

Public (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 996

DATED 11-9-96

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Surgⁿ Genl. to
inform T. Abhamah, late 2nd class
Hospital Asst., that the Govt. declines
to interfere with the orders passed
on his case by that ~~officer~~ officer.

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" " 2160 " 1896, " " — —

" " 2761 " 1896, " " — —

" " 2852 " 1896. —

ORDER. No 996, 8th September 1896.

The Surgeon General
will inform J. Appannah,
late 2nd class hospital
assistant, that after a
careful consideration
of his case the Govt. declines
to interfere with the
orders passed on it by
the Surgeon General.
from orders

10/9/96

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The Surgeon General
with 5 original Enclos.

FROM ORDERS.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

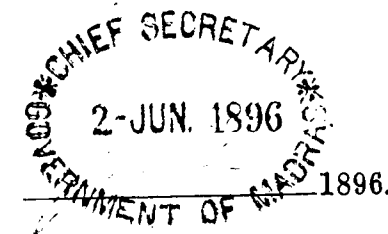
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Subject.

Forwarding for disposal petition
from T. Appanah Naidu, late a Hospital
Assistant in the Subordinate Medical
Department, Madras, appealing against
his dismissal from the service.

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4th May 1893, No.310

Read letter No.1000, dated the 6th inst.

Surgeon recommending that the Local Hospital As-
T.Appanah Naidu be fined Rs.10/- for his intempe-
negligence of duties. I quite agree with the Dist
in his opinion that the Hospital Assistant deserve
severe punishment. On several occasions I found him
from the Hospital in the working hours, besides I ha-
good many complaints about his irregular attendance. He is
generally talked off in the Town to have been addicted to -
drunkenness. His transfer to a post which is under the imme-
diate supervision of District Surgeon is highly desirable in
his own interest, and in the interest of the public as well.
But for the reasons given in the District Surgeon's letter,
and especially for the promise made therein that the matter
would be brought to the notice of the Surgeon-General- to let
a heavy punishment inflicted upon the Hospital Assistant,
would not have been satisfied with this very inadequate
punishment of a fine of Rs. 10/- for his intemperate habits -
and negligence of duties. The Medical Officer in charge of
the Local Dispensary will be requested to report the number
of the days in which the Hospital Assistant did not attend to
his duties without leave. The Hospital Assistant is not enti-
tled to his pay for those days.

(True Copy).

Dunlop M.P.

Surgeon-Captain,
Secretary, Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras

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Copy of a letter from the Surgeon General with the
of Madras, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chicacola, No.
4451, dated the 19th July 1893.

With reference to your letter No. 343 dated the 6th June
1893, I have the honour, by order, to state that the Surgeon
General approves of the fine of Rs. 10 inflicted on Hospital
Assistant Appanah No. 369 for neglect of duty and irregular
habits. The hospital Assistant will be removed from the
present appointment.

(True Copy).

Edwin M.B.,

Surgeon-Captain,
Secretary, Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras.

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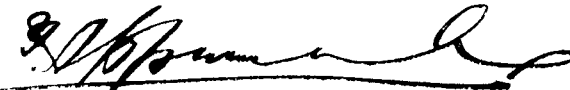
No. 33. H.

This is to certify that Sanyu Appannu-
raide was admitted as an in-patient on
the 10th April 1896 and that the nature of
his complaint was ^{such} as to preclude him ^{from}
from discharging his duties

He was discharged from the Hospital
on the 9th May 1896

(Sd) A. H. Capringwell
Surgeon Lieut Col.

(True copy) District Medical & Sanitary
Officer



Vizagapata

12th May 1896

2nd Class Hospital Assistant

No 60 This is to Certify that 2nd Class or
Assistant J. Appannah Naidu was admitted
an out patient on the 24th January 1896
for Rheumatism and that the nature of
his complaint is such as to preclude him
wholly from discharging his duties

He was discharged from the Hospital on
the 13th February 1896

(sd) S. C. White

Surgeon Capt.

