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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., Nos. 1008, 1009, Public, dated 30th November 1891.
 „ „ 865, Public, dated 14th November 1894.
 „ „ 217, Financial, dated 8th March 1897.

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 Ootacamund, 4th June 1897, No. Tour-2—79.

With reference to section 149 of the Madras Famine Code, I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government the great difficulty experienced by me in meeting the ever-increasing demands for medical aid from the famine-stricken districts.

2. Apart from the large staff of reserve subordinates employed on plague and cholera duties throughout the Presidency, about 35 hospital assistants have been supplied by me to various districts for famine work. This number is over and above the large permanent staff in each district which is maintained at its full complement.

3. I have since received requisitions for more men from each of the following districts—Anantapur, Bellary, Cuddapah, Ganjam and Kurnool, and I find it impossible to comply with these demands under present conditions.

4. Government is aware that the Provincial reserve at my disposal is very limited and unequal to the ordinary requirements of the department. With this fact in view, I applied to Government, in my letter, No. 141, dated 15th March 1897 and obtained permission to entertain private and pensioned hospital assistants so as to be in a ready position to cope with any increasing demands. I regret, however, to state that, after repeated advertisements, I have only been able during the past three months to secure the services of ten such men; of these, four have already resigned and the others are exhibiting a tendency to follow suit. These unsatisfactory and disappointing results are, in my opinion, due to various causes, chiefly among them being the very temporary character of the appointment and the inadequate rate of remuneration allowed for the hard and arduous duties connected with famine operations.

5. The temporary men are now paid at Government rates—if pensioners, according to the rank held by them while effective, and if private candidates, according to their standing and experience, and their travelling allowances are also regulated on the same principle. These do not form sufficient inducement for men of this class to apply in large numbers, so that, unless a fairly liberal scale of salary is offered, the prospects of obtaining any appreciable help from this direction are absolutely nil.

6. In providing the men I have already supplied I have had, in the absence of reserve hands, to withdraw hospital assistants from some small and less important charges by doubling-up appointments. I have only resorted to such an expedient

under pressure of circumstances, and I have done so with great reluctance, but, as it is, I have already practically exhausted the resources which even such measures place at my disposal. The new batch of hospital assistants expected to pass out at the end of the month will hardly suffice for the requirements already communicated to me and which, I believe, are likely to be soon followed by other demands. Thus it becomes necessary to find the extra subordinates required by either offering liberal rates of pay and allowances to private hospital assistants so as to induce them to apply in large numbers, or by temporarily withdrawing men from unimportant minor dispensaries both in the famine-stricken and adjoining districts. I would reserve the latter alternative as a last resort when all other attempts prove unsuccessful, as such a step is likely to cause considerable dissatisfaction and annoyance to the populations of the localities concerned. I would therefore suggest for the present the advisability of offering better and uniform terms to private men on the following scale, which I consider the lowest that is likely to ensure ready response :—

	Per mensem.
Pay	RS.
Famine allowance when attached to a kitchen, &c.	60
Compensation when not provided with quarters	10
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and travelling allowance at double second-class fare by rail and 4 annas mileage when travelling by road. The latter concession should also be admissible when they are required to travel more than a mile from their head-quarters on inspection duty.

7. I hope under the new terms, if approved, to secure more men than have hitherto applied, but would at the same time request permission from Government to withdraw, when necessary, hospital assistants from minor dispensaries in any district by temporarily closing such institutions. I apply for this permission in time, to be in a position to act readily when an emergency arises, as it may then be too late to write and apply for sanction.

8. I also take this opportunity to request that the restriction laid down in G.O., No. 217, Financial, dated 8th March 1897, regarding the grant of famine allowance to Government hospital assistants may be withdrawn and the allowance granted to all hospital assistants detailed for famine duty irrespective of the nature of the appointments from which they are transferred. This restriction has already given rise to grievances on the part of some hospital assistants and has a prejudicial effect on their work—a contingency which should be avoided as much as possible. When on famine duty they have to do harder work and undergo more privation than when on cholera duty or in independent charge of a minor dispensary for which they draw an allowance.

9. Favour of very early orders is requested.

ORDER—No. 724, Public, dated 10th June 1897.

