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REVERSED.

[Despatch Abstract.]

OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL.

Addressing the Government of India, Home and Military Departments, regarding the reductions proposed in the Surgeon-General's office establishment in consequence of the transfer of work to the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service and the suggestion that the Medical Storekeeper should cease to have any connection with the local Surgeon-General.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

Notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, No. 162, dated 16th March 1896.

The following notification of the Government of India, Military Department (Medical), is republished for general information:—

Notification, No. 260, *dated 6th March* 1896.

With the sanction of the Secretary of State for India, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to notify that, from the 1st April 1896, the following changes in the organisation of the Indian Medical Services will have effect.

2. The medical services of Bengal, Madras and Bombay will be amalgamated into one service under the direct administrative control of the Government of India.

3. The Surgeon-General with the Government of India will be the head of the amalgamated Indian Medical Service, and his designation will be Director-General of the Indian Medical Service.

4. No change will be made in the conditions under which officers of the Bengal, Madras and Bombay Medical Services, appointed before the second examination in 1896, are serving; promotion will continue to run on their respective lists, and the sphere of their employment will remain as at present, except in cases of emergency, when it may be desirable to employ them temporarily beyond it. In time of war all officers who can be spared from civil duties will be employed as the exigencies of the service may demand.

5. From the date of the second examination in 1896, Surgeon-Lieutenants will be recruited for the amalgamated Indian Medical Service, and the appointments will be made on one general list. Subject to the requirements of the service, officers will be allowed choice of Commands according to their position on the list as determined by the combined results of the preliminary and final examinations. The officers appointed to this list, although ordinarily employed within the Commands to which they may be posted, will be liable to employment in any part of India according to the exigencies of the service. The subsequent transfers to civil duties will ordinarily be allotted, so far as the requirements of the service will allow, to the provinces within the limits of the Command to which the officers were originally posted.

6. The present Surgeon-Generals with the Governments of Madras and Bombay will retain their claim to rank, pay and pensions under existing rules. The question of the continuance of these privileges to their successors in office will be reserved for future consideration.

7. The Surgeon-Generals will be restricted to the exercise of the functions of Administrative Medical Officers and Civil Inspector-Generals of Hospitals in respect to the civil medical staff and civil medical institutions in the Presidencies of Madras and Bombay, respectively. They will cease to exercise any control over those sections of the existing medical establishments of Madras and Bombay which are composed of officers employed with the army, or over the reserve of 25 per cent. for leave and casualties, the administration of which will be conducted directly under the orders of the Government of India.

8. The post of Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras or Bombay will be retained for the present incumbents of the office of Surgeon-General with those Governments. On a vacancy occurring in the post of Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Madras or Bombay, it will only be filled by an officiating officer, and when the present Surgeon-Generals vacate their appointments, their successors will not have Secretaries but only Personal Assistants.

READ—also the following papers :—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Medical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 22nd April 1896, No. 337.

In consequence of the transfer of the control of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras and Rangoon and of the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department of the Madras Presidency from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras to the Surgeon-General with the Government of India, the work in the latter's office has already considerably increased. This increase will be enhanced by the transfer of work from the Surgeon-General in Madras to the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service which will eventually follow on the orders issued in the Notification in the Military Department, No. 260, dated 6th March 1896.

2. It has consequently become necessary to strengthen the establishment of the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service in order to enable it to cope with the additional work devolving upon it, and it appears to the Government of India to be probable that owing to the relief afforded to the Surgeon-General at Madras by this transfer, some reductions will become feasible in his office establishment. I am accordingly directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, it may be ascertained from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras what reductions can be made in his office establishment, and that the Government of India may be favoured at an early date with the opinion of the Governor in Council in the matter.

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 Ootacamund, 8th May 1896, No. 74-Tour.

I have the honour to return as requested your endorsement, No. 920, dated the 30th April 1896, forwarding for early report a letter from the Government of India enquiring what reductions can be made in this office establishment in view of the transfer of a portion of the work, under the unification scheme, to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

2. The Government of India are of opinion that in consequence (*a*) of the transfer of the control of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras and Rangoon, and (*b*) of the administration of the Madras Subordinate Medical Department, to the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service, some reductions in this office establishment appear to be feasible.

