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Stating that the S.G. may renew  
later on his application for  
strengthening the establishment  
of the Govt Leper Hospital, Madras  
as the Govt is unable to sanction  
it now on financial grounds

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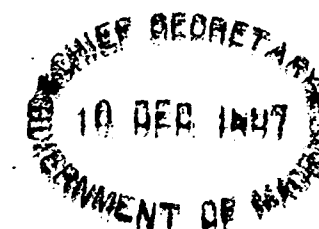
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From  
 Surgeon-Major-Genl. G. Sibthorpe  
 G. B., F. R. C. P. S.,  
 Surgeon-General  
 with the Govt. of Madras.  
 No. 496

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## SUBJECT.

Submitting a letter from the  
 Superintendent, Government  
 Leper Hospital, Madras, recom-  
 mending the addition of a  
 Hospital Assistant of the 3rd Class  
 and of a Matron to the  
 Establishment of the Hospital

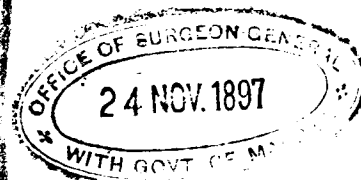
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Enclosure 1<sup>st</sup> to letter No. 170  
 Government Leprosy Hospital,  
 Madras 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1897.



From

The Superintendent,  
 Government Leprosy Hospital, Madras.

To

The Secretary Surgeon General  
 with the Government of Madras  
 Madras.

With reference to para 7 of G.O.

N No 1086 Public and to your letter No 9/1708 dated  
 19.8.97  
 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1897, desiring me to send you a  
 representation regarding the difficulties experienced  
 in connection with the Steward's department  
 of the Leprosy Hospital, I have the honor to  
 submit the enclosed statement enu-  
 merating in greater detail than is afforded  
 in Section II of the Standing orders of the  
 institution, the various duties of the Steward  
 and to observe that it is beyond the ability  
 of any one officer to attend to them all  
 with equal efficiency.

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 into

2. The work of the Single Medical Subordi-  
nate attached to the institution is equally,  
if not more arduous, for although the  
number of inmates has risen from 88 in  
1841 to an average of 226 in the past five years,  
no addition has been made to the medical  
staff. With few exceptions the leper patients  
are afflicted with foul ulcers and discharges,  
and many besides suffer from intercurrent  
complications such as visceral diseases, eye  
affections, and skin complaints, for the  
efficient treatment of which close and  
constant attention is essential.

The Resident apothecary has besides  
to watch the effects of special drugs, the  
therapeutical efficacy of which is under  
investigation, to attend to departmental  
office work, to exercise general supervision  
over the establishment, and preserve order  
and harmony among the inmates. a  
task requiring no little tact and discretion  
as lepers are as a class peculiarly irritable

and susceptible.

3. My predecessor Surgeon Lt. Col. Walker, in  
his administration report for 1896 dwelt on  
the need for assistance to the apothecary,  
and accordingly the Surgeon General posted  
a 3<sup>d</sup> class Hospital assistant for temporary  
duty - an arrangement which has been  
since maintained and which it is now  
sought to make permanent.

4. With regard to the utilization of the  
services of the lepers as far as feasible,  
K (G.O. 651. Public 20. 6. 96) leper inmates are now  
engaged as follows

(1) As "duty orderly" for keeping the accounts  
for the European and East Indian patients  
only.

(2) As "milk orderly" to watch the milking  
of the cows.

(3) As "Kitchen orderly" to attend at the  
kitchen while the meals are under  
preparation.

Lepers may also be employed in leper-  
intending the work of menial servants,

but I doubt their fitness for any duties save such as can be performed under the general supervision of the medical or office staff, and do not involve the exercise of material responsibility, because there are no means for enforcing penalties for serious neglect or insubordination other than discharge from the Institution.

Moreover there are at present no inmates possessing the requisite qualifications, and whose physical condition would at the same time admit their assisting in the clerical work of the office.

5. A measure that would not only further lighten the labours of the staff but is also called for on medical as well as ethical grounds, is the appointment of a trained nurse as Matron to be in charge of the female wards, have the custody of the bedding and

European, present  
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clothing, the management of the laundry, about to be built and generally for such other duties as appertain to her office. The average number of female lepers is now 53 and may be increased as soon as the enlargement of the buildings, sanctioned in G. O. No 225 D. dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1897 has been carried out. The Matron's salary might be fixed at Rs 50/- with free quarters in the hospital.

