

# Public (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the appointment of Supt. Lt. Col.  
Cook to the 3<sup>d</sup> district, Madras, and point-  
ing out to the D<sup>y</sup> of Prisons that D<sup>y</sup> Cook's  
appointment is not to the Penitentiary.

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*CS*  
*(Carter)*

*Public*

*Cotacamund*

*28<sup>th</sup> April 1897*

*My dear Sir,*

*With reference to you*

*D.O. of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst to the  
Private Secy. regarding the  
appointment of Civil Surgeon,  
Cotacamund, I enclose copy  
of a D.O. from him  
containing H.E.'s instructions  
on the subject*

*yours sincerely,*

*CMS*  
*28/4/97*

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*28/4/97*

*Surgeon Major General Sir,*  
*with copy of D.O.*

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*Despr.*

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*To The  
Surgeon General  
Madras*

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*Copy this to the  
yourself please*

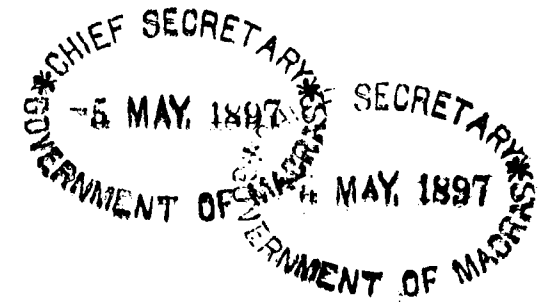
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No 240  
Dated, 28.4.1897

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**Judicial (1897) Department.**

**CURRENT No. 1719**



**From**

**Insp. General of Prisons**

**No. 2245**

**Dated** 4th May 1897.

**Received** 5-5-97

**Registered** 6-5-97

**Enclosures** nil

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**SUBJECT.**

Representing his objections to  
Surgeon Lt. Colonel Cook being placed  
in medical charge of the Penitentiary  
Madras

*H. H. The Governor*

**For Orders**

*Ans  
6/5/97*

*6/5/97*

1. The Surgeon General should be asked to say if he considers Dr. Cook unfit to have charge of the Penitentiary.
2. As to the objection raised in the Penitentiary, not to the 3rd Dist. & which the Penitentiary happens to form a part.

*9.14 7.5.97*

*Mr. The Honble Mr. Chief Secretary*  
CHIEF SECRETARY  
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS  
24 APR. 1897  
*Nungamburam*  
23<sup>d</sup> April 1897

*My dear Sir,*

I have received a  
telegram from the Chief  
Secretary asking me  
to submit fresh proposals  
for Ootacamund vice  
Rajendra Harrison, who has  
been permitted by H.E.  
the former District to

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From

The Inspector - General of Prisons

Endorsement No. 1033 of 12 May 1897.  
Order

No. 22 of 5

Referred to the Surgeon General with the request that he will report at an early date whether he considers Surgeon Lt.-Colonel Cook unfit to hold charge of the Penitentiary.

(By Order)

Francis.

Ag. Under Secretary.

Dated 5<sup>th</sup>  
Received 5<sup>th</sup>  
Registered 6<sup>th</sup> } May 1897  
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SUBJECT.

Representing his objections to Surgeon Lt.-Colonel Cook being placed in medical charge of the Penitentiary, Madras.

TO BE RETURNED  
WITH REPLY.

The Surgeon General.

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[R. O. Form No. (4)—251—July 1896.]

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No. 2245

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS, MADRAS.

Dated *Colacumund*, the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1897.

From

A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,

MADRAS,

To

THE HONOURABLE MR. J. F. PRICE, C.S.I.,

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

SIR,

Being informed by the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor that Surgeon Lieut-Colonel Cook succeeds Dr Thompson in the Third District, Madras, I represented to His Excellency, through the Private Secretary my objections to Surgeon Lt. Colonel Cook being placed in charge of the Penitentiary, Madras, and I have been directed to put them forward officially. This I therefore proceed to do.

Enclosures.

2. H.M. Penitentiary, Madras, has accommodation for 900 prisoners. Its usual population is over 800. It receives all European prisoners sentenced to more than two or three weeks and is the receiving Jail for transportation prisoners of the Madras and Bombay Presidencies and the Berars. It is therefore a Central Jail of importance. It is situated among very unhealthy surroundings. It is bounded on two sides by a river highly polluted with sewage and is in close proximity to two cemeteries. Its convict population being drawn from the streets of a great city is far more diseased and sickly than that of most upcountry jails. It has shown a low deathrate for several years past but it has

always a large number of sick and its medical charge is one demanding special care, judgment, and skill.

3. I have, therefore, learnt with concern that it is proposed to place this jail in charge of Surgeon Lt. Colonel Cook. With all personal liking for this officer, I have a strong opinion of his official capacity. I am not in a position to refer to his professional work but his disqualifications in respect of judgment and care are marked. When I supposed that he would return to the First District, Madras, I anxiously considered whether I ought not to lay before His Excellency in Council Surgeon Lt. Colonel Cook's unfitness for the charge even of the Criminal Leper Ward. But when it becomes a question of his having charge of H.M.'s Penitentiary, I feel that this disagreeable duty can no longer be avoided.

4. If it is desired that I should state definite circumstances supporting my opinion of Surgeon Lt. Colonel Cook's want of due care and judgment, I shall do so, but I trust this will be unnecessary.