3. As regards (*a*), I have to point out that, as matters stand at present, no relief has been afforded to this office by the transfer of the control of the depôts to the Director-General. Hitherto all questions emanating from the depôt were disposed of by me, but, under the new system, all correspondence is forwarded for the opinion and orders of the Director-General, and his decisions are again communicated to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. This entails double entries in our daily receipt and issue registers, despatch books and indices, so that the new procedure, instead of lessening clerical work in this office as considered by the Government of India, has nearly doubled it.

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PARTMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

VERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

eipt of your letter No. 2495-D., dated 25th
nment has any objection to the proposal
cal Service, that the local Surgeon-General
ver with the Madras Medical Storekeeper,
icy the Governor in Council agrees with
sidering that the change proposed will be

tate the transfer of the work of distributing
ducted by the Medical Storekeeper, Madras,
his Government, thus affording a substantial
in my letter to the Government of India,
, dated June 1896 (copy annexed).
In the establishment of the Surgeon-General
I am to state that, on a careful consideration
or in Council ~~is unable to effect any saving,~~
ated June 1896, to the Government of
~~would~~ consider them impracticable
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

22/6/96

Chief Secretary.

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4. With reference to (*b*), the only items of work transferred from this office in connection with Military Assistant Surgeons and Hospital Assistants are as follows:—

(1) *Maintenance of Records of Service.*—This involved no labour as no additions were received annually and consequently no relief has been afforded by their transfer.

(2) *Collection and maintenance of Confidential Reports.*—As these reports are submitted once a year and about the same time, their collection and disposition do not occupy the time of a clerk for more than a few weeks at the rate of one hour's work each day. So that their transfer does not afford any permanent relief to this office establishment.

(3) *Preparation and submission of Promotion Rolls.*—Promotions in the Subordinate Medical Department (Military) are always few and far between and not of weekly or even monthly occurrence. The preparation of the rolls for all the promotions made during a year, if done at one time, will not entail more than five days' work for a full-time clerk.

5. Annual recruitment, including competitive examinations, signing of bonds and attestations and the half-yearly promotion examinations still continue to be arranged for by me—the first under instruction from the Director-General, instead of, as hitherto, under the orders of the Local Government. Thus it is manifest that the transfer of the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department, Madras, to the Director-General has not reduced work in this office to any appreciable extent so as to admit of any reduction being possibly made in its establishment.

6. Government is aware that, owing to the continual development of civil medical institutions in this presidency and the consequent increase in the number of medical subordinates, the work in this office is always heavy and becomes heavier each year. When I joined the office in May 1894, I at once found that the work was considerably far in excess of the power and scope of the establishment then existing, and my letters, Nos. C-83 of the 22nd August 1894 and C-110 of the 3rd November following, give a true picture of the difficulties we have had to contend with in this respect. Although the Government very kindly afforded me some help by sanctioning three additional clerks, I yet find with this addition I am not able to bring the office on a par with other establishments or to relieve most of the clerks from overwork. In fact, in my letter, No. 405, dated the 23rd September 1895, paragraph 25, now before Government, I have applied for three extra clerks with a view to arrange for a better and more satisfactory checking of diet returns and bills, which for want of sufficient establishment could not hitherto be properly checked.

7. I also beg to invite the attention of Government to the standing orders regarding this office administration—copy supplied for the Government office library—in which the duties and salary of each clerk are specified. From this it will be seen that, both in respect of strength and the scale of salaries, the office is labouring under much disadvantage. Any attempt, therefore, at reduction must necessarily paralyse the whole establishment and seriously affect the efficiency of the work, which, in the interests of the department, I trust the Government will not allow.

From Colonel P. J. MAITLAND, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 25th May 1896, No. 2495-D.

No. 1524, dated 6th April 1896.

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, in which he suggests that the Surgeon-Generals with the Governments of Madras and Bombay should cease to have any connection with the management of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras, Bombay and Rangoon, and that he may be authorised

to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. With reference thereto, I am to say that the Government of India would be glad to be informed whether His Excellency the Governor in Council has any objection to the change proposed, so far as it affects the Madras Presidency.

2. I am to invite reference to Home Department letter, No. 337—338, dated 22nd April 1896, relating to the reduction which can be effected in the office establishment of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras owing to the relief afforded by the transfer of the control of the Medical Store Depôt referred to, and of the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department, Madras, to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, and to state that the proposed change, if given effect to, will further reduce the work devolving on the office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. CLEGHORN, Esq., M.D., Director-General, Indian Medical Service, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Simla, the 6th April 1896, No. 1524.