(True copy)

Senior Assistant Surgeon
Civil Station Chicago

12/9/96

12th May 1896

J. Appannah
2nd Class Hospital Assistant

Proceedings of the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

Letter No. 280, dated the 18th January 1896, from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Ganjam, forwarding a report from the Civil Surgeon, Chatrapur, that 2nd class Hospital Assistant T. Appannah, No. 369, is suffering from Delirium Tremens, and stating that from personal enquiries and the previous history of the Hospital Assistant's conduct he is of opinion that the complaint was aggravated or actually caused by alcoholic drinks. He also reports that the Hospital Assistant has been suspended by him.

Read also the Hospital Assistant's explanation during the charge stating that he had a severe attack of malarious fever when he was seen by the Civil Surgeon and was not under the influence of liquor.

Order thereon, No. 595, dated 8th February 1896.

The Hospital Assistant's explanation is most unsatisfactory. This is not the first instance that he has been reported for intemperate habits. In 1893 he was reported by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Ganjam, to be much addicted to drink, and as it was then his first offence he was fined Rs. 10 and removed from his charge in the belief that the punishment though lenient would have a salutary effect on him. The Surgeon General however regrets to find that the Hospital Assistant has taken no lesson from it. In the Confidential Report for 1894 he is reported "to be at times intemperate" and as the present report confirms the fact that he is of persistently intemperate habits the Surgeon General considers it essential in the interests of discipline and public safety that the Hospital Assistant should no longer be allowed to be employed in any Medical capacity. He accordingly directs that Hospital Assistant Appannah be dismissed from the service with effect from the date of his suspension which should be reported to this office.

(True Extract)

(Sd.) D. SIMPSON, M. B.,
*Surgeon Captain,
Secy. Surgeon General
with the Government of Madras.*

II. Through Civil Surgeon, Chatrapur,

No. 566, forwarded to 2nd Class Hospital Assistant T. Appannah Naidu, No. 369, under suspension, for information. He has been dismissed from the service with effect from the date of suspension (28th December 1895.)

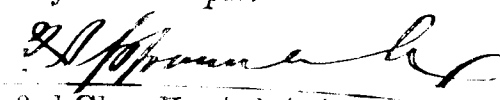
(Sd.) B. M. POWELL, M.D.,
*Assistant Surgeon
for District Medical and Sanitary Officer,
Ganjam.*

III.

No. 21 Forwarded.

Chatrapur. }
16-2-1896. }

(Sd.) J. W. PRICHARD,
Civil Surgeon Chatrapur.

(True copy) 
2nd Class Hospital Assistant.

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable

SIR ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK, C.M.G., K.C.M.G., G.C.M.G.,

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS PRESIDENCY,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

MADRAS.

Through

The Chief Secretary of the Government
of Madras.

The humble Petition of T. APPANNAH Naidu, (No. 369),
Second Class Hospital Assistant of Chatrapore, Ganjam Dis-
trict.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

1. The Surgeon General with the Government of Madras has been pleased to dismiss the Petitioner from the Medical Service by his order, No. 595, dated 8th February 1896. The grounds upon which his order was based are, that the Petitioner was fined Rs. 10, and removed from his charge in the year 1893 owing to the report of the District Medical and Sanitary officer of Ganjam, that he was addicted to drink, that in 1894 he was again reported to be "at times in-temperate," in the confidential report by District Medical and Sanitary officer, and in 1895, he was suffering from a complaint of delirium Tremens which was either aggravated or actually caused by alcoholic drinks in the opinion of Mr. Prichard, the Civil Surgeon of Chatrapur.

The humble Petitioner of Your Excellency has submitted his explanation to the Surgeon General on 9th March 1896, which was considered to be unsatisfactory.

2. Under these circumstances, the petitioner appeals to the generosity and justice of your Excellency for a reconsideration of his case.

