

Public (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 1396-7

DATED 16.10.97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Addressing the Ceylon Govt on the
subject of the sale by auction by
the Collector of Customs, Colombo,
of the medical stores shipped
for the use of the Municipal
Civil Dispensary.

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From Surgeon-Major-General C. Sibthorpe,
C.B., F.R.C.P.I.

Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

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Dated 10th October 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the supply of Medical Stores for 1896-97 for use at the Govt: Civil Dispensary Minicoy was lost during its transmission to the island, and requesting that steps may be taken for the recovery of the value of the lost stores.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 10th October 1897. 1896.

From

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SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL J. 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 report that the supply of Medical Stores for 1896-97 for use at the Government Civil Dispensary Minicoy, received in September 1896 by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Calicut, was lost during its transmission to the island.

2. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Calicut, entrusted the consignment to the local Superintendent of Sea Customs for shipment to Colombo by the first vessel and for transmission thence to the Hospital Assistant at Minicoy with a view to avoid delay which otherwise would ensue. The packages were accordingly shipped by him per "S.S. Chindwara" on the 23rd September 1896.

3. The consignment, which consisted of 4 boxes of Medical Stores and one drum of Oleum Terebinthinae, was received from the Government Medical Store Depot, Madras, with the following address legibly impressed with tar:-

"To
The Government Civil Dispensary, Minicoy,

C/O

The District Surgeon, Malabar."

and was forwarded intact with the additional superscription

"To

The Hospital Assistant
Civil Dispensary, Minicoy,

C/O

The Superintendent, Imperial Light-House,
Colombo."

: noted in the margin.
: 4. The District
: Medical and Sanitary
: Officer

Officer having taken the requisite steps for the due despatch of the articles was under the impression that they would reach their destination, but to his surprise he was informed by the Hospital Assistant who came to the mainland towards the close of March 1897, that no stores had reached the island. He (the District Medical and Sanitary Officer) immediately addressed the Superintendent Imperial Light-House on the subject but that officer replied that the packages were not delivered to him. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer then enquired of the Wharf and Ware House Colombo and they in their reply informed him that the articles were sold at auction, as they remained unclaimed.

5. He then questioned the Collector of Customs, Colombo on the propriety of the disposal by him at auction of an article belonging to Government without any notice being given to him or the Sea Customs Superintendent, Calicut, who actually shipped them or the Superintendent Imperial Light-House, Colombo, to whom they were addressed. The address on the package itself contained information sufficient to enable the Collector of the Customs to place himself in communication with the parties concerned. According to the Customs rules the Collector should have informed the owner. If he had done this, the Superintendent of Light-House to whose care the packages were addressed and who was in the same station would have claimed the Stores.

6. Under these circumstances I request that Government will be good enough to represent matters to the Colonial Government, Colombo, and to take steps for the recovery of the value of the lost stores viz: Rs. 368-7-9 (Rupees three hundred and sixty eight, annas seven, and pies nine.)

7. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer reports that the distance between the island and the mainland and the want of easy communication between the two caused great delay in obtaining reliable information.

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

C. J. Thompson

Surgeon-Major-General,
Surgeon-General with the

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The Ceylon Govt

will be addressed

Please see the current. That S. does not say who Collector of Customs. Customs. Some say because you have and some say for what it is.

CW 16.10.7

The Surgeon General (C) 22.10.97

Letter W. 1397 of 16 Oct. 97

to the Hon the Col Secy

Colombo

Sir

I am directed to forward the accompanying letter from the Surgeon General, Madras, relative to the loss, during transit, of the supply of medical stores for the Govt Civil Dispensary at Kinnicoy. From enquiries made of the

the authorities at the Wharf
and Ware House Colombo,
it would appear that
the packages were sold
there ^{at auction} as unclaimed

2. maybe I am to request that this Govt
be ^{of with} in
- favour of being in-
- formed of the circum-
- stances under which

the Collector of Customs
Colombo, disposed of these ^{came to that articles which were obviously the property of the Indian}
articles ^{Government as unclaimed &}

without apparently giving
any notice of his intention
to do so to the parties
concerned & whether

there is any reason why
the Collector of Customs
should not be required
to make good the
value of the lost stores

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