With reference to paragraph 77, clause 143, India Army Circulars of 1894, directing that the Surgeons-General, Bombay and Madras, shall act under instructions from the Surgeon-General with the Government of India in respect of all matters connected with the management of the Medical Store Depôts of Bombay, Madras and Rangoon, I beg to suggest, for the consideration of the Government of India, now that the orders for the amalgamation of the Indian Medical Service of the three Provinces have issued, that the Surgeons-General, Bombay and Madras, cease to have any connection with the management of the Medical Store Depôts of Bombay, Madras and Rangoon and that I be authorised to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. The present practice of communicating instructions and orders through the Surgeons-General, Bombay and Madras, only leads to delay in the despatch of business and imposes work on the offices of those officers which could well be avoided.

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 Ootacamund, 12th June 1896, No. T-188.

In returning the Government of India letter referred under your endorsement, No. 1133, Public, dated the 5th June 1896, I have the honour to state that I see no objection to the proposal of the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, that this department should cease to have any connection with the management of the Medical Store Depôts, Madras and Rangoon, and that he should be authorized to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. This change will, in fact, expedite work and lead to greater uniformity in the working of the depôts.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government of India letter, I have to state that my letter, No. T-74, dated the 8th May 1896, fully deals with the question of reduction in this office establishment.

3. The only clerk who will be afforded some relief by the new arrangement will be the budget clerk, but his other duties (*vide* page 10 of the standing orders regarding this office administration) are so numerous and heavy that he will not be available for any other work in the office, and thus there is no possibility of any reduction being made except at the expense of efficiency and expedition.

ORDER—No. 670, Public, dated 25th June 1896.

The Government agrees with the Surgeon-General in considering that the Medical Storekeeper should correspond direct with the Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

2. The Surgeon-General does not, however, allude to the work of distributing forms and books for the Medical Department, which is now performed by the Medical Storekeeper but can no longer be continued under the proposed re-arrangements. Orders on this subject will, however, issue separately.

3. The Surgeon-General's statement in paragraph 3 of his letter, dated 12th June 1896, is to some extent inconsistent with that in paragraph 3 of his earlier letter, dated 8th May 1896, in which he stated that acting as a post office between the Director-General and the Medical Storekeeper had "nearly doubled" the clerical work of his establishment. The reduction of work in the registering and budget sections due to the new arrangements cannot but afford very appreciable relief to the office; no proposals for further increase of establishments will be entertained.

4. The following letters will be addressed to the Government of India :—

[Here enter letters, No. 671, Public, dated 25th June 1896, to the Home Department, and No. 672, Public, dated 25th June 1896, to the Military Department.]

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

Dec/20
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Ext. A Raitt.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.

PUBLIC.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., No. 670, 25th June 1896.

JUNE.

Office Establishment of the Surgeon-General.

Concurring with the Surgeon-General that the Medical Storekeeper should correspond direct with the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, and stating that no proposals for the further increase of establishments will be entertained.

No. 671, PUBLIC, 25TH JUNE 1896.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HOME DEPARTMENT (MEDICAL).

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 337, dated 22nd April 1896, enquiring what reductions can be made in the office establishment of the Surgeon-General with this Government in consequence of the transfer of work from the latter to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, in connection with—

(i) the control of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras and Rangoon;
(ii) the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department of this Presidency; and.
(iii) the changes in the organisation of the Indian Medical Service from 1st April 1896.

2. In a subsequent letter from the Military Department, No. 2495-D, dated 25th May 1896, the Government of India enquires whether His Excellency the Governor in Council has any objection to the proposal that the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, should in future issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeeper, Madras, without the intervention of the Surgeon-General.

3. In reply, I am to submit the following observations:—

(i) *Reduction of work in consequence of the transfer of the entire control of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras and Rangoon to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service.*—Originally all questions emanating from the depôt were disposed of by the Surgeon-General himself; under existing arrangements all correspondence is forwarded for the opinion and orders of the Director-General, and his decisions are then communicated to the Medical Storekeepers concerned, thereby entailing double entries in the daily receipt and issue registers, despatch books and indices in the Surgeon-General's office. The proposal now made that the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, should issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeeper will, no doubt, afford relief to this extent, besides doing away with the necessity for checking and submitting—

(1) Home indents for medical stores required by the depôts,
(2) Budget estimates of the depôts,
(3) Tenders for local supplies of medical stores, and
(4) Verification lists of Medical Store Depôts.