The Surgeon-General's proposal to withdraw hospital assistants from minor and unimportant dispensaries in non-famine districts, and to close these institutions temporarily, has already been approved in G.O., No. 410, Revenue, dated 31st May 1897, communicated with G.O., No. 719, Public, dated 9th June 1897. The present urgent demands for medical aid should, in the first instance, be met from this source. Meanwhile, in case the supply thus obtained should prove insufficient, the Surgeon-General should invite applications from private practitioners. With regard, however, to the scale of pay to be offered to these, the Government considers that an advance of 50 per cent. on the rates of pay assigned to the various classes of hospital assistants in the Government service should be ample. Thus a private hospital assistant who passed less than seven years ago would receive Rs. 37-8-0 per mensem and so on. A record of all applications received from private practitioners who may appear eligible should be kept in readiness against further possible contingencies.

2. The Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, will be requested to be so good as to intimate whether the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces can spare any medical subordinates for duty in the famine districts.

3. Orders will issue in the Financial Department for the modification of G.O., No. 217, Financial, dated 8th March 1897, so as to permit all hospital assistants deputed for famine duty to draw a charge allowance of Rs. 10 per mensem irrespective of the nature of the appointments from which they are transferred.

4. Compensation for quarters will be granted on the scale approved in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 865, Public, dated 14th November 1894.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
 „ the Accountant-General.
 „ the Deputy Adjutant-General.
 „ all Collectors.
 „ the Financial Department.
 „ the Judicial Department.
 „ the Public Works Department.
 „ the Local and Municipal Department.

Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2086

Order

From

Surgeon-Major-General C. Sibthorpe,

F.R.C.P.I.,

Surgeon-General with the Government

of Madras.

No. 12
79

Dated June 1897.

Received JUN 17

Registered JUN 17

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting for sanction better and uniform terms to Private Hospital Assistants for famine duty and requesting at the same time sanction to withdraw temporarily Hospital Assistants for famine duty from unimportant and minor dispensaries when necessary.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
80	323	Pub	23-3-97
	217	Pub	8-3-97
	1008-9	Pub	30-11-91
	925	Pub	6-2-87
	Famine Code		196
	-C nos 16 85 1856		1856

764-5
17-6-97

lv 798m Ltn 5-4-97

FURTHER PAPERS

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	578	Pub	7-8-94
	865		14-11-94
	895		29-10-95
	28282	Ltn	5-12-92

Vide E. 10/9/95
1/8/97

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

No. 79

the 4th June 1897.

From

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,

With reference to section 149 of the Madras Famine Code, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the great difficulty experienced by me in meeting the ever-increasing demands ~~for~~ Medical aid from the famine stricken Districts.

2. Apart from the large staff of reserve subordinates employed on Plague and Cholera duties throughout the Presidency, about 55 Hospital Assistants have been supplied by me to various Districts for famine work. This number is over and above the large permanent staff in each District which is maintained at its full complement.

3. I have since received requisitions for more men from each of the following District - Anantapur, Bellary, Cuddapah, Ganjam and Kurnool and I find it impossible to comply with these demands under present conditions.

4. Government is aware that the Provincial reserve at my disposal is very limited and unequal to the ordinary requirements of the Department. With this fact in view, I applied to Government in my letter No.141 dated 15th March 1897 and obtained permission to entertain private and pensioned Hospital Assistants so as to be in a ready position to cope with any increasing demands. I regret however to state that, after repeated advertisements, I have only been able, during the past three months, to secure

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my opinion due to various causes - chiefly among them being
the very temporary character of the appointment and the inade-
-quate rate of remuneration allowed for the hard and arduous
duties connected with famine operations.

5. The temporary men are now paid at Government
rates - if pensioners, according to the rank held by them while
effective, and if private candidates according to their stand-
-ing and experience - and their travelling allowances are also
regulated on the same principle - These do not form sufficient
inducement for men of this class to apply in large numbers, so
that unless a fairly liberal scale of salary is offered the
prospects of obtaining any appreciable help from this direction
are absolutely nil.