3. During the tenure of office of the petitioner in Chicacole in 1891-92 and 93, there were several changes in the chief Medical Officer's post. Invariably the chief Medical Officer was also the chairman of the Local Municipality, the commissioners of which formed themselves into two antagonistic factions. Each faction used to try its best to win over the chairman, who occupied an influential position, to their own side. With the change of the Medical Officer there used to occur a change of sides also in Municipal matters. In this state of unwholesome party feeling, the petitioner, as a medical subordinate, felt his position rather awkward and compromising. Thus the petitioner had the misfortune to get some enemies in the town of Chicacole who became the friends of the petitioner's Medical superior or Mr. Wells in the year 1893. When the petitioner felt that his position in Chicacole was no longer safe owing to the strong partisan feelings existing between the two contending factions, the petitioner prayed the then Secretary Surgeon General Dr. Crawford to transfer him from the immediate superiorship of Mr. Wells, disclosing to him the state of affairs at the place and enumerating to him all grievances. As the petitioner was unfortunate, this petition was forwarded to the petitioner's superior Medical Officer for explanation. This embittered him much more towards the petitioner, and he lost no time in creating charges against the petitioner. Seeing that nothing less than mental derangement can be effectual to ruin the prospects of a medical man and seeing that he could not accuse the petitioner of dereliction in the performance of the petitioner's duties as Hospital Assistant which the petitioner faithfully and diligently performed, he reported against the petitioner to the

4. On this report, the petitioner was transferred to the hills as a punishment. The petitioner, however, fails to understand why the Surgeon General also says that the petitioner was fined Rs. 10. The petitioner was never fined at any time. The petitioner's punishment ended with his transfer to a hill station called Ramagiri. Even though the petitioner knew the station to be malarious, he hailed the transfer as a Godsend because it rid him of the faction and unpleasantness at Chicacole.

5. Then from 1st August 1893, to 15th September 1894, the petitioner worked in the hills at Ramagiri. Up till the time the petitioner received the Surgeon General's order on 8th February 1896, the petitioner was under the strongest impression that he performed his duties there without any neglect or remissness. Ramagiri is a highly malarious place most dreaded by every body. During the petitioner's tenure of office four Sub-Magistrates breathed their last owing to malaria. The petitioner worked hard in the place and by the time the petitioner was again transferred to the plains his health was almost shattered. Still the petitioner came to the plains and was in active duty until December 1895.

6. During the time of the predecessors of Mr. Prichard the Civil Surgeon and the Hospital Assistant were stationed only at one place and they used to work together except when the latter went to the hills with the Agent for about a couple of months. Since Mr. Prichard was posted here, four Hospital Assistants were appointed in charge of the Ganjam Collectorate. For reasons best known to those concerned with the management of Medical affairs perhaps owing to the representation of Mr. Prichard himself, these assistants had to do duty at Berhampore.

7. Thereupon the public of Chatrapur having felt the want of a Hospital Assistant, sent petitions to the Collector to order one for Chatrapur, and to get an out-patient department opened. Consequently the petitioner was sent down by Dr. Wilkins from Ramagiri, improved the work and rose in public estimation as well. From the time the petitioner was appointed to Chatrapur he had to work hard to put the new Hospital in working order and to secure the confidence of his patients both high and low. The petitioner had also to attend to cholera duty in the neighbourhood of Chatrapur where the petitioner could hardly get sustenance. Owing to the heavy work the petitioner was obliged to turn out he had to pass many a day without a meal.

8. By the time the petitioner came to Chatrapur the relations between Mr. Prichard and his patients were not what they should be. But the petitioner had the misfortune of being liked by his patients at Chatrapur. Further the petitioner being a native and the inhabitants being mostly natives, they naturally preferred the petitioner to Mr. Prichard though in certain instances the petitioner advised them to have recourse to Mr. Prichard.