But the two clerks in the registering and budget sections of the office, who have hitherto seen to this work, have numerous other duties of a very heavy and responsible character to attend to, and, considering the very imperfect manner in which owing to pressure of other business they are actually performed, this Government does not see its way to recommend any reduction in the strength of the existing staff.

(ii) *Reduction of work in consequence of the transfer of the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department, Madras, to the Director-General.*—The Surgeon-General states that the only item of work transferred from his office is in connection with Military Assistant Surgeons and Hospital Assistants, viz.—

(1) *Maintenance of Records of Service.*—This transfer, the Surgeon-General states, has afforded no relief to him. The maintenance of the records involved no appreciable labour as no additions were received annually.

(2) *Collection and maintenance of Confidential Reports.*—These reports are submitted once a year and about the same time, and it is stated that this duty does not occupy a clerk, working an hour a day, for more than a few weeks.

(3) *Preparation and submission of Promotion Rolls.*—Promotions in the Subordinate Medical Department (Military) are always few and far between. The Surgeon-General calculates that the preparation of the rolls for all the promotions made during a year, if carried out at one time, would not entail more than five days' work for a full-time clerk.

2. *Annual Recruitment, including competitive examinations, signing of bonds and attestations and the half-yearly promotion examinations.*—These still continue to be arranged for by the Surgeon-General with this Government—the first under instructions from the Director-General, instead of, as hitherto, under the orders of the Local Government. The Surgeon-General therefore earnestly deprecates any such reduction as that suggested by the Government of India, which he maintains must seriously affect the efficiency of the work turned out by his establishment which is, in his opinion, already over-worked.

3. I am in conclusion to point out that in consequence of the progressive * advance in the number of civil hospitals and dispensaries in this presidency and the consequent increase in the number of medical subordinates, the office work of the Surgeon-General is becoming heavier every year, and to say that, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, the work which will, in future, appertain to the Surgeon-General will be quite sufficient to keep his existing establishment fully employed, and that reduction in it therefore does not seem practicable.

Years.	No.
1890	414
1891	426
1892	443
1893	453
1894	473

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

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Ootacamund,
25th June 1896.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Regr. No.

HOME 1896 DEPT.

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From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

Letter, No. 671, 25th June 1896.

JUNE.

Office Establishment of the Surgeon-General.

Expressing the views of this Government on the reduction proposed in the — in consequence of the transfer of work to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

No. 672, PUBLIC, 25TH JUNE 1896.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Despatch one

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SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2495-D., dated 25th May 1896, enquiring whether this Government has any objection to the proposal made by the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, that the local Surgeon-General should in future have no connection whatever with the Madras Medical Storekeeper, and in reply to state that His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with Surgeon-Major-General Sibthorpe in considering that the change proposed will be beneficial to the public interests.

2. As regards the possible reductions in the establishment of the Surgeon-General referred to in paragraph 2 of your letter, I am to state that, on a careful consideration of the subject, His Excellency the Governor in Council as explained in my letter No. 671, dated 25th June 1896, to the Government of India, Home Department (copy annexed) considers them impracticable.

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

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

OOTACAMUND,
25th June 1896.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

1896.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

Letter, No. 672, 25th June 1896.

JUNE.

Office Establishment of the Surgeon-General.

Approving the suggestion of the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, that the Local Medical Storekeeper should in future cease to have any connection with the Local Surgeon-General, and stating that it has not been found practicable to reduce the —.

Public Dept.
1572
Ch Nos D/14 of 1896
From
F. I. Home

No. 337
D 22
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Apr. 96

Enquiring what reductions can be made in the office Establishment of the Surgeon Genl. Madras, in view of the transfer of a portion of his work to the Dir Genl of the I.M.S.

1406

Endt No. 920.
Referred to the Surgeon General for early report.
C.M.S.
Fd. Secy
Chief Asst. Secy

C.S.
30.4.96
Do. recommend
C.W.
30/4/96 30 April 1896

To the Surgeon Genl

1612

(1896.) Public Department.

From

Surgn.-Major-General C. Sibthorpe, F.R.C.P.I.,

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras,



No. Tour 74

Dated 8th } May 1896.
Received 9 }

Encl. (Chr. 1512 rot.).

Subject.