6. In providing the men I have already supplied I
have had, in the absence of reserve hands, to withdraw Hos-
-pital Assistants from some small and less important charges
by doubling up appointments, I have only resorted to such an
expedient under pressure of circumstances, and I have done so
with great reluctance, but as it is I have already practically
exhausted the resources which even such measures place at my
disposal. The new batch of Hospital Assistants expected to
pass out at the end of the month will hardly suffice for the
requirements already communicated to me and which I believe
are likely to be soon followed by other demands. Thus it becomes
necessary to find the extra subordinates required, by either
offering liberal rates of pay and allowances to private Hos-
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-bers, or by temporarily withdrawing men from unimportant
minor dispensaries both in the Famine Stricken and adjoining
Districts - I would reserve the latter alternative as a last
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to ensure ready response, -

Pay	- - - - -	Rs. 60 per mensem
Famine allowance when attached to a kitchen &c.	-----)	Rs. 10 per mensem
Compensation when not provided with quarters.	-----)	Rs. 5 per mensem

and
travelling allowance at double second class fare by rail
and 4 annas mileage when travelling by road - The latter
concession should also be admissible when they are required
to travel more than a mile from their Head Quarters on in-
-spection duty.

7. I hope under the new terms - if approved - to
secure more men than have hitherto applied, but would at
the same time request permission from Government to with-
-draw, when necessary, Hospital Assistants from minor dis-
-pensaries in any District by temporarily closing such
institutions. I apply for this permission in time, to be
in a position to act readily when an emergency arises as it
may then be too late to write and apply for sanction.

8. I also take this opportunity to request that the
restriction laid down in G.O. No. 217, Financial, dated 8th
March 1897 regarding the grant of famine allowance to
Government Hospital Assistants, detailed for famine duty
may be withdrawn and the allowance granted to all Hospital Assistants
irrespective of the nature of the appointments from which
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and has a prejudicial effect on their work - a contingency
which should be avoided as much as possible. When on famine
duty they have to do harder work and undergo more privation
than when on cholera duty or in independent charge of a
minor dispensary for which they draw an allowance.

Favor of very early

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No. 10

Department.

Date.

NOTE FOR THE

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chitambar

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the Government of

Madras.

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used a 3d grade

NOTE FOR THE Cs.

Surgeon's proposal —

Pay Rs 60
 allowance " 10
 Compensation " 5
 for gas 75

Reserve men

Last grade pay Rs 25
 allowance under
 G.O. 798 M flag 15
40*

* free quarters
 in addn. of house rent
 when if quarters with
 200 yds of brooms (G)

or

if Rs 10 is given as
 famine allowance under
 G.O. 217 Frel 4/8 397 (C)
 the maximum will be

Rs 25 + 10 = Rs 35

It is now under
 consideration whether
 M or " is to apply
 in the case of plague
 Does the Cs.

with a view to be made
 to the Surgeon?

There would in any case
 be a great difference
 5/6/97 in the circumstances
 of a 3d grade footman
 and a 3d grade private

all
 60
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(1) ~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, O.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Hopla - instant
one family day

FOR ORDERS.

Parab

1st grade H. M. 14 25 p.m.
 2nd " " " " } 35 "
 (after 7 years service &
 during train.)
 3rd grade 14 M. 14 }
 after serving 7 years in } 55 "
 2nd grade & during train

Submitted for orders with reft
paras 6, 7 and 8 of the current.
1. Pay The present ^X foot rates re-
ferred to in para 6 are shown at
on p. 2 of fo. N. 1009/9 Pubd 30. 11. 91,
and in para 3 of that ^{order} foot decided
that it was not necessary to raise
these rates, (A)

It will be seen that the pay ranges from Rs 25 for a 3rd grade to Rs 55 (per mensum) for a 1st grade Haplent. The Superintendent proposes to offer Rs 60 per mensum for all.

Famine Allowance G.O. No 217
Finedy 8.3.97 C sanctions a
charge allowance of Rs 10 per mensem
to Hoopl Assts. deputed for famine
duty who are transferred from
appts in which they have
received

C.5/6 R8/6.
R6/6.

received charge allowance
 while India's letter in Jo.
 798 Md/5.4.97 grants
 Rs 10 per day to H.A.
 Asst on the effective list de-
 puted to famine duty. The
 Surgeon has recommended
 Rs 10 a month as famine
 allowance to H.A. attached
 to a kitchen etc. [The question
 as to whether the bread (Rs 10)
 or hyper (Rs 15) rate should
 be granted in the case of
 those on plague duty is now
 under consideration]

Compensation for quarters. The
 Surgeon further suggests offering
 Rs 5 per mensem as compen-
 sation when quarters are
 not provided. Civil H.A.
 Assts are under Jo. 865
 Ptd 14.11.94 & granted Rs 8
 in the Presidency & Rs 5
 Elsewhere.

