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Passing orders on the question of
the deficiencies in the accounts
of the Steward at the Government
Maternity Hospital.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From

Surgeon-Major-General C. B. I.

C.B., M.C., I.

Surgeon-General with the

Government of Madras.

No. 337

Order

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding certain correspondence from the Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, Madras, reporting the existence of deficiencies to the extent of Rs. 1972-3-9 in the accounts of the Hospital Steward, with the remark that the Steward may be allowed to make good the deficiencies and to resign the appointment.

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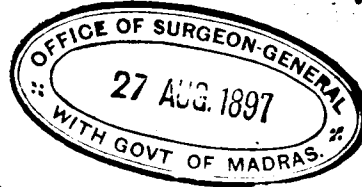
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Government Maternity Hospital

26th August 1897
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the above subject.

I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 Surgeon-General

I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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2. In the first place I may say that

I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

4) The charges I have to make are two
1st Making ~~extraordinary~~ entries of
each ~~transaction~~ ^{transaction} before
the payments had ~~actually~~ ^{been} made.
and withholding the money -
2nd Appropriating ~~the same~~ ^{the same} use certain
cash balances ~~which were~~ ^{which were} entrusted to
me and for which he was responsible.
5) In regard to his ~~reputation~~ ^{reputation} which
is attached to ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~with his~~ ^{with his} ~~colleagues~~ ^{colleagues} that
the more ~~pleased~~ ^{pleased} ~~partly~~ ^{partly} to the in-
-reputation ~~of the~~ ^{of the} ~~department~~ ^{department} ~~against him~~ ^{against him} and
6) his ~~deficiencies~~ ^{deficiencies} found in his cash check
2nd That he ~~endeavors~~ ^{endeavors} to explain these
deficiencies ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~calculated to~~ ^{calculated to}
bring ~~disgrace~~ ^{disgrace} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~my administration~~ ^{my administration}
and to ~~imply~~ ^{imply} that I have treated him
in a harsh manner for many years,
and ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~appears~~ ^{appears} to ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~this a suf-~~ ^{this a suf-}
-ficient reason for ~~being~~ ^{being} dishonestly.
3rd That ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~willing~~ ^{willing} if allowed, to replace
his ~~deficient~~ ^{deficient} ~~balances~~ ^{balances} ~~himself under~~ ^{himself under}
certain conditions -
6) Taking his statement in detail,
I state that I have never ordered
him ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~pay~~ ^{pay} ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~deficient~~ ^{deficient} ~~balance~~ ^{balance} ~~from~~ ^{from}
the ~~stoppage~~ ^{stoppage} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~checks~~ ^{checks} ~~every~~ ^{every} ~~item~~ ^{item} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the}
hospital ~~stoppage~~ ^{stoppage} ~~book~~ ^{book} ~~except~~ ^{except} ~~every~~ ^{every} ~~item~~ ^{item} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the}

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No. 337

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 22 September 1897-1898.

From

C.B.,

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL F. 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 forward for the information of Government the accompanying letter from the Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, Madras, reporting the existence of deficiencies to the extent of Rs.1972-3-9 in the accounts of the Hospital Steward.

2. I also enclose the Steward's explanation regarding the irregularities in his accounts and the deficiency of money in his cash chest.

3. The Superintendent has so fully gone into the whole case that little or nothing remains for me to add.

4. The Steward has been employed in the hospital for nearly 15 years and has on no previous occasion given the Superintendent any cause to suspect his honesty. The present regrettable incident is ⁱⁿ my opinion, chiefly due to want of method and carelessness on the part of the Steward and above all to his overwhelming duties which spared him no time to be methodical.

4. In this connection, I would invite the attention of Government to para 7 of the Superintendent's letter and point out that both in 1895 and 1896 the unsatisfactory state of the Steward's Department was brought to the notice of Government and additional help applied for, but on each occasion the Government was of opinion that the question should await orders on the proposals of the Diet Committee - Vide G.O.No.875, Public,d/ 22nd October 1895 and G.O.No.651, Public, dated 20th June 1896.

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5. In consideration of the above circumstances and of the good work done by the Steward during the last 15 years as testified to by the Superintendent in paras 7 & 8 of his letter, I strongly support his (the Superintendent's) recommendation that the Steward may be permitted to make good the deficiencies and to resign the appointment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Chinampal

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of Madras.

[Signature]

Public DEPARTMENT.

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C. No. 3334

SUBJECT.

~~H. E. THE GOVERNOR.~~

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

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

Deficiencies in the accounts of
the Steward at the Govt. Maternity
Hospital.

FOR ORDERS.

The Surgeon General submits a letter from the Supdt, Govt. Maternity Hospital, reporting deficiencies to the extent of Rs 1972 in the accounts of the Hospital Steward.

Attention is solicited to the Supdt's letter A and to the Steward's Explanation B.

The Surgeon General states that the deficiencies are partly due to want of method and carelessness on the part of the Steward, but chiefly to his "overwhelming duties which spared him no time for methodical". He calls attention to para 7 of the Supdt's letter and to the need for additional help ~~asked for~~ in

This is a queer thing to say. I have always understood that method saved time

[Signature]

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in his letters disposed
for £875 Pub + £651 Pub
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In consideration of the
heavy work the Steward
is required to perform and
his good work for the
past 15 years, testified
to in the Supdt's letter
(paras 7 & 8), the Surgeon ^{before J}
supports the Supdt's recom-
mendation that the Steward
may be permitted to
make good the deficiencies
and resign his appointment.

