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Government of Madras.
1897
Public (~~190~~) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1054

DATED 7th August

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording correspondence regarding the delay on the part of the
Surgeon General in connection with the transfer of Surgeon Lieut.-Col.
M.F. Cook, from Cotacamund to Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
25 MAY 1897

TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.

To (Office)		From (Office)	
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To (Person)		From (Person)	
C. S. [illegible]		P. S. [illegible]	

64 Word Form.

H.E. wishes to know what is happening in the matter of Dr. Cook's removal from Bot. H.E. expected that Dr. Thompson would have been up here by this time but speaking to Dr. Cook the other night he said that no order seemed to have been issued on the subject, and that he was waiting for some order. H.E. is taking objection to the order and is thinking of not getting it passed. His approval of Dr. Thompson's appointment here. Many such approval in the past. It is a matter of politics if it is an actual necessity it would be well perhaps if you took the matter in hand and got the

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NOTE FOR THE ^{Chief} SECRETARY.

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Chiefs approval, if it is a new matter of military, perhaps it might be settled. I. Thompson has arrived. In any case A.E. wishes you to make the matter through quickly, and if the Surgeon General has not issued orders yet, I will be glad to take the matter into your own hands, and come the best of course, in any way. And another the matter has been greatly settled, and A.E. thinks that the best way to stop further delay is to put the matter in your hands. Please take the necessary action.

W.M. 2075/97

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NOTE FOR THE ^{Chief}~~SECRETARY~~ SECRETARY.

Please see abstract
of G.O. no 1198 Pub. D. 24 Augt.
1887 recording Milly Dept. Pres.
stating that the name of the
Medical officer selected for
duty with the head-quarter
staff & office staff, Cochin,
should be submitted for the
approval of the Comd. ~~of~~ in
Chief.

The following telephone
to D.A. G. is submitted.

It has been proposed
to transfer Surg. Lt. Col. Cook
to Madras and bring up ^{in his room} Surgeon
Major C.M. Thompson to Cochin.
Will you please
let me know as ^{early} soon as
possible if His Excellency has
any objection. ~~to~~

CMB
26/5/92

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Public Dept

Telegram to

Surgeon Major C. M. Thompson
 By Surgeon, 2nd Division

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as Thompson has been
 instructed to come up without
 waiting for you.

yours sincerely,

CWS
 26/5/97

26.5.97

Surgeon Lt. Col. H. D. Cook

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Col
Dec 24/97

Public Dept

Telegram to

Surgeon Major M. Thompson

As Surgeon, 3^d District

Madras

373 & Appointed Civil Surgeon

Cotacamund - join sharp

taking no joining time. * Cook

takes your place, but do not wait

for him.

CC CWS
26/5/97

Cotacamund
26 May 1897

My dear Cook,

Thompson has been
appointed to be Civil Surgeon

Cotacamund and has been
directed to join without delay

~~I am to ask you to proceed~~
to Madras - You have been

posted to the 3^d District, Madras
I am to ask you to proceed to

Madras taking no joining time
as Thompson has been

instructed to come up without
waiting for you.

Yours sincerely

CWS
26/5/97

26.5.97

Surgeon Lt. Col. H.D. Cook

* NOTE Either Dr. Cook must
leave first or Dr. Thompson
one first or the other must
remain absent for a
short time. LD

Costacumed
26th May 1897.

My dear Libthorpe,

As there has been
considerable delay ^{regarding} ~~over~~ the
interchange of appts between
Cook and Thompson I have,
^{in accordance with} ~~under the~~ instructions ^{from} of H.E.

The Governor telegraphed to the
~~former~~ to join here immediately.
I send copies of my telegram
to Thompson and D.O. to Cook.

The Lt. Adjutant Genl
informs me that he has
already intimated to you that
the Lt. Genl. Comd. the Forces
has no objection to Thompson's
appt. to Costacumed.

Please send the
necessary minute of appts. ^{with the least} ~~soon~~.
^{possible delay}

Yours sincerely
H
26.5.97.

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26/5/97

Surgeon Major Genl. Libthorpe
with copy of telegram D.O.

Circ. Clerk
Issue the Gov's telegram
before Eric
[G.]
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Public DEPARTMENT.

G. No.

SUBJECT.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.~~

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

Appointments of Drs Cook and
Thompson.

FOR ORDERS.

With reference to the
Private Secretary's telephonic
message of yesterday, a
copy of the instructions issued
in regard to the interchange of
appointments between Drs Cook
and Thompson is submitted
^{Her} for perusal.

