. And when the District Surgeon is away on tour, there have to be one to turn to for medical advice - & this number is likely to increase.

W
27 Nov

* vide para 3 of the R.D. from which it will be seen that the Nilgiris alone was not so provided.

Ooty is one of our small towns. It is necessary to supply an Asst Surg. to attend the out-patients at the hospital there - we shall have to do the same at a number of other places - we already supply an Apothecary, I make out - But I am not quite sure that the Asst Surg. of St. Bartholomew's Hospital is - Please put up a list of the names of all the med. staff employed at Ooty & then let the matter be brought up in Council. 9/12/90

and the second states that the remuneration in such cases is to be left to private adjustment.

The Surgeon General to whom the matter was then referred states that it is not feasible at present for the families of Govt. servants to be attended to free of charge by a Civil Medl. Subordinate at their own homes as the only two Civil Medl. Subordinates at the station have their time fully taken up. The Mil Asst Surgeon also who is likely to have his work soon increased cannot be spared.

He therefore suggests the appointment of an Asst to the Dist. Medl. & San. Officer as was allowed for all the other Presidency Districts under G.O. No 391 Pubd 22nd Feb'y 83. In para 4 of his letter Surge Genl Sir Thorpe explains what would be the duties of such officer if appointed. It will be seen that he proposes to place him in charge of the out-patient dept of St. Bartholomew's Hospital the subordinate staff of which

which he considers quite inadequate.

Attention is invited to the linked file. The Govt. Agent of the Coimbatore Dist, proposes that the Hspl. Asst. there should be required to attend the families of Govt. Employees in his office. This has already issued an order to that effect. His action seems premature and is directly opposed to para 1325 A.R.I. Vol VI.

He states that the Hspl. Asst. has ample time and receives in addition to his ordinary pay Rs 10 as charge allowance & Rs 15 local allowance, making up a minimum total of Rs 50.

As the higher officers ^{of the med. dept} have taken exception to the ruling of the Agent for want of authority he requests that Govt will sanction his order.

The S.G. is insatiable as regards Rot 63. The principal result of putting an Asst. Surg. to Coimbatore is to give the D.M.O. more time for private practice. If the Asst. M.O. is always to be an Asst. Surg. why should he not be required to attend the families of all clerks on duty at Coimbatore. During the cold weather the hospital work must surely decrease. There is only the resident population and it is the healthy season. The Hspl. Asst. ought to have time to attend all families there. However, that Dr. Soliman has left. There is no doctor there when the D.M.O. is on inspection. The case in C. 3752 is a

Gratuitous Med. Attendance

~~Hon. Mr.~~ H. W. Bliss C. I. E.

the S.G. merits special treatment - but the ordinary course must be referred to him first.

J.S.B.
18/11/55

C. 2586. 3025 x 3716
Public

Resubmitted to the Hon. Mr. Bliss with ref: to the notes recorded by the Hon. Mr. Grose and H.E. the Governor.

Under para 4 (5) and (10) of G.O. No. 391 Pub d/22.2.83 the Nilgiri local & Municipal funds wd. bear half of the cost of an Asst. Surg. Should the L. & M. dept be consulted first?

India's sanction to the appt: does not appear to be necessary but as a precautionary measure the Accty. could be referred to d/o before orders are passed.

Insurance practically the same as Govt funds M

a good suggestion is that the Coimbatore medical officer should do the district inspection - & leave the other man at Coimbatore all the year. This should be referred to the S.G.

to
13 Dec

J.S.B.
29.11.55

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

205.

The information called for by the H.M. in his note of the 9th inst is given by the S.G. in his letter No. 471 d/ 30.10.95 (C. 3716 in file). He says "there are at present only two civil medical subordinates at our disposal, one a temporary Civil Asst Surgeon * * acting for the Apothecary * * in St Bart's Hospital." The second is a Hospital Asst attached to the Police who works at St Bart's in the mornings and evenings. In addition to these two civil men there is a Military Asst Surgeon attached to Army Headquarters but he has nothing to do with the Hospital.

RDERS. with reference to the notes already recorded by Hon Members

30.12.96. The S.G. objects to the suggestion that the Civil Surgeon Commandant should be the Inspecting Medical Officer of the Metropolitan on two grounds - 1st that it would reduce the charge of the Commandant to the status of a Civil Surgeon and so detract from his value, 2nd that it would not do away with the necessity for the appointment of an Asst Surgeon to take charge of the Station during the absence of the Inspecting Officer in town.

As regards the first point it seems to me that little real moment whether Commandant or Coronator is the Civil Surgeon - one of them must be and there are probably any number of Officers who would be only too glad to get Commandant

30.12.95.
11.12.95.

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How to get the best of the best

11.12.95. The H.M. says that for his views with regard to the Commandant with of 48

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The Pres^t. Subordinati^{es} at present at Oranien
are 1 Ant^l. Eng^l acting for the Apothecary
at St. Bartholomew's Hospital 1 Hosp^t.
Ant^l. attached to the Office who does
duty morning and evening at St. B's

assurgeon for
the Virginis.

I have opinions, & perhaps hosts would be
Doubtless happy to plan like a room
and, the old, rather than the new.
I have no objection, considering that
last doctor was always & remained a
belligerent. Maybe that there is
always such population & however
the old, rather than the new, & so, & so, & so,
in a high. I have known of Int. except
the Chaplain, and I cannot for amount
or that it is the duty of Int. to
provide medical aid for those whose
I think its service.