States that no reduction can be made in the Office Establishment of the Surgeon. [illegible] with the [illegible] of Madras

Madras Rep't & Statt upto date [illegible] & SA
for Unification scheme in Pol Dept in
St Geo. Gazette dtd 7 March 96

Encl
9/5/96

CURRENT No 1436

Medical Department.

Stores.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

No. 2495-D.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 25th May 1896.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 3-JUN 1896

Sir,

I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director General, Indian Medical Service, No 1524, dated 6th April 1896. in which he suggests that the Surgeon Generals with the Governments of Madras and Bombay should cease to have any connection with the management of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras, Bombay and Rangoon, and that he may be authorised to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. With reference thereto, I am to say that the Government of India would be glad to be informed whether His Excellency the Governor in Council has any objection to the change proposed, so far as it affects the Madras Presidency.

2. I am to invite reference to Home Department letter No. 337, dated 22nd April 1896, relating to the reduction which can be effected in the office establishment of the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras owing to the relief afforded by the transfer of the control of the Medical Store Depôts referred to, and of the administration of the subordinate Medical Department Madras, to the Director General, Indian Medical Service, and to state that the proposed change, if given effect to, will further reduce the work devolving on the office of the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Secretary to the Government of India.

Pub C No. 1512 ref. to c & g - memo No. 920 30-4-96

Reply C No 1612 - now with SA.

G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 670 M. D.—27-5-96.—23.

CURRENT No. /1836

Public Dept.

Lr. No. T/28 of 1896.

From the Government of India
Military Dept. (Medical) Stores.

No. 2495-D

Dated 25-6-96
Rec'd 3 } June 96
Regd 4 }

Encls – one and 6 c.c. of the current.

Subject

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Director general, Indian Medical Service, suggesting that the Surgeon generals of Madras and Bombay should cease to have any connection with the Medical Store Depots at Madras Bombay and Rangoon and requesting to be informed whether this Govt. has any objection on the change proposed. So far as it affects this Presidency.

Encl No. 1133.

Referred to the Surgeon-General for favour of very early remarks

Chief Secretary

C.S.
6.96.
Octacamund
5th June 1896

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TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

CURRENT No. /1836

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. T/188

Octacamund, the 12th June 1896.

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,

In returning the Government of India letter referred under your Endorsement No. 1133 Public dated the 5th June 1896, I have the honor to state that I see no objection to the proposal of the Director General, Indian Medical Service, that this Department should cease to have any connection with the management of the Medical Store — Depots, Madras and Rangoon and that he should be authorized to issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeepers concerned. This change will in fact expedite work and lead to greater uniformity in the working of the Depots.

2. With reference to para 2 of the Government of India letter, I have to state that my letter No. T/74 dated the 8th May 1896 fully deals with the question of reduction in this office establishment.

3. The only clerk, who will be afforded some ----- relief by the new arragement, will be the Budget Clerk, but his other duties (Vide page 10 of the Standing orders --- regarding this office administration) are so numerous and heavy that he will not be available for any other work in the office, and thus there is no possibility of any reduction being made except at the expense of efficiency and expedition.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
C. Sibthorpe
Surgeon Major General,
Surgeon General with the Government of Madras

CURRENT No. 1111

(1896.) Public Department.

From

Surgn.-Major-General C. Sibthorpe, F.R.C.P.I.,

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras,

No. G/188

CHIEF SECRETARY'S GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
12 JUN. 1896

Dated 12th June 1896.

Received 12.

Regd 13-6-96

Encls – Pub. L. No. 183 6/96 with encls. ret.d.

Subject.

Stating that no reduction in his office establishment consequent on the transfer to India of the management of the Medical Store Depots, -- Madras and Rangoon, is practicable

The Govt agree with the Surgeon General in considering that the Medical Storekeeper should cease to be the Director Genl, I.M.S.

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ORDER—No. , Public, dated June 189

2. The Surgeon-General does not allude to the work of distributing forms and books for the Medical Department, which is now performed by the Medical Storekeeper, but can no longer be continued under the proposed rearrangements. Orders on this subject will, however, issue separately.

~~G.O. No. Public, dated June 1893.~~

3. The Surgeon-General's statement in paragraph 3 of his letter dated 12th June 1896 is to some extent inconsistent with that in paragraph 3 of his earlier letter dated 8th May 1896. The reduction of work in the registering and budget sections due to the new arrangements cannot but afford some relief to the office; ~~and all~~ proposals for further increase of establishments will be strictly negatived.

