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[Despatch Abstract.]

UNAUTHORISED MEDICINES AND INSTRUMENTS REQUIRED
IN HOSPITALS.

Passing orders on the proposals of the Surgeon-General re-
garding the obtaining of---

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WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Obtained 27 April 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,

I have the honor to state that Medical Officers in charge of the marginally noted State Hospitals were hitherto allowed to obtain special and unauthorized medicines and instruments &c. required for their institutions through the Medical Storekeeper to Government Madras

General Hospital
 Govt. Maternity Hospital
 Ophthalmic Hospital

Command.

2. The control of the Medical Store Depôts having since been transferred to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service the Annual Home Indent for Medical Stores for the year 1895-96 was for the first time forwarded to him for transmission to the Government of India, who now points out that the unauthorized articles referred to above should be purchased by the Institutions requiring them instead of indenting for them on the Home Government.

3. Before addressing Government on the subject the marginally noted Medical Officers were re-

Senior Medical Officer General Hospital
 Superintendent Govt. Maternity Hospital
 Do. Ophthalmic Hospital

quested to give their view as to how they would propose to obtain such articles. The replies received from them

are noted below: -

General Hospital. - The Senior Medical Officer reports that it would be a very simple and satisfactory proceeding if he is permitted to order unauthorized medicines and instruments &c direct from England.

Government Maternity Hospital. - The Superintendent is of opinion that the best way to carry out this new procedure would be to provide a special allotment for the purpose or deduct this from the grant sanctioned for Medical Stores. Medical Officers could state what their requirements are likely to be for 12 months and the articles could be obtained on indent on the Surgeon-General with the Government, which would show the estimated cost and the source from which it is proposed to obtain the articles. When approved by the Surgeon-General, the Medical Officer might be allowed to make his own arrangements for obtaining the supply. Medical Officers could in this way obtain unauthorized articles in a speedy and satisfactory manner. The cost would be much less than when supplied through the India Office and the quantity as good if not better. He also includes repairs of instruments in this connection. There would be no difficulty in drawing the money for the payment of these requisitions from the budgetted allotment.

Ophthalmic Hospital. - The Superintendent agrees with Brigade Surgeon-Lieut: Colonel Branfoot's proposals as the present methods are very slow. This is much felt with regard to repair of instruments.

4. I consider that there should be one uniform system by which Medical Officers

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should be guided and accordingly propose that they should order these unauthorized medicines and instruments &c on indents on the firm annually recommended for Local Fund and Municipal Hospitals and Dispensaries (Messrs. Burgoyne Burbridge & Co. London). Medical Officers to state exactly what they require & to name the maker of the instrument they desire it from.

5. The indents should show the cost of and the necessity for each article as well as information as to whether the total cost can be met from the allotment provided for each institution under medicines supplied by the Military Department in the budget estimate of the Medical Department. They should be submitted for my sanction.

6. Should Government approve of this arrangement I request sanction may be accorded for the same in view to the Medical Officers being called upon to submit their indents for the year 1896-97.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant.

Chibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-General.
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Public DEPARTMENT.

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SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
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Subject.

Submits proposals re-
garding the obtaining of
special unauthorized medicines
and instruments &c.

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The Surgeon General's
proposals in paras 4 & 5
are approved & sanctioned.

2. A statement
should be forwarded showing
the actual expenditure on
unauthorized medicines,
instruments &c. in 1895-96
the rough estimate for 1896-97
& the cost of the articles
to be indicated for 1897-98

3. The revised arrange-
ments will take effect
from 1 April 1897.
to 6.6.96.

But should hospitals require
unauthorized medicines & instruments?
Presume it is because since the autho-
rized list was compiled new medicines
& instruments have been invented &
come into use. If so, is not the proper
course to have the authorized list
revised from time to time as necessary?

The Surg. Genl 8/6/96. Note. The
expenditure on
unauthorized
medicines &
instruments
has been
examined
& found to be
small.

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The Govt. does not quite under-
stand why unauthorized medicines and
instruments should be required in
hospitals to such a considerable extent
as to necessitate their being obtained
by separate indents from Europe.

If, as it is presumed, new medicines and
instruments have been invented
come into use, since the authorized
list was compiled, the proper course
would be to have the latter revised
from time to time as necessary.

2. The Surgeon-General should
forward a statement showing the actual
expenditure under the various classes
of unauthorized medicines, instruments
&c. for 1895-96 and the estimates of
probable requirements for 1896-97 and
1897-98 in each of the hospitals re-
quiring them.

3. Sanction will be accorded to
the new arrangements, if proved to be
absolutely necessary and more economical
and may be brought into effect from 1st
April 1897.

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