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[Despatch Abstract.]

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letter from the A.G. explaining
his suggestions regarding the
payment of ration allowances
to the Nurses of the General
Hospital.

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From

*The Accountant General
Madras*

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*Whether this may be
referred to the S.R. or whether
the matter should go up
to the H.M. Please see
this info. 1407 Pub
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regarding the ration allow-
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Accountant-General

28th October

No. 3354

From

F. C. Harrison Esq.,

Offg: ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL TO THE

To

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

*The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department.*

SIR,

With reference to Government Order Public No. 1401 dated 21st October 1897, I have the honour to point out that under clause (c) Article 721 of Account Code Volume II, I am bound to see that a payment is made, that the payment has, as a payment, been made, and has been made to the proper person and that it has been so acknowledged and recorded that a 2^d claim against Government on the same account is impossible. In the present case, I understand the Senior Medical Officer draws this allowance and pays it to the contractor. This allowance is however granted to the nurse and I am bound to see that proper acquittance is given. This cannot be given for the simple reason that the allowance is not

I have no desire to create any administrative
inconveniences but the arguments advanced by the Surgeon
are to my mind singularly inconclusive. In para
1 he says it would render the Contractor's position
able to leave him to recover for goods supplied on credit.
this is the usual way in which business is done. Granting
as that nurses are a peculiarly improvident and
less race, I see no objection to the second course I
suggested. It is in fact the present system in substance.
Senior Medical Officer takes a fixed amount and pays
to the Contractor direct. The nurse is no more and
less at the Contractor's mercy, whether this sum be
drawn on an establishment or contingent bill. Similarly
objection taken to the third alternative is exaggerated.
If goods are supplied on credit and the person supplied
is, there is no doubt difficulty and delay in recovering
payment. I do not suppose the mortality amongst nurses
widely different to that prevailing elsewhere.

3. The difficulty in the present system generally arises
when a nurse dies or leaves, for in neither case can she
give even a formal quittance.

4. I cannot conceive why the hospital authorities object
to the second alternative course I suggested. If a per capita
amount is drawn by the Senior Medical Officer direct, it
should be drawn as a contingency, which it is, not as part
of the emoluments of nurses who are not allowed to sign
for. The only difference between the present practice and
the proposed system will in future

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5. The Surgeon General says in para 4 that it is in
in the least the intention of Government to take
responsibility of rationing the nurses and that this
does not bind Government and only prevents the contractor
from being defrauded. Whatever the intention may be, there
is no doubt that the effect of the present system is to make
Government entirely responsible for the rationing arrangements.
When Government withholds part of the emoluments of its servants
and pays the amount so withheld over to a third party, it
most undoubtedly undertakes the duty of seeing that the pay-
ments are for value received.

I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient servant,

W. H. Harrison
Offg. Accountant General.

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Para. 5 of the acc. general's letter seems to be a conclusive answer to the S. general on that point (viz. whether you do or do not accept the responsibility of dictating the nurse).

The A. general objects (p. no. 3155) to the present course, and insists that the nation's allowance, if still to be called such, and to remain as part of the nurse's emolument, shall be paid to them or refunded.

The letter may therefore be communicated to the S. G. with the remark that, in the default of settling upon some other scheme which will satisfy the A. G. the courses suggested in the O. G.'s first letter must be adopted.

This may be done.
The Acct Genl has
the S. G. on the hip!

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Papers to be read in proceedings :--

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Current No. 4116 of 1897, dated 28th Oct, from the Actfoul

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to the Surgeon General
with the remark that
in default of any other
scheme which can be
approved of by the
Actfoul, one of the
courses suggested
by that officer in
his letter 2539 of
20th Aug 1897
recorded in the
order read above
must be
adopted
(from S. S. orders)

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