6. If the foregoing proposals be approved the strain on the Steward will be relieved inasmuch as a portion of his work can then be transferred to the additional establishment proposed, thereby rendering unnecessary any augmentation of the clerical staff while at the same time greater efficiency in the internal administration of the hospital will be rendered possible.

7. The necessary proposition and

reappropriation statements are attached.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt servant

W. H. Lee

Superintendent

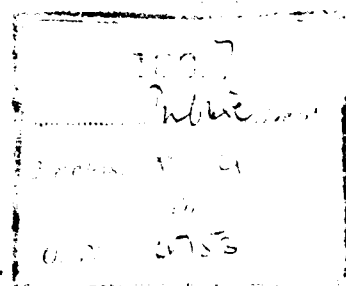
Superintendent Govt Leper Hospitals.

Enclosure 1<sup>st</sup> to Letter 129 of 1894/95

Statement showing the work of the Clerk  
and Stewards of Government Leprosy  
Hospitals.

He has

- 1) To check daily the diet sheet of 200 patients and  
mark the changes in the appropriate registers.
- 2) To calculate then the different sorts of  
ingredients required for the patients for  
the day, prepare a statement of these articles,  
and pass that on to the Store keeper & contractors.
- 3) To calculate the prices of these articles and  
strike out daily average.
- 4) To see the articles, referred to in the state-  
ment, are received by the European and  
Native cooks, and reach the kitchens  
without being tampered with during trans-  
mission.
- 5) To see the articles of diet have been —  
properly cooked by the cooks and to bring  
to the notice of the Superintendent any  
irregularity connected therewith.



- 14) To see daily, that the Contractors for perishable articles of diet, bring food articles and required quantity at the appointed hours.
- 15) To supervise the milking of the cows twice daily.
- 16) To supervise the distribution of the General meals to the patients in different wards at the fixed hours.
- 17) To ascertain the market rates of different articles by going to different places when tenders are due.
- 18) To buy departmentally, the articles ordered by the Superintendent when tenders are rejected.
- 19) To copy the drafts, minutes & circulars.
- 20) To prepare and submit periodical returns.
- 21) To prepare diet sheets.
- 22) To assist in preparing medical returns.
- 23) To prepare monthly, pay abstract of the Hospital establishment and disburse the amount after receipt from accounts General's Office.

- 24) To check monthly, the bills of different Contractors, the number whom has increased since the tender system was revised, & prepare abstract bills.
- 25) To obtain money for these bills, pay the same to Contractors and submit to the Payable bills to the Surgeon General with the Contractor's receipt &c.
- 26) To do despatch with
- 27) To be in charge of permanent advance fund & to keep the connected registers.
- 28) To be in charge of bedding & clothing, cutlery & crockery of Europeans and natives & to maintain the stock book for these.
- 29) To keep the dhoty's account and see that the clothes of the patients are changed weekly by the dhoty.
- 30) To collect the articles to be condemned and place them before the Superintendent for order when required.
- 31) To supervise the mending of repairable clothing.

- 24) To Supervise the Stitching of the new clothing required for the patients which is being done by certain inmates of the hospital since April/97 under the orders of the Surgeon General
- 25) To be in charge of Stationery articles and to keep & submit the account and returns.
- 26) To be in charge of valuable stock of the hospital and be responsible for the same and to make good any loss incurred thereby
- 27) To maintain also unclaimed property book, patients property book, charity fund account and Service Registers
- 28) To get the furniture of the hospital repaired
- 29) To supervise the work of the subordinates attached to General Branch.

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Enclosure No 3 to Letter No 486 of 2/1/11  
 Hon B.

Statement proposing expenditures for which provision has not been made in the budget for 1899-98.  
 4/1898-99 and which cannot be met from anticipated Savings under the grant head.

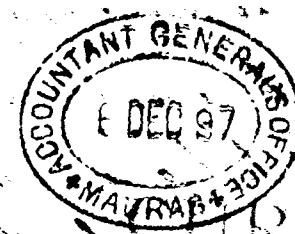
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| For 1897-98 from October 1900 to March 1901 | For Ld. B. Deducted                              | The sanctioned amount for 1897-98 is Rs 2,500 which is less than the -                                                              |                                                                |
| For 1897-98 from January 1900 to March 1901 | Salaries                                         | Hospital essential actuals expenditure of the previous year therefore no savings can be expected to meet any additional expenditure |                                                                |
| For 1898-99 from 1/1/11 to 31/12/11         | Grants                                           |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                |
| Total Rs 1524                               |                                                  |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                |

Madras  
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W. G. L. C.  
 Secretary to the Government of Madras

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No. 496



OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1897.