9. Unfortunately for the petitioner just at this time the high malarious fever of the hills to which the petitioner became a victim being aggravated by the hard work he had to undertake, the petitioner's health was completely shattered and in December 1895, the petitioner was suffering from a high fever attendant with temporary delirium for about four days. This gave Mr. Prichard an opportunity to report against the petitioner. When he applied for leave, Mr. Prichard asked the petitioner to be on the sick list until leave is sanctioned. Immediately afterwards the petitioner was suspended. The petitioner placed himself subsequently under the treatment of Mr. White of Chicacole. The petitioner is not even now completely rid of the effects of the malarial poison which got hold of him. The petitioner is now under the treatment of Dr. Leepingwell, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer of Vizagapatam. To show the nature of the petitioner's malady then and now, the petitioner herewith forwards the two certificates given by the above said gentlemen. The petitioner is a father of four children, three sons and one daughter.

10. Having had a creditable career at College, heading the list of the petitioner's batch and getting First prize in each and every subject with certain certificates of honor the petitioner entered the medical service in 1884. During the whole course of the petitioner's medical career, the petitioner earned good remarks from every District Medical and Sanitary Officer under whom he worked in the annual reports as he always discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of that officer. The petitioner has never taken leave except for a few days in 1885, owing to cholera.

11. Thus it will be seen from the above facts which can easily be substantiated by the records of the office in which the petitioner worked as a medical subordinate, that the report of Mr. Wells in 1893 is actuated by motives whose honesty is apparent. It is no doubt true that Dr. Wilkins wrote in the confidential report of 1894 that the petitioner was "at times intemperate". The petitioner is at a loss to understand on what facts the report of his was founded. At that time the petitioner was in charge of the hill station at Ramagiri. A reference to the petitioner's work while there will show that the petitioner was diligent and active in the performance of his duties. The petitioner even suggested several improvements. There is not an adverse report against the petitioner either from the inhabitants of the place or from any officials. During the whole of the period the District Medical Officer Dr. Wilkins did not come to the petitioner's station, even once as it was a highly malarious place, the station, as far as the petitioner is aware of it, has not been visited even once by any District Medical Officer. Nor did the petitioner come even once to meet Dr. Wilkins in the plains. Further the petitioner begs Your Excellency to consider whether Dr. Wilkins is likely to transfer the petitioner from the hills to such an important station as Chatrapur if he still considered that the petitioner was at times intemperate. It therefore astonished the petitioner very much to learn from the Surgeon General's order No. 595, dated 8th February 1896 that the petitioner was accused by Dr. Wilkins of being "at times intemperate" in 1894.

12. As regards the last charge the petitioner simply relies upon the medical certificates given to him by Dr. White who observed the petitioner's symptoms at about the same time as Mr. Prichard and by Dr. Leepingwell under whose treatment the petitioner is at present.

13. Even if all these facts be taken to have been proved against the petitioner, the petitioner humbly submits the punishment is wholly unproportioned to the fault the petitioner was alleged to have committed. After a creditable career of nearly 12 years to dismiss the petitioner entirely from the service without first placing the petitioner under the strict surveillance of any Doctors other than those with whom the petitioner's relations are strained is the petitioner submits hard.

14. The petitioner, therefore humbly prays Your Excellency to order a fresh inquiry into the petitioner's case and to cancel the order of the Surgeon General, No. 595, dated 8th February 1896, or even to mitigate the severity of the petitioner's punishment.

The petitioner most humbly and respectfully begs to remain,

Your Excellency,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

[Signature]

Second Class Hospital Assistant.

A copy is forwarded to the Governor in Council Madras.

12 May 1896.

[Signature]

25.6.1896. H. S. P.

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 transmit for favour of disposal the accompanying petition from T. Appanah Naidu, late a Hospital Assistant in the Subordinate Medical Department, Madras, appealing against his dismissal from the service.

2. The reasons which necessitated his dismissal are fully set out in my Proceedings No. 595 dated the 8th February 1896 a copy of which is attached to the petition.