4. The following letters will be addressed to the Government of India :—

[Here enter letters, No. 671, Public, dated 25th June 1896, to the Home Department, and No. 672, Public, dated 25th June 1896, to the Military Department].

(True Extract.)

22/6/96

Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

Dept A17

Notes. Is Circular Letter to be issued?

Yes. Draft Communiqué approved; will be sent for print; copy of letter and Circular to be necessary for record.

23/6/96

Secretary.

23/6/96

Para. 47 of the Ly. S. O. I find that his 2nd clerk on Rs 100 is a Mr. Bigue, "a retired official". Is he the same Mr. Bigue who is mentioned as having been manager of the Com. Court office in the office note of 2/10/94 in S.O. 745 Rev? If so, how can he 5-10-94 come to be employed? I thought the reemployment of pensioners was forbidden

23/6/96

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P.T.O. for Letter to India, Home dept.

N 1816

Note.

Palazzo of the S. Pd
S. O.

having the building the Rev. Mark

I cannot understand what this means

No. 671, P[illegible]IC, 25th JUNE 1896.

PUBLIC [illegible]EPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HOME DEPARTMENT (MEDICAL).

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SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 337, dated 22nd April 1896, enquiring what reductions can be made in the office establishment of the Surgeon-General with this Government in consequence of the transfer of work from the latter to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, in connection with—

(i) the control of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras and Rangoon;
(ii) the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department of this Presidency; and.
(iii) the changes in the organisation of the Indian Medical Service from 1st April 1896.

2. In a subsequent letter from the Military Department, No. 2495-D, dated 25th May 1896, the Government of India enquires whether His Excellency the Governor in Council has any objection to the proposal that the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, should in future issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeeper, Madras, without the intervention of the Surgeon-General.

3. In reply, I am to submit the following observations:—

(i) *Reduction of work in consequence of the transfer of the entire control of the Medical Store Depôts at Madras and Rangoon to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service.*—Originally all questions emanating from the depôt had been disposed of by the Surgeon-General himself; under existing arrangements all correspondence is forwarded for the opinion and orders of the Director-General, and his decisions are then communicated to the Medical Storekeepers concerned, thereby entailing double entries in the daily receipt and issue registers, despatch books and indices in the Surgeon-General's office. The proposal now made that the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, should issue instructions direct to the Medical Storekeeper will, no doubt, afford relief to this extent, besides doing away with the necessity for checking and submitting—

(1) Home indents for medical stores required by the depôts,
(2) Budget estimates of the depôts,
(3) Tenders for local supplies of medical stores, and
(4) Verification lists of Medical Store Depôts.

But all these duties combined form only a very small portion of the work of two clerks in the registering and budget sections of the office, who have numerous other duties of a very heavy and responsible character to perform, and, considering the very imperfect manner in which they are actually performed, this Government does not see its way to recommend any reduction in the strength of the existing staff.

(ii) *Reduction of work in consequence of the transfer of the administration of the Subordinate Medical Department, Madras, to the Director-General.*—The Surgeon-General states that the only item of work transferred from his office is in connection with Military Assistant Surgeons and Hospital Assistants, viz.—

(1) *Maintenance of Records of Service.*—This transfer, the Surgeon-General states, has afforded no relief to him. The maintenance of the records involved no labour as no additions were received annually.

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2. *Annual Recruitment, including th* this Government—the first under instruc-
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arranged for by the Surgeon-General ore earnestly deprecates any such reduction
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as that suggested by the Government paralyse his whole establishment, al the progressive * increase in the number
efficiency of the work done and of civil hospitals and dispensaries in this
3. I am to add that, in consequen presidency and the consequent increase
in the number of medical subordinates,
the office work of the Surgeon-General is
becoming heavier every year, and it is
with the greatest difficulty that satisfac-
tory work of any kind is obtained from existing staff. Any reduction cannot but
increase this difficulty.

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

Chief Secretary.

OOTACAMUND,
25th *June* 1896.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY

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THE SECRETARY TO THE G

SIR,

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and in reply to state that His Exce
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to the office of the Surgeon General with
relief to the former office as explain
Finance and Commerce Department, No.

2. As regards the possible reductio
referred to in paragraph 2 of your letter,
of the subject, His Excellency the Gover
as explained fully in my letter No.
India, Home Department (copy annexed)

20/6/96

OOTACAMUND,
25th June 1896.

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Clerk
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