From ^{the} telephonic message
flagged B it will be seen that
the Lieutenant-General Comd.
the Forces has no objection to
Surgeon Major Thompson's
appointment to Costacumed.
This consent is necessary under
G.O. No. 1198 Pub 3 24 Aug 1887
(abstract flagged A).

The order approving of Dr. Cook being posted
to the 3rd Lt. with the S.G. here on
the 21st inst.

(1897)

Department.

D. O. No. 4



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Adasamun
27th May, 1897.

From

Surgeon Major Genl C. S. S. S. S.

No.

Dated 27th May 1897

Received — — —

Registered 28th — — —

Enclosures

Spare copies

My dear Sir,

His Excellency
has seen the enclosed
and approves of your
action.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. S.

SUBJECT.

Stating that he had issued
orders re interchange between Dr.
Cook and Dr. Thompson on the 25th
May and pointing out that certain
appointments are made by the
Govt. without being known to
his notice.

(1897)

Department.

D. O. No. 4

D. O.

From

Surgeon Major Paul C. Silke *Thorp*

No.

Dated 27 - May 1897

Received — — —

Registered 28 — — —

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Stating that he had issued orders re interchange between Dr. Cook and Dr. Thompson on the 25th May and pointing out that certain appointments are made by H.Q. the Govt. will think being known to his notice.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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1,000-8-5-97.

DD No. 455

Public DEPARTMENT.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HONBLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HONBLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Surgeon General's protest



SECRETARY

27 MAY 1897

DETERS.

Obtained 27 May 97.

My dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your D.O. letter of the 26th May 1897 and to inform you that I had issued similar orders regarding the interchange between Cook and Thompson on the 25th May. I only received the consent of H.E. the Lieutenant-General Com. manding on the 24th and wired down to Madras and the orders were as I say issued on the 25th. It must be remembered that neither of the changes can be given over in a hurry either in the interests of Government or of

Under instructions from his Excellency the Governor conveyed through the Private Secretary, orders were issued to Surgeon Major Thompson and Surgeon Lt. Col Cook to interchange their appointments without delay and a copy of these orders was sent to the Surgeon General on the same day (26th May) on which they were issued.

The Surgeon General says that he received the consent of the Lieutenant-General Com. the forces on the 24th May, and that he wired down to Surgeon Major Thompson on the 25th ^{only} ^{object} ^{is} ^{to} ^{prevent} the act

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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SUBJECT.

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

Surgeon General's protest

FOR ORDERS.

Under instructions from
His Excellency the Governor
conveyed through the Private
Secretary, ~~orders~~ were issued
to Surgeon Major Thompson and
to Surgeon Lt. Col Cook to
interchange their appointments
without delay and a copy of
these orders was sent to the
Surgeon General on the same
day (26th May) on which they
were issued.

The Surgeon General
says that he received the
consent of the Lieutenant Genl.
Comd. the Forces on the 24th
May, ^{only} and that he wired down
to Surgeon Major Thompson
on the 25th informing and ^{objecting} protesting
^{to} against the action taken by

the Chief Secretary in this
case - He also ^{brings to notice the fact} that
Surgeon Major Maitland
was offered the Cotaacammund
appointment and that the
offer was not made through
him.

He complains that
such direct action places
him in an awkward position
as head of the Civil Medical
Department, and invites a
reference to the Royal
Warrant of the Indian Medical
Service of 7th Decr 1891, Notification
of the Govt. of India No. 886
of 28 June 1899 and G.O. No.
376 of 8th July 1899, which
give to the Surgeon General
the entire control over the
Medical Dept., his opinion &
advice being taken regarding
all medical appointments,
but the ~~rest of the~~ responsibility
of the several appointments
resting with Govt.

In submitting these papers
I may be ^{respectfully} noted that whatever the

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* This has as far as I
can see nothing to do
with offce.

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Papers under
disposal.

The Surgeon General may be informed that the
Warrant which he quotes has not given him
greater powers than are now possessed by
all heads of Departments; and that he is
bound in common with all heads of
Departments to carry out with diligence
and alacrity, the instructions of Govt.
On the 8th March last, I wrote for the
Surgeon General and informed him that
Dr. Cook was to be transferred from Dacca
to some other station, and
added that the transfer should be made
on or before the 15th April. On the 28th
May, Dr. Cook was still in charge at
Dacca. I know there were some
difficulties in arranging for this transfer,
but if diligence and alacrity had been
used, the orders of Govt. might have
been earlier given effect to. It was
because I found that the Surgeon Genl.
was not using diligence and alacrity,
that I communicated direct with Govt.

disable him.