3. The pleas put forward in paras 3 & 8 of the petition are not supported by any documentary evidence.

4. As regards his statement in para 4 that he was never fined, I enclose herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chicacole dated the 17th May 1893 No. 310 and of this office letter No. 4451 dated the 19th July 1893.

5. It will be seen from the Chairman's Proceedings referred to above and from the facts disclosed in my Proceedings No. 595 of the 8th February 1896, that the Hospital Assistant is of persistently intemperate habits and as such habits are -- most dangerous and therefore unpardonable in a medical man, it will, in my opinion, be useless to inflict any other -- punishment on him than dismissal. His retention in the service will seriously affect the reputation of the Hospital to which he may be attached and the interests of the patients who may be

*6/6/96**that the*

Sir,
 Your most obedient Servant,
C. B. M. M. M.
 Surgeon-Major-General,
 Surgeon-General with the
 Government of Madras.

C. B. M. M. M.

*Medical Officer
 Surgeon-Major-General
 Surgeon-General with the
 Government of Madras*

*The Surgeon General, Madras
 17/6/96*

The Surgeon General
 is requested to forward
 the reports of Surg. &
 -Col. A. M. Leaping well
 & Senior Asst Surgeon D.
 White as to the nature of
 the complaints for which
 he was treated by them from
 between 24th Jan'y to 10th Feb'y
 & 10th April to 9th May 1896,
 as well as a copy of the
 petitioners' explanation, on
 which the order of discharge
 was passed -

10/6/96

Notes

The case is quite clear,
 so far as documentary evidence &
 the unanimous opinion of all the
 superior Med. officers are concerned.
 But as the order is from 12th Feb'y
 1896, it may be as well to
 ascertain fully before issuing
 the final order -

10/6/96

*approved to
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ing explanation trusting that the same will receive
able consideration at your hands.

1. On the evening of the 21st December 1895, I asked Mr. -
Prichard to give me a day's leave to go to Berhampore on
some urgent private affairs which he was kind enough to give
me.
2. But the same night I had a severe attack of malarious
fever which fever I had contracted in the Malayas during my
three years service there.
3. Mr. Prichard sent for me at 4 P.M. on the 27th December
1895. Although I was at the time suffering from high fever
yet I went to the hospital more with the object of taking
some medicine and advice from Mr. Prichard. When I went to
hospital my temperature was 105 and I was delirious. Beyond
this I have no recollection. I might have spoken nonsense and
behaved in an unusual manner as I had done on several pre- he
vious occasions during a fit/fever. Mr. Prichard has evidently
put this down for delirium tremens brought on by drinking. I beg
to most emphatically deny that I was not drunk when Mr.
Prichard saw me.
4. In support of ^{my} statement I beg to add that on the 24th I
went to hospital and attended to usual duties (Vide entries
in nominal register in my own hand). Is it possible for a
man suffering from delirium tremens brought on by excessive
drink to recover himself in one day and attend to his duties
soon after?
5. My service is 12 years and I have, I beg to state always
given satisfaction to all my superiors.
6. If you were to doubt my statements, I beg you will be
pleased to keep me directly under you for some time and see
if I am a drunkard or not.
7. Lastly I beg to submit that to ruin my prospects at the
mere report of Mr. Prichard who had not observed me closely,
will be doing me a great injustice, I, therefore, beg you will

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Surgeon-Captain,
Secretary, Surgeon-General
with the Government of Madras.

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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 your Memorandum No. 1174, Public, dated the 11th June 1896, I have the honour to forward herewith the report of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A.H. Leapingwell and a Certificate from Senior Assistant Surgeon S.C. White regarding the nature of the Complaints for which ex-Hospital Assistant T. Appanah Naidu was treated by them.

2. I also enclose a copy of his explanation as desired.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras.

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CURRENT No.

(1896.) Public DEPARTMENT.

From

SURGN.-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,
SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

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Dated } July. 1896.