The security money deposited
by the Steward amounts to
£500.

In para 9 of his letter J
Dr. Mansford says that being
aware that he is responsible
for the money he has already
taken steps to replace from
his own pocket. This
alternative ~~to the~~ proposal
to that supported by the Surgeon
is to dismiss the Steward
and confiscate his security money.
Orders are solicited.

The Surgeon General's opinion
that his deficiencies are ^{chiefly} due
to want of method on the
part of the Steward is, considering
the facts of the case and the
amount of the deficiency, somewhat
hard to understand. Want
of method might lead to the
loss of small sums, but an
honest man in finding ~~himself~~
in his position would
probably have brought the facts
to notice or at least made
good the deficiency, before it
became large.

The Steward's explanation is that
he spent the money in making
good amounts which Dr.

Drummond refused to pay
may be a reasonable, but true
in part: at any rate the
Surgeon is not to be given
any reason for disbelieving it.
That the Steward's explanation

even if true would not
sufficiently cover the whole
amount missing. The
^{presumption} ~~assumption~~ is clear that
he has misappropriated

a considerable sum. He himself says that in 1895 he was short of cash, & explains that he then borrowed money to make up the deficiency. He does not say what this sum then missing was, but it was probably a much smaller amount than that now deficient, else he could hardly have borrowed it at all.

The course proposed by Mr. Supt. & Mr. S. S. is extremely lenient one, & the policy of letting off so lightly a case of misappropriation. It is submitted, he does think. The main case has not been improved by this gross exaggeration in his explanation. He evidently anticipates prosecution, & it is submitted, there is no reason why he should be less severely dealt with than the late clerk of St. Stephen's Church, or the Dr. Supt. of Surrey who a few years ago was prosecuted for temporarily misappropriating Govt. money. A.H. 16/9/57

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DEPARTMENT.

SUBJECT

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

FOR ORDERS.

The Steward's explanation is an independent production. I can not see that any work can be reasonably pleaded in this case. Some work would account for failure to collect habitual stoppages & to explain & report properly & to account for the expenditure of money. But exchange of this kind is a tragedy. The simple fact is that cash which has been received has vanished. I agree that the man must be prosecuted. The Govt. should see to it.

It is impossible, I am sorry to say, to acquit Dr. Mansford of blame. In his own account he has not verified the cash balances for 2 years! It is the old story of misplaced confidence. Mr. Wright came off with his church clerk in precisely this way. However, as Dr. B. has paid & he has been sufficiently punished & so far nothing need be said. If, however, the case should come up again, the same remarks may be made.

So are most of us, unfortunately
in the margin of his letter. The

I have been into the papers in this case and can see no reason why the man should be let off. He himself admits not only this defalcation but another in 1895 which by his own showing he managed to make good on learning that the Govt. was about to examine his cash balance.

I consider his so called explanation a most independent production and it is traversed throughout by the Govt.

I do not see that there is any excuse for him. He showed certain items as received and for these were 20s he had no receipt but put them in the accounts.

No steps seem to have been taken to ascertain whether the amounts shown in the accounts had all been actually paid.

The only fault on the part of the Govt. appears to have been not examining the cash balance more frequently than he did but he is undoubtedly an overworked man. I submit that the Steward

should be prosecuted

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Steward's security of Rs 500 should of course be forfeited. This will leave Dr. B. out of pocket nearly Rs 1500 - quite enough punishment for him - I wish it were a smaller sum, but I do not see how he can be absolved of the consequences of his own carelessness.

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I agree that the Steward should be prosecuted. His belief that a long series of disbursements, if he alleged that they were to protect Dr. B. & the Hospital, and excuse him is disputable, & is no excuse at all. It seems to me that a fine of Rs 1500 is too severe a punishment for the 2 years carelessness of Dr. Bramfoot. I think it would be enough to make him pay up half the deficiency. His character & his excellent work in the Hospital has kept the Maternity Hospital call for leniency.

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The Steward should be prosecuted and his Security should

should be forfeited. I agree with the Hon. Mr. Justice that Dr. Bramfoot's name in the matter may be leniently looked at, and it will be sufficient to require him to pay half the deficiency.

27.9.97 6.10.97

Deficiencies in the accounts of the Steward at the Govt. Maternity Hospital.

Public Department.

Hon. Sir A.W. Bliss K.C.I.E.
(as dissenting Member).

C.No. 3334.

O.R.D.R.
His

No. 1407826-109,

The Govt. is unable to accept the recommendation of the Surgeon General that the steward should be permitted to make good the deficiencies and resign his appointment. The correspondence ^{intended} makes it plain that the defalcations were not recent and occasional but long continued and systematic. The steward's security money (Rs. 500) should be confiscated and the Government Solicitor will be requested to take the necessary steps to prosecute him.

2. The Govt. regrets that it cannot altogether acquit Brigade Surgeon Lt. Col. Bramfoot of blame in the matter, as it appears from his letter that he had not verified the cash balances for two years. In view, however, of his services and of the high state of efficiency maintained in the Govt. Maternity hospital under his administration, His Excellency the Governor or in Council is pleased to direct that he should ~~direct~~ be called upon to make good only half the amount of the deficiency.

(for order)

16.10.97

To

The Surgeon General (a)
Govt. Solicitor para 1 of order
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Accountant General. (p)

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