5. If I had had any previous intimation of the proposal to place Dr Cook in charge of the Penitentiary, I could have submitted a representation before any decision had been arrived at. The present arrangement under which I learn these appointments only after they are made is calculated to cause embarrassments and I think that in matters so closely affecting the Jail Department, it would be advantageous if I were afforded an opportunity of expressing an earlier opinion.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedient servant,

*A. G. Carlew*  
Inspector-General of Prisons

*(From orders)*

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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of 1897, dated 5/5, from *Lg. Prisons.*

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ORDER

*Endk J. 1033 7/12-5-97*

*The letter from the D.G. of*

*Prisons will be communicated*

*Refer to the Surgeon General with the request that he will at an early date, whether report if he considers Surgeon Lt. Colonel Cook to hold charge of the Penitentiary. 12/10/5/97*  
*With reference to para 5 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter, it is observed that Surgeon Lt. Colonel Cook's appt. is not to the Penitentiary but to the 3<sup>rd</sup> District of which the Penitentiary forms a part.*

*(From orders)*

*Cub 9/5/97*

*Recd 12/5/97*

*Surgeon General (Prisons) Lg. Prisons (44)*

*Note Para 2 may await the issue of final orders in the case. Cub*

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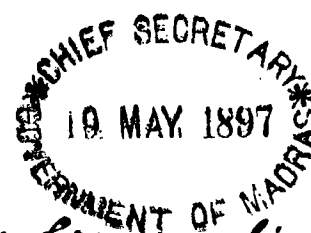
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FROM ORDERS.

C. S.

H.E. the Governor

In Orders



The Surgeon General's  
in which he states that he  
letter, considering that Dr.  
Cook is professionally fitted to  
hold medical charge of the  
Penitentiary is submitted  
with reference to His  
excellency's <sup>note</sup> flagged

Curd  
19. 5. 97

19/5/97

I have to inform that Surg. Lt. Col. Cook has  
been found to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Madras. The  
transfer will be carried out as promptly as  
possible.

A copy of the Surg. Genl's letter will be  
sent to the P. G. Prison, with reference to his  
letter No. 2243, 14 May 1897.

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From Surgeon-Maj: Genl C. Subhoo  
Surg. Genl. in the fort of Madras

No. 2002  
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Dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 1897

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SUBJECT.

Returns Endorsement.  
No. 10332/12 May 1897  
re. the objection to Dr.  
Cook being placed in  
medical charge of the  
Penitentiary at Madras  
with remarks

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CURRENT No. 1884

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. 2

32 Camp Botacainund, 17<sup>th</sup> May 1897.

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIETHORPE, F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your endorsement No. 1033 of the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1897 on the Inspector-General of Prisons' letter No. 224 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 1897, therewith returned as requested I have the honor to state that I consider Surgeon-Lt. Colonel Cook professionally fitted to hold Medical charge of the Penitentiary.

2. As regards the Inspector-General's alleged experience of him while in charge of the criminal Lepers ward it must be remembered that as Surgeon of the District he held an appointment, the duties of which are so multifarious that it would be quite impossible for any but an officer far above the average to carry them on at all efficiently, and that this fact is now under the consideration of Government.

3. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> District the duties are very much lighter and the Medical charge of the Penitentiary forms the principal part of them so that Surgeon-Lt. Colonel Cook will be able to devote nearly the whole of his time to this work.

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the

Inspector-General's letter it should be remembered  
that if the Penitentiary is made a Central Jail  
as proposed by Government to be held by a  
Medical Officer as Superintendent that the  
Inspector-General will have full powers of <sup>power</sup>  
selection of the Medical Officer to be placed  
in charge -

I have the honor to be

Sir,  
Yours Most Obedt Servant

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-General  
Surgeon-General with the Govt of Madras.

What "General", I wonder.  
Can it be possible that Surgeon  
Major General Sibthorpe is meant?  
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20 318 May 1857

My dear General,

With reference to  
filling up Hazlett's vacancy  
in Madras, H.E. will let the  
matter lie over until it  
has been definitely settled  
where Dr. Cook is to go.  
In this connection I am  
to ask you to kindly report  
soon as to the question of  
Cooke's suitability for the  
Penitentiary raised by  
Cardew.

Yr. H.A. Sir.

To Surgeon General.

C. Nos. 1719 and 1884.

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W. 618821<sup>st</sup> May 97

The appointment of Surgeon Lt. Col. Cook to the <sup>and</sup> District Madras is approved. The Surgeon General will be requested to give very early effect to the transfer.  
2 A copy of the S.G.'s letter will be furnished to the J.G.  
With reference to para 5 of his letter No. 2245, dated 5th May 1897, it will be pointed out to the <sup>his</sup> Inspector General of Prisons that Surgeon Lt. Col. Cook's appointment is not to the Penitentiary but to the <sup>and</sup> District of which the <sup>Prison</sup> Penitentiary happens to form a part.

(From orders)

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20.5.97

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Surgeon Genl., Ootacamund { C. No. 1719-Q  
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Ootacamund,  
27th April 1897

CHIEF SECRETARY  
28 APR. 1897  
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY

Should this circ  
please?

Cus  
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Yes

To both the Hms  
21/5/97

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21/5/97  
In line with reference  
to his letter No 2245  
dated 5th May 1897  
with advantage

21/5/97

Yours sincerely,

h. R. hms



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