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G.O., No. 678

Dated 27 June 1896.

INDIA.

[Despatch Abstract.]

MEDICAL OPIUM.

Requesting the Surgeon-General to give effect to the orders of the Government of India requiring Provincial Administrative Medical Officers to undertake the work of supplying---to charitable dispensaries and hospitals which are not purely State institutions, or to assign reasons for moving that Government to revise its orders.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 8th 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,

I have the honour to state that in the Government of --- India letter No.8 Medical/284 dated the 31st March 1896, communicated with G.O.No.473-A, ^{Public} dated the 21st April 1896, it is stated that the charitable dispensaries, which are not pure-ly state institutions, will obtain their supplies of opium -- through the Administrative Medical Officer, the only condition being that the Administrative Medical Officer will be responsible for seeing that the supplies are duly paid for. 2. With reference thereto, I beg to point out that in this -- Presidency opium is not issued ^{Public} from the Medical Store Depot to Local Fund and Municipal Hospitals and Dispensaries which are purely private institutions and would, therefore, suggest that it may be supplied direct to all District Medical & Sanitary Officers and Civil Surgeons for distribution to institutions, within their respective jurisdiction, the cost of such supplies being recovered and paid for by them. This work cannot possibly be undertaken by this office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. Sibthorpe.

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras.

CURRENT No. 1900

Pub. go. no 473 A d/21-4-96
326 d/9-3-96

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Public DEPARTMENT.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
8 JUN. 1896

No. 1177

Dated 8th June 1896.

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Subject.

Intimating that the charitable dispensaries other than state institutions will obtain their supplies of opium through the Administrative --

Medical Officer on payment and suggesting that supplies to L & M hospitals may be sent direct to St. Medical and Sanitary officers for distribution.

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* vide G.O. N° 326 Public d/9.3.96

In para 3 of its letter N° 8383 Finance & Commerce Dept. d/19.2.96 the Govt of India remarked that the arrangement whereby medical opium was supplied direct from the Opium Factory at Patna to dispensaries, municipalities and Civil Surgeons, in addition to Medical Store-keepers to Govt was unnecessary and inconvenient. It was therefore decided that, in future medical opium should be supplied to Govt Medical Store Depôts and to the Administrative Medical Officers of local Govts only, and that Charitable dispensaries & hospitals should obtain their supplies from Administrative Medical Officers.

* vide G.O. N° 473 A Public d/21.4.96

Home Dept. Again in letter N° 8 Mell-258 Home Dept. (Mell) d/31.3.96 it was stated that under the new arrangement it would be necessary to

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Civil Surgeons to obtain, as at present, any medl. opium regd by them for Govt dispensaries from the Medl. Store depôts, while Charitable dispensaries and hospals, which are not purely State institutions would obtain their supplies through the Provincial Administrative Medl Officer, the only condition being that the Administ^r Medl Officer would be responsible for seeing that the supplies are duly paid for.

The Surgeon General with the present current points out that in the Madras Presidency opium is not issued from the Medl Store Depôt to Local Fund & Municipal Hospals & Dispensaries which are purely private institutions, and therefore suggests that it may be supplied direct to all Dist Medl & Sanitary Officers & Civil Surgeons for distribution to institutions within their respective jurisdictions, the cost of such supplies being recovered & paid for by them. The Surgeon General adds that the work cannot possibly be undertaken by his office.

It would appear from the correspondence leading up to letter 838 S.R. d/19.2.96, referred to above, that the object of the

I think the S.G. should be told ^{either} to carry out the order he has received or else to give such reasons & the contrary as will justify this Govt in moving the S.G. to alter their recent orders. The S.G.'s ipso facto that it is impossible for him to undertake work which the S.G. has ordered him to undertake cannot be accepted

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the Govt of India is to facilitate the transport of medical opium from the Patna Factory to the various headquarters to which the opium is sent direct. This object, it is submitted, is not likely to be attained by adopting the Surgeon General's suggestion, nor is it likely that the Govt of India will reconsider

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The S.G. cannot apparently accept any order without objection of some sort or the other

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~~H. E. THE GOVERNOR.~~

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Letter does not prove

The Surgeon General's ~~manifest~~
~~statement~~ that it is impossible for him
to undertake the work ~~consequently~~
accepted. He will ~~therefore~~ be re-
quested to give effect to the order
of the Govt of India, or else to
afford such reasons as will
justify this Govt in moving
for a revision of those
orders.

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