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Chief Secretary
JUL 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Forwarding the report of Surgeon-Lt:
Col: A.H. Leapingwell and a Certifi-
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S.C. White regarding the nature of the
complaints for which ex-Hospital
Assistant T. Appanah Naidu was treated
by them.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1828 and 2160

FOR ORDERS.

2nd Class Hospital Assistant
T. Appanah Naidu, Chattrapur, Ganga
district appeals against his dismissal
by the Surgeon-General.

The grounds on which the dismissal
was based are that

- (1) in 1893 the petitioner was reported by
the D.M. & S.O. to be much addicted to
drink. It being his first offence he was
fined Rs 10 and removed from his
charge;
- (2) in the confidential report for 1894
he is reported to be at times intemperate;
- (3) in 1895 the D.M. & S.O. forwarded a report
from the Civil Surgeon, Chattrapur, to the
effect that the petitioner was suffering
from delirium tremens, and that
from personal enquiries and the
previous history of the Hospital
conduct, he concluded that the
complaint was a genuine one.

M. P. Richard

actually caused by alcoholic drinks.

In his petition (para 2) the petitioner states with regard to (1) that his superior officer from anxious framed the report as to his intemperate habits. He denies having been fined Rs 10 but that he was improved by the proceedings of the Chairman Municipal Council Chicago N° 310 d/12.5.96 & the Surgeon's Office letter N° 4457 d/

19.7.93. As to (2) petitioner writes

"It is no doubt true that D. Wilkins in the confidential report of 1894 that pet was at times intemperate" but he is anxious to understand on what facts the report was founded. With ref to (3) the pet relies on the medical certificates given him by D. White & by D. Leapingwell. Further in his explanation to the Surgeon he states in this connection that he was not drunk but suffering from malarial fever (temperature 105°) & was delirious and therefore might have spoken nonsense & behaved in an unusual manner as he had done on several previous occasions during a fit fever. In para 8 & 9 of his pet.

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

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

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.

* para 11

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DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

pet. the Asst implies that Mr. Pritchard, owing to the strained relations between them, put down the effects of malarial poison to drink.

The Surgeon in his covering letter N° 500/158 d/11.11.93 remarks that petitioner's pleas as to the strained relations between him & his superiors are unsupported by any documentary evidence.

As the Asst. stated in his reply to pet that he relies on the medical certificates referred to in para 12 of his pet, these were called for: that from D. Leapingwell certifies to his having been suffering from rheumatic fever & that from D. White from rheumatism. D. Leapingwell's letter d/22.6.96 further adds that the pet.

This was evidently due to his stay in jail but Pritchard would imply that it was accentuated by drink

was accompanied with swelling & pain in both knee joints.

It is submitted therefore that, though the petitioner's remarks regarding "the faction and unpleasantness at Chicacole" may be concocted or exaggerated, yet his punishment would appear to be excessive. This however is a moot point and as the Sup. Genl remarks his retention in the service may seriously affect the reputation of the hospital to which he may be attached & the interests of the patients committed to his charge.

C.W. * It was on the 18th 87.96 I saw that the D.M.O. Ganjam reported that the H.A. was suffering from d.c. but Surg: Capt: White's cert: d/ 7.5.96, which relates to the period between 24th Jan'y and 13th Febr'y, makes no mention of anything in rheumatism. The

Dismissal of Hospital
Asst. T. Appanah & Kandu

FOR ORDERS.

~~H. E. THE GOVERNOR.~~

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

~~THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

on which the H.A. relies has no direct bearing on the case as it relates to the period between 10.4.96 and 9.5.96, whereas the petr. was dismissed on the 8th February last.

The papers disclose no particular instance in which a charge of drunkenness has been brought home to the H.A. The Chairman writes "He is generally talked of in the town to have been addicted to drunkenness." Towards the end of his service the H.A. appears to have been at a most notorious station and it is well known that at such places most residents look upon alcoholic drinks as a precaution against fever. Taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration it is submitted that the punishment is unnecessarily severe and that the

was based.

given another chance
under the immediate
supervision of a Comd.
offr. He was suspended
on the 28th Decr. last.