The Surgeon's request Para 7
 that he may be permitted,
 when occasion requires,
 to withdraw H.A.s from minor
 dispensaries

This is & referred
 I have not seen the reference
 C. 1685 rec'd to the Amble members
 on the 2d instant, abstract
 put up. I

Is it the same person
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H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
 THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.
 THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

C. No.

SUBJECT.

H.A. Assistants
 on famine duty

FOR ORDERS.

Yes
 No
 Para 8

dispensaries and close these
 latter temporarily, may, it
 is submitted be granted
 Lastly the Surgeon
 asks that the restrictions
 in Jo. 217 Ptd 18.3.97 may
 be withdrawn and that
 all H.A. Assts on famine
 duty may be granted
 the allowance irrespective
 of the nature of the appts
 from which they are
 transferred. In support
 of this recommendation
 he states that those on
 famine duty are worked
 even harder than those
 on cholera duty or
 in independent charge,
 and that it seems
 therefore

This seems but fair take of
 the ruling of the C. & I.
 Pledge M is adopted
 we are well sds. etc.
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Super Major
Paul Silthorpe asked
for very early orders

Cw.
4/6/97

would be enough. Thus a ~~10~~ minute 154

be opened $25 + 12\frac{1}{2} = 37\frac{1}{2}$ a more of

Opened 35 + 17 1/2 = 52 1/2. All not at

alone would be of any use) of standing equal

Another defect appears to be that the

men who will come will probably be all or

is so disproportionate so big high that the difference between

by great discontent.

There are apparently ^{infinitely} branched structures and it seems

1,000-14-12-06.

DEPARTMENT

C. No.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

SUBJECT.

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

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

FOR ORDERS.

Of course he must close
the main dispensary
as he finds necessary -
Has the L.G.C. been asked
if he can spare any hands?
Just, he sh. be.

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to me that the best thing to do is for
the S. G. to draw upon from the number
& unimportant dispensaries in the
famine district (leaving those in the
famine district alone) and meet
the demand made upon him now from
this source. It may cause dissatisfaction but
that cannot be helped. The occasion is
a pressing one and the people will have
to get on as they did in the days when
dispensaries were not.

If the letter of pay to be offered to private 1st A.D.'s are settled the S.G. can advertise and hold the applications received ready in case that matters get worse. He will have the new batch of 1st A.D. to fall back upon next month. ~~and therefore~~ It seems unwise to wait as the S.G. apparently ~~already~~ contemplates doing for a supply of private 1st A.D.'s

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8.60

to meet present and apparently ^{pressing} ~~present~~ demands.

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5/5/97

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 30th November 1891, No. 1008 of Public (E)

Again G.O., dated 14th " 1894, No. 865 " (E)

" " 8th March 1897 No. 217 Final (E)
Current No. 2086 of 1897, dated 1/6, from The Surgeon General (E)

" " " 189 " " "

" " " 189 " " "

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12/16/97

C.S.

ORDER.

W. 724 of 10th June '97

A.

The Surgeon General's proposal to withdraw Hapl Assts from minor and unimportant dispensaries in non-famine districts, and to close these institutions temporarily, is approved. The present urgent demands for medical aid ^{in the present instance} should be met from this source.

The remaining proposals of the Surgeon General are generally approved. With regard however to the scale of pay to be offered ^{to these} private practitioners the Govt considers that

was already been approved in
1st. Res. of 1891
in the J.O. of 1st July 97.

Meanwhile the Surgeon General shall invite applications from private practitioners in case the supply thus obtained should prove insufficient

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Thus a private Hapl
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 Madras Command,
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 they are transferred

B4 Compensation
 for quarters will be
 granted on the scale
 approved in para 2
 of G.O. N° 865 Public
 d/14.11.94.

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10/6/97

Super Genl
 Accd Genl
 Dy Ady Genl

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