The fact is that we are going head
to foot - here and there add'l expenditure
especially from the S. G., are in account, and
I am decidedly of opinion that we should
pull up a bit - The new Contract is only
a little more than a year off & that
we will then be in financial condition
no one can say. It is almost certain
that it will be one of embarrassment
from our engagements are heavy - We have
not yet worked up to the necessary ex-
penditure on Messing in the S. G. Hospital,
the Lunatic Asylum will certainly require
large expenditure - the money must go

on Zulek gunwastats son Railway
Police; the improvement to the Regt
dept, still pending sanction, will cost
a good deal; so will the Commandant
Sut. props, if we can get them; we have
to find some 5 or 6 lakhs more on the
Harbour Canal scheme, and to build
a new Madras; the entire prop. of the
H.C. will cost over half a FOR ORDERS.
lakh p. a.; the high houses have to
be burnt; the Madras Survey ought
to get 6 or 7 lakhs at least during
next Cent; & I dare say, if I
took time to think, I could indicate
further certain need of prod. ex-
penditure in the near future. I therefore am
against any expenditure just at pre-
sent which is not really necessary.
The addl Asst Surgeon is not necessary.
The helpline have got on well enough
without him in the past & can certainly
do so for a few years more in the future.

AS
1/2/96

I am afraid an order which
Sargan cannot be opposed
to back the objection. Wrecking
the Medical officer at Cooran
Hospital Officer. And not be admitted

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4/2/90

The hon. Mr. Bliss - speaking as one responsible for the finances makes out such a strong case for economy - that it is impossible to stand out for what is perhaps hardly a necessity. The only thing is that private medical practitioners do not come

Hospital and one built Mr. Smith attached
to 1st floor who has nothing to do with
the civil population.

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forward, as one could wish - and
Doty is undoubtedly short-handed
as regards medical men.

6 Feb

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FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR. 3

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E. 1

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE. 2. 2. 6. 2

I agree with my hon. colleagues that no
good reason is shown why the Civil
Surgeon at Poonoor shd. not be the
D.M. & S.O. for the Nilgiri district.
The proximity of medical commissioned
officers at Wellington is sufficient

to guarantee that Europeans located
at Poonoor can always depend on
getting proper medical attention -
besides which it is not our business
to provide medical services for people
who are not in Govt. employment.

W
15 Feb

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Resubmitted to
H.E. the Governor for
favour of orders on the
question whether
the Civil Surgeon,
Poonoor, shall in future
be the D.M. & S.O. for
the district. The Hon.
Members are appar-
ently agreed that
this should be done
but His Excellency
has not noticed the
point in his note
of the 6th instant.

J.S.B.
10/2/96

J.S.
14/2/96

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Medical arrange-
ments, Nilgiris.

H.E. the Governor

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20 Public DEPARTMENT.

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Again G.O., dated

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Current No. 2586 of 1895, dated 8/8, from the I.C. of Prisons

" " 3025 " 1895, " 12/9, " the P.M.O.

" " 3716 " 1895, " 30/10, " the Surgeon Genl.

" " 205 " 1896, " 17/1, " " "

ORDER.

No 306 d/2 March 96

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The Inspector General of Prisons will be informed that the conclusion he has arrived at in regard to the gratuitous attendance at their quarters of the families of all subordinate employes of Govt. stationed at Ootacamund is incorrect. H.E. the Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction any further concessions in ^{this direction} ~~regard to medical attendance in the~~ hills.

2. The Govt. is not convinced of the necessity for an Assistant Surgeon for duty on the Nilgiris, and in view of ^{the} ~~many~~ other more pressing demands of the Medical Dept. on State funds ^{cannot accord} ~~must decline to~~ sanction ⁴ the appointment.

3. It appears to H.E. in Council ~~to be~~ very desirable that the Medical Officer at Ootacamund should not be required to leave that station on duty. The objections urged by the Surgeon-General to constituting the Medical

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Officer at Coonoor the inspecting
officer of the district ^{an officer means} cannot be con-
sidered ^{incompetent} ~~incompetent~~. The return of the appoint-
ment at Ootacamund to a Civil Surgeon^y
would not affect the officer holding it
in pecuniary ~~state~~ ^{interest} nor interfere in
any way with his private practice. The
European residents at Coonoor are, almost
without exception, non-official - ex-
cluding the Chaplain - and the Govt. can
accept no responsibility in regard to
the provision of medical services for
those who are not in its employ. Further-
more, the proximity of Wellington, where
there are always Commissioned Medical
Officers, is a sufficient guarantee that
Europeans living at Coonoor would not be
left without ^{the means of obtaining} proper medical attention
during the absence on inspection duty of
the Medical Officer.*

4. In supersession of all
previous orders on the subject (the M.C.)
Governor in Council directs that the
Medical Officer whose head quarters are
at Coonoor shall in future be the District
Medical and Sanitary Officer of the
Nilgiris and shall be responsible for
the inspection duty of the whole of the
district. The Medical officer at Ootaca-
mund ^{shall be} ~~will be~~ called the Civil Surgeon.

Dr. S. Off. Nilgiris

Hon. Mr. Bliss C. I. S.
Hon. J. Grose C. I. S.

*Note

It has been ascertained that
there is no objection to officers
of the Army Med. Staff
engaging in private practice

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