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8.7.96.

The real question at issue
is whether the pet. was
suffering from delirium
tremens on some date
in December — apparently
the 22nd — when he was
sent for to the Hospital
by D. Prichard. The pet.
statement in his exple.
nation to the N.M. & S.O.
that it was on the 27th
Decr. is obviously a cler-
ical error.

2. on this point the records
are, I submit, insuffi-
cient to enable the
Govt. to decide.
The papers connected
with the Civil Surgeon's
report against the
pet. have not been sub-
mitted. It is therefore
impossible to say
whether D. Prichard's
opinion was founded
on a professional
examination, or merely
on the pet.'s incoherent
talk. In the latter case
is it not possible that
the pet.'s explanation,
that he was suffering
from delirium tremens,

Case of Hospl:
Asst J. Appanah

How: H. W. Bliss. C.S.

he attended Hospi-
tal on the 24th Decr
— which is not
admitted by the
Surgeon-General
— shd. be noted.

It is surely unusual
for persons suffering
from delirium tre-
mens to make such
a rapid recovery?
A further report
might be called for
on these points, with
records.

3. The facts that the
pet. was reported
confidentially by
D. Wilkins in 1894
to be of intempe-
rate habits, & that
he was once fined
Rs 10 was for intem-
perance are only
brought forward
to strengthen the order
of dismissal.

4. As regards the con-
fidential report
the pet. says that
he never saw D. Wil-
kins. The Surgeon-
General might then
be asked, if thought
necessary, to ascertain
report on what grounds
D. Wilkins' report
was based.

S. M. Petro's statement
that he was never
fined \$410 is probably
due to the order not
having been com-
municated to him

and
13/7/96

Case of Hospital Assistant
J. Appanah

Mr. H. W. Bliss, C. I. E.

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Ref. No. 1439 of 20-7-96

With ref to the correspondence ending with his letter of 24th June the instant the Surgeon is requested to submit a full report, with records, on the following points -

- (1) whether Dr. Prichard's opinion that Hoeph. Asst Appanah was suffering from delirium was founded on a professional examination, or merely on the petitioner's incoherent talk.
- (2) whether it is not ~~unusual~~ unlikely that, if he were so suffering, he would have been able, ~~and stating to~~ ~~have~~ attended to his duties on the 24th December. The date, 27th Dec, given in para 3 of the H.A.'s explanation is obviously a clerical error. Apparently the 22nd is meant.
- (3) on what grounds the confidential report by Mr. Wilkins, whom the petitioner states he never saw, was based.

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It is hereby returned

*Case of Hspl. Asst.
T. Appanah*

from Orders

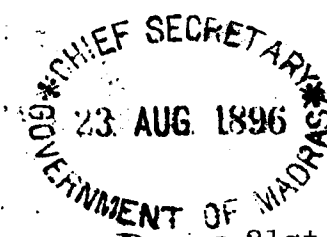
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CURRENT No. 2761

From

The Surgeon-General with
the Government of Madras.

Order



No. 380.

Dated 21st August 1896.

Received 23rd } *Aug⁶ 96*
Registered 24th }

Enclosures *Three*

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a further report as called
for with records on certain points
concerning Hospital Assistant Appanah.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Copy of a Minute from Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Hackett Wilkins, District Medical & Sanitary Officer, Malabar, to the Secretary Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, No. Ref : on Ct: 4578, dated the 27th July 1896.

I saw this subordinate under the influence of liquor at my inspection of the Hospital at Chicacole and again while he was doing duty at Chatrapur and on both occasions I censured him and warned him to take better care of himself.

Honorary Surgeon-Captain White admitted in confidence to me that this Hospital Assistant was unfortunately addicted to drink; but that in other respects he was an excellent subordinate.

He was brought down from Ramigiri and posted to Chatrapur, so that he might be under a strict Medical Officer, and at the same time to enable him to recruit his health, as he had been suffering from Malarial fever. Even his friends in this station informed me of his failing in the matter of drink. So that I am not at all surprised to hear of his having suffered from delirium tremens later on.