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.,

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

N Adverting to para 7 of G.O. No 1086, Public, dated 19<sup>th</sup> August 1897, I have the honor to submit a letter from the Superintendent, Government Leper Hospital, Madras, recommending the addition of a Hospital Assistant of the 3<sup>rd</sup> class and of a Station to the establishment of the Hospital. This institution has very much outgrown the scale on which it was originally started 46 years ago and with the increase in the number of patients additional medical and nursing aid has become absolutely necessary. I have the honor, therefore, strongly to support both of the Superintendent's proposals. The appointment of a Hospital Assistant will do away with the necessity, which I have so often had occasion to point out to Government of strengthening the

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newards department of the Imperial  
as part of the Stewards work will be  
transferred to the additional Medical  
Subordinate. The Matron should be  
provided with free quarters in the Hos-  
pital. She will get no allowances but a  
salary of Rs 50 per mensem

2. The additional hospital  
assistant now proposed has been inclined ?  
in my letter No 495 dated 3rd December  
1897 regarding the reorganisation of  
the Madras Medical College which is  
being submitted through the Director  
of Public Instruction and Accountant  
General.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. S. M. R. S.

Major General,  
Surgeon-General,

with the Govt. of Madras.

[G. A.]  
800-8-12-97.

Public Department.

C. No 4753 of 1897.

SUBJECT.

Proposed addition to the establish-  
ment of the Govt. Leper Hospital.

Am. H. W. M. S. R. C. S. E.

FOR ORDERS.

Note: This current was read in  
the last week before the holidays.  
The pt was read from the  
Refund pt on the 17th instant.  
C. S.  
19.1.98

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Attention is solicited to the  
notes before K in G.O. 651, Public, dated  
20-6-96. In para. 2 of that order (at K)  
Govt. observed that there must be many  
patients competent to assist the clerk-  
steward; and that independently of this  
the Surgeon-General had not shown what  
increase of work there had been to justi-  
fy an additional establishment.

3. In para. 17 (page 20) of his  
annual report on Medical institutions in  
the Presidency Town the Surgeon-General  
remarked that the Superintendent of the  
Leper Hospital was fully convinced that  
the combined duties of Steward and Clerk  
were much too heavy for one man to per-  
form efficiently considering that the

average daily sick dieted during 1896  
was 193. He added that the Steward's  
work on the Leper Hospital was being  
then carried on with the assistance of  
three Eurasian patients as ordered by

K Govt. in G.O. No. 651, Public, dated 20-6-96

but

but that the system was not satisfactory as the men could not be held responsible for their work (vide <sup>also</sup> para. 5, <sup>note</sup> infra). He was told (para. 7 of G.O. 1086, Public, dated 19th August 1897) to make his remarks the subject of a separate communication.

3. C. No. 4753 is the result.

The proposed additional establishment is

(1) a third class Hospital Assistant, and

(2) a Matron to be provided with free quarters in the Hospital on Rs. 50.

The appointment of a Hospital Assistant the Surgeon-General states will do away with the necessity for strengthening the Steward's Dept., as part of the Steward's work will be given to the Hospital Assistant. He strongly recommends both proposals.

4. With his letter 170, dated 23-11-97 the Superintendent gives in detail the work of the Steward and of the Resident Apothecary and states that a third class Hospital Assistant has been assisting the latter for sometime back. This temporary arrangement he seeks to make permanent.

5. As to utilizing the services of the lepers themselves he reports that <sup>feasible</sup> ~~that~~ as far as ~~possible~~ this has been done by appointing three Eurasians as

1. A Dhoby's orderly

2. A Milk orderly

and 3. A Kitchen orderly,

Rs.  
Pay. . . . . 25  
Allowance. . 10 } 43  
House rent . 8

Three more unsuitable duties could hardly have been assigned to Lepers.  
M.C.  
19/8

Horrible, considering the risk there must be of infecting

non-lepers who might in <sup>accidentally</sup> ~~properly~~ take food or milk intended for the leper patients. There must also be ~~the~~ risk of aggravating the disease in patients but slightly affected.  
H.A.

The duties detailed here are hardly 'ethical'. What the Supt. seems to mean is that a woman is more suitable than a man to look after women and women's clothes etc.  
M.C.