The interest

may be he is bound, as a head of
a dept, to carry out (expeditiously) the
instructions of Govt. In a recent
urgent case - the assembly of a Medical
Board for Mr. Q.R.L. Campbell -
he had to be reminded. ~~Accordingly~~

It will be observed that in
his present D.O. the Sg. states
that the "Minute of Appt." was
received from Madras. This, it is
submitted, a peculiar way of
doing business, and if all the
Sg's work is carried on at the
same rate whilst he is on tour,
it ~~cannot~~ ^{is} surprising that
delays occur. A Minute of appt.
would at the most take
fifteen minutes to draw up,
plus copy & despatch & the
necessity in obtaining one from
Madras is by no means clear.

Created I delayed these papers in
2/6/97 over to Govt. to go by
1899 as from Madras. It however afforded
no information

of the service seemed to me to require this course.
And the interests of the service must be considered.
and before departmental routine

I add that if the Sg. really
25/6/97

cannot make a minute
of aptt without the aid of his
office, the sooner he leaves
Cotacamund & rejoins his
office, the better.

BA

18/6/97

H.E. The Governor

(From orders)

Surgeon General's protest

Submitted to H.E. the Governor
with reference to the last para of
the draft DO, which is based on the
Honble Sir Henry Bliss's note.

app. is modified in red ink.

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Resubmitted to the Hon Sir H. H.

Bliss with reference to the
modifications made by H.E.

the Govt. ^{has} ~~has~~

31/7/97

BA
5/7/97

CHIEF
SECRETARIAT,

D. O.

No. 325

Date 11, 7, 1897

Public copy

Cotacamund

7th July 1897

DO

DO. 455

My dear Sirthorpe,

I have placed before

Govt. your DO of the 27th ultimo.

In reply I

~~am~~ ^{am} to say that the Royal

Warrant of the Indian Medical

Service ^{which you quote} ~~has~~ ^{cannot} ~~you~~ ^{you}

greater powers than are

possessed by all heads of

departments and that you

are bound, in common

with ~~all~~ ^{them} other heads of depts.

to carry out, with diligence

and alacrity, the instructions

of Govt. On the 8th March you

^{received} ~~the~~ ~~former~~ instructions

to propose Cook's transfer to

some other station and to

take steps to give effect to the

transfer on or before the

15th April. Notwithstanding

^{this} ~~these~~ instructions Cook was

still at Cotacamund on the 28th

May. There were, ^{doubtless} ~~no~~ ~~doubt~~

difficulties in arranging for the

transfer but if diligence and

alacrity had been used, the

[G.]
500-14-2-97

D. O. No. 583

Работы вед. Смб
28/7/97

M. H. S. J. S. I think this may be recorded

D. O. *For Order*

4.54 30.7.97 **From**
 28
 11/8/97 6/8/97 Surgeon Major General C. Siblethorpe

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The Govt. is surprised to find that you ordered the minute of appts of Cook and Thompson from Madras. If such a minute cannot be drawn up here the Govt. is, I am today, inclined to think that it would ^{have} saved considerable delay in the transaction of business if you ^{had remained in Madras} ~~were to return to~~ Madras.

Order
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1. From Order 1

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F. 105427

7/8/97

Dated 14 " July 1897
Received 15 " " "
Given for
Registered 17 " " "
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SUBJECT.

Explaining the delay in posting
Dr. Cook to some other district
from City Dec

Cur.
26.6.57

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Turned softer than a shower in red ink

A.94

1.7.97

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Do	325	Publ	7-7-97
R	645		31-5-97
So	678		21-5-97
Lo	276		28-7-1859
So	260		21-8-1867

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Ans
17/12/2019

If a contract with the
 Dr. John Condict is

1-1-68

The paper presented
about the effect of the
pollution on the
of the river and the
and needs of the
people but I think the
for the I would have been
better. I think it is not
or care - I think you please
about the river & I will
keep it clean. I think it
is not. It is not easy to
keep the river & a better place
between the river and the
on it. There is better for
people but I am always

D. 91: 583

with the Government of Madras.

with the Government of the Colonias,
Boquean y... 14 July 1897
Anguimo... 15 JUL 1897

My dear Sir,

With reference to your O.O. of the 7th July in reply to mine dated the 27th May I note that Government appears to consider that I have laid claims to greater powers than are possessed by the Heads of Departments generally. I simply called attention to the Warrant to show that the question of Command had been strongly reiterated in it but the order in G.O. 276 dated 8th July 1869 puts it quite as strongly that "in the filling up of vacant appointments or of offices temporarily vacant in the Department the opinion and advice of the Surgeon General with the Government is to be taken".

I note that Government also appears to consider there was some want of diligence