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Approving, with remarks, the proposal of the Surgeon-General to change the — ; and delegating to that officer, subject to report to Government, the power of changing the visiting hours.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 886, Public, dated 7th August 1876.

Read—the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 12th July 1876, No. 403 :—

I have the honour to submit to His Grace the Governor in Council the subjoined rules for visitors to the Madras General Hospital, which the Senior Medical Officer has submitted, with a recommendation that they be substituted for the existing rules at page 60, section XVI, paragraph 32, volume II, of Code.

2. I entirely concur in the need for the altered rules; and when I mention that the rules in the Code allow seven hours daily for visitors—from 10 to 1 and from 3 to 7—it is not needed to mention the amount of disquiet that prevails in the wards and the inconveniences the medical officers have to endure.

Order—No. 886, Public, dated 7th August 1876.

The rules in the annexed amended form are sanctioned :—

Visitors will be admitted only between the hours of 3 and 5 P.M. and also between 6 and 7 P.M. No visitors will be admitted on Mondays.

No visitors will be allowed to remain in the hospital between 5 and 6 P.M. or after 7 P.M.

In any case of emergency it will be the duty of the Resident Medical Officer to send intimation to the immediate relatives or friends and give necessary instructions for their admission at and for such time as he may deem expedient to order. Visitors conveying articles of food or drink to the patients or taking anything whatever out of the hospital will be handed over to the police.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
„ Military Department, for information.

READ—also the following paper :—

From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 9th April 1897, No. 214.

The Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital, has recently represented to me that since the amalgamation of the Women and Children's Hospital with that institution, they have been literally overwhelmed with visitors. In the interests of the sick, numbering many women and children, it is very desirable to curtail this evil to the smallest proportions and to clear the hospital before dark. The hours for visitors at the General Hospital having originally been fixed by Government—*vide* G.O., No. 886, Public, dated 7th August 1876—I have the honour to request sanction to the change as proposed by the Senior Medical Officer, viz., 5 to 6 P.M. on all days excepting Monday, when no visitors are allowed, and 4 to 6 P.M. on Sundays.

2. I may mention that the hours fixed in the order above quoted were in force till 1893 when they were, on the representation of the then Senior Medical Officer, altered by my predecessor, evidently on his own responsibility, to the present hours, viz., 5 to 7 P.M. on all days excepting Mondays, but a further change has now become necessary under circumstances explained above.

3. As this is purely a matter of detail of hospital administration, I would suggest that, on the principle laid down in G.O., No. 49, Revenue, dated 22nd January 1894, communicated with Public Department Order, No. 118, dated 20th February 1894, the power of changing the hours for visitors to Presidency hospitals may in future be delegated to me.

ORDER—No. 535, Public, dated 8th May 1897.

The Government approves of the proposal of the Surgeon-General to change the visiting hours at the General Hospital, but considers that the time which the Surgeon-General would allow for visitors on week days is too short and should be increased from one hour to one hour and a half. Visitors should therefore be admitted from 4-30 to 6 P.M. on all week days except Monday and from 4 to 6 P.M. on Sundays.

2. In accordance with the request contained in paragraph 3 of the letter read above, the power of changing the visiting hours will be delegated to the Surgeon-General. Every change made should, however, be reported to Government.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

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

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Surgeon-General with the
Government of Madras.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction to the proposal
of changing the visiting hours of
the General Hospital, Madras, ~~from~~ to
5-6 P.M. on all days excepting Mon-
day, and 4-6 P.M. on Sundays.

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H. E. THE GOVERNOR:

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

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

SUBJECT.

Proposal for changing the visiting hours of the General Hospital.

FOR ORDERS.

The current under disposal is an application from ^{the} Surgeon Genl. requesting sanction to change the hours for visitors to the Genl. Hospital, Madras.

The hours originally fixed by the Code* of Medical and Sanitary Regulations were from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. This ^{continued} until August 1876, when, on the representation of the then Surgeon Genl. that the allowance of seven hours daily for visitors gave rise to a great amount of disquiet in the wards and created serious inconveniences

* Vide Vol II Sec 16, para 32.
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The Medical Officers,
the Govt ruled in G.O.
^{Public} No 886, of 7th August 1876
that visitors would be
admitted only between
the hours of 3-5 P.M.
and also between 6-7 P.M.,
excepting Mondays.

The hours fixed in the
order above quoted were in
force till 1893, when as
it appears from Surgeon
Genl. Sibthorpe's letter,
they were again altered
by his predecessor, ~~without~~
on his own responsibility
to the present hours, viz.
4-7 P.M. on all days excepting
Mondays.

The Surgeon Genl. says that
a further change has now
become necessary owing
to the amalgamation
of the Women and Children's
Hospital with the General.
He states that the Senior
Medical Officer has now
represented to him that
since that event took
place

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* Para 2 of current.

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The principle he refers to

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