(True Copy.)

Blumson M.B.,

Surgeon-Captain,

Secretary, Surgeon-General

with the Government of Madras.

Quill

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No. 380

OFFICE OF SURGEON-
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
Madras, 21st August

From Colonel D.F. Bateman,
SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL ~~FR. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.A.~~

Ag: SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 1439, Public dated the 20th July 1896, I have the honour to state for the information of Government that Assistant Surgeon Prichard's opinion that Hospital Assistant Appanah was suffering from delirium tremens was founded on careful professional examination, and that the Hospital Assistant was still sick and did not attend to his duties on the 24th December or even ^{subsequently} until the 28th December.

2. Assistant Surgeon Prichard's reply together with the notes from the Out-Patients' Nominal Register and prescription Book and extracts from his diary are herewith forwarded for the information of Government. It will be seen from the District Medical & Sanitary Officer's covering Minute No. 2201 of the 12th August 1896 that the notes and extracts referred to above have been verified by him and everything found correct.

3. As regards para 3 of your Memorandum under reply, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Hackett Wilkins states that he saw the Hospital Assistant under ^{the} influence of liquor at his inspection of the Hospital at Chicacole and again while he was doing duty at Chatrapur and that on both occasions he censured him and warned him to take better care of himself. He also states that Honorary Surgeon-Captain White admitted in confidence to him that the Hospital Assistant was unfortunately addicted to drink and that ~~the~~ the

Prichard's opinion should

s friends in the station informed him of his failing
letter, so that he (Dr. Hackett Wilkins) was not at all
d to hear of his having suffered from delirium tremens.
of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Hackett Wilkins' reply is
th attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Surgeon-Colonel,
Acting Surgeon-General with
the Government of Madras.

[Signature]

Public (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 28

From Appanah,

2nd class Hospital am...

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No.

Dated 26 " } August 26
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Enclosures - nil

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding copy of
a petition addressed to
the Surgeon General re-
questing to call for a
certain book in the
disposal of his case.

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Madras

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT
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but removed. Sir,

Having come to know
that you was kind enough to reexamine
case on my appeal to Madras
and put certain queries to the
of Chattrapur to report with me
humbly and respectfully beg
that I am afraid that the
Mr. Prichard, the reporter
support his statement, mi-
-ed my case to the prison
and Sanitary officers of
the Regiments.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

and afraid that I do not have
the records (No. 10 Register
Description Books of 24th Dec 1898
and certain entries made in my
note) are not submitted to your
long with the report as ordered
and therefore I earnestly beg your
be gracious enough to redirect
my dear of black paper to send
reference for kind verification
and fully hope your honor
said records which I
safe back with him
ed to submit would
ative and therefore
your honor will be
at once

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Public DEPARTMENT

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ARMY No.

FOR ORDERS. in continuation of
the previous papers.

Hon. Mr. Grose. C. I. R.

Are these papers complete?
Where is the petition?

OSURES

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I agree with the Hon Mr.
Grose.

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1/9/96

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It is a pity the S. G. did not
take more trouble in sending
the case up, for everyone's
and trouble wd. have been
saved. The papers now sub-
throw a clear light on the
case, which seems fully
proved against the H. A.
As, however, he is stated to
be an excellent medical
subordinate, having this one
failing which he has probably
been frightened out of, perhaps
the H. M. may decide to give
him another chance after
a year's suspension from
Dec. last.

J. D. B. I don't see in the papers any
25.8.6 for the case and will have been

perhaps on the lines should

be allowed to return. A medical man
 given to think is far too dangerous as
 person to be worthily allowed to
 doctor others

28
 27/8/96

I quite agree
 BS
 28/8/96

FOR ORDERS.

H. M.

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 Examined 14/9
 Signed 14/9 } 1896

AGAIN G.O., No.
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