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[Despatch Abstract.]

GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Declining to reconsider G.O. No. 304, Public, dated 28th February 1896, withdrawing the powers of the Senior Medical Officer,--- and of the Surgeon-General regarding the entertainment of extra temporary servants in the---; and stating that it is unnecessary to provide for exceptional cases.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 18th May 1896.

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From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. 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 paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 304 Public dated 28th February 1896, withdrawing the power of the Senior Medical Officer General Hospital and mine to engage extra temporary servants and directing me to apply to Government whenever extra assistance becomes absolutely necessary. I have the honor to represent that this power is a very old one and has been regularly budgetted for. It was conferred in G.O. No. 1507 Public dated 10th October 1878. Similar order exists in the Military Department and the power of sanctioning such employment is vested in Principal Medical Officers of Districts vide A.R.S. Volume II Medical paragraphs 1077 and 1083 as reconstructed by India Army Circulars 9 of 1891 also see paragraphs 1081 and 1082.

2. Regarding the employment of such extra servants the Senior Medical Officer reports as follows: "For some time prior to 1878 the rule in force was that the previous sanction of the Deputy Surgeon General should be obtained for the employment of extra servants. On the 29th July 1878 in his No. 2032, the then Senior Medical Officer Surgeon Major M. C. Smith wrote as follows: "I have the honor in conclusion again to request that this letter and appendices may be laid before Govt with my earnest request that the Senior Medical Officer

who is in charge of this hospital and responsible for its efficient working may be allowed a reasonable discretion, in consultation with his colleagues as to the number of extra attendants required at any particular time on the sick, and that the stringent rule which at present forbids the employment of an extra cook without first obtaining the permission of the Deputy Surgeon-General be cancelled." G.O. No. 1507 Public dated 15th October 1878 was finally passed on this correspondence. "In the P.O. above quoted sanction was given to the 35 ward attendants that remained the sanctioned establishment till recently and therefore it was not to be wondered at, that with an increase in the number of patients with every succeeding year, a greater number of extra attendants became necessary."

"In G.O. No. 304 Public dated 28 February 1896 Govt. has been pleased to sanction an increase in the number of ward attendants from 41 to 60 and I have no doubt that with the latter number of attendants, the necessity for employing extra hands will but seldom occur, as long as the number of male patients is restricted to the present sanctioned number but that occasions will occur on which extra hands will be needed, there can be no doubt, and the day that must occur in obtaining the sanction of Government ordered in paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 304 Public dated 28 July 1896 will not be of advantage to the sick - that some epidemic prevalence of disease, big railway or other accident may send in a number large enough to crowd our available space."

"In paragraph 4 of the G.O. No. 30 it is shown that the number 60 for the ward attendants is arrived at. The sick wards in the block are constantly occupied and it is to be hoped that the native male paying

patient's room will be in request, but the Cholera, small-pox and leucæmic wards are seldom occupied and still more seldom all in use simultaneously. "As this sentence was being written probably it so happened that an outbreak of measles, chicken pox and small-pox crowded every available spot and strained our nursing arrangements to the utmost in the contagious sheds and I bring this forward to show that the same necessity for a reasonable discretion being allowed to the Senior Medical Officer as to the number of extra attendants required exists now as it did in 1878 when the Govt. recognized the reasonableness of the Senior Medical Officer's contention and gave him a few hands. I wish to repeat again that with the increase to 60 attendants the necessity for extra help will not often occur, but when it does, the Senior Medical Officer should submit have the means at his hands to cope with it, without having the nursing and attendance of the ordinary body of the sick thrown into confusion by attempting to make one man do two men's work."

I. I concur in the opinion of the Senior Medical Officer and hope that Government will reconsider the order in question and grant me the powers laid down in G.O. No. 1507 Public dated 15th October 1878 subject to the Senior Medical Officer obtaining the post sanction of the Surgeon-General and dealing fully with all such expenditure on extra establishments in his Annual Administration report.

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

C. S. Thomas
Surgeon-Major-General
Surgeon-General with the Govt of Madras.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Dated

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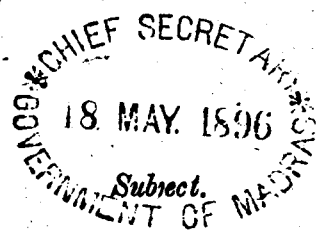
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Requests to reconsider
the order in G.O. No. 304 Public
of 28 July 1896 re. engaging
of extra temporary servants
to be granted the proviso laid
down in G.O. No. 1507 Public
of 10 Oct. 1896

Pub. G.O. No. 304 of 28-7-96
1507 of 10-10-96
India Press Circular of 1st Oct 1897
H. M.
this No. 641 of 18 June 1896

Order

The Govt does not
consider it necessary to
provide for such exception-
al cases as are referred
to by the Surgeon-General.
Sanction can always
be obtained by wire
or otherwise in very
urgent cases.

14/6/96

15/6/96

Note: In June 1896
of letter to India
No. 5663 - June 26,
it was noted that
this was strictly
prohibited for the
future.

For Surge-General (S)
Lieut-General (C) 24/6/96

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