Pub. G.O. No. 181, d/24-2-97. P

but doubts their fitness for other work. There is no means he says of punishing them otherwise than by discharging them.

Besides there is no inmate at present with the requisite qualifications and physique for assisting in the clerical work of the office.

6. The appointment of a Matron is recommended

(1) to lighten the labours of the staff

and (2) "on medical as well as ethical grounds"

The Matron's duties are <sup>to be</sup> (a) charge of the female wards, (b) custody of the bedding and clothing, (c) management of the laundry about to be built and (d) "generally for such other duties as appertain to her office".

The average number of female lepers is said to be 53 which the Supt. thinks may be increased when the enlargement of the buildings sanctioned in G.O. 225 W, dated 23-1-97 is carried out.

7. The proposals involve a permanent increase of expenditure of Rs. 93 a month and the "grounds of proposition" are "greatly increased work as specified in the Supt's. letter No. 170 dated 23-11-97". The Surgeon-General states that the hospital "has very much out-grown the scale on which it was originally started 46 (sic) years ago" and with the increase in the number of patients additional medical

and

and nursing <sup>aid</sup> ~~and~~ has become absolutely necessary.

8. The <sup>history</sup> of the Leper Hospital as gathered from the papers put up by the Record Dept. is shortly this:-

In 1838 a representation was made to Govt. by the President to the Friend-in-Need Society in regard to the great increase in the number of poor and helpless lepers of Indo-British descent who appealed to the Society for help. The Society was in the habit of referring these to the hospital for native lepers at the Monegar Choultry which they invariably left within a very short period representing that neither the food nor the accommodation was suitable. On this fact being brought to notice, Government proposed to appropriate the then Eye-Infirmery as a leper ward to be attached to the General Hospital for persons of Indo-British sub

descent. But when the Medical Board commented strongly on an asylum for lepers <sup>being</sup> ~~they~~ kept so near the General Hospital, Govt. authorized the construction of two additional wards to the Leper Hospital attached to the Native Infirmery to which the Indo-British lepers with <sup>the</sup> ~~Searched for they were attached to the first Hospital~~ medical establishment <sup>were</sup> transferred in 1840 and the present Govt. Leper Hospital was thus constituted.

E.M.C., dated 17-7-38 A

E.M.C., dated 24-7-38. B

\* 1 Assistant Apothecary, 1 male toty, and 1 female toty with such a proportion of commissariat servants as the number of patients rendered necessary. (D)

E.M.C., dated 21-8-38 D

\* E.M.C., dated 23-6-40 E

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15 males  
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9. <sup>the</sup> ~~number~~ of Indo-British lepers admitted into the Leper Hospital attached to the Native Infirmery for the decade ending 31st Dec 1837 is shown at C to have been only 20. Including the number (32 who applied to the Friend-in-Need Society during the same period the aggregate number for the decade in question was 52 or roughly 5 per annum.

10. A proposition statement and a statement (Form B) "proposing expenditure for which provision has not been made in the budget for 1897-98 & 1898-99 & which cannot be met from anticipated savings under the "pauper head" are forwarded.

C.W.

19.1.98

P.T.O.

It will be seen that many of the duties now performed by the clerk and Steward are such as could be as well or better done by a machine. S.g. (in ~~the~~ Encl. no. 2. to Supr.'s letter)

- 29. Supervision of stitching of new clothing.
- 23. Supervision of mending of clothing.
- 21. Keep Thobis's acct. and see the patient's clothes are washed ~~out~~ every week.
- 20. To be in charge of bedding & clothing etc.
- 8. Supervise distribution of meals at the fixed hours.
- 7. Supervise milking of cows.
- 5. Supervise cooking of food.

This would lighten the work of the Steward a good deal. Many of the above duties are such as a clerk is quite unfitted to perform.

attention is invited to Encl. no 2, which shows how overlaid with work the Steward is, under present arrangements.

M.P.  
19/8

A very strong case has been made out but financial may say 'non possumus'.

At 20.1.98  
I fear this must be our reply, at least for the present  
M.P.  
24/1/98

Public Encl. 75347

CS

Order 2.1598 31.1.98.  
this

It is the Govt's CE is satisfied as to the need for strengthening the establishment of the Fort Lifer Hospital, Madras, but regrets that no increase can be sanctioned owing to the present position financial tension. The Surgeon General may renew his application later on.

*[Signature]*

(from order)

As M.P.  
24/1/98 25/8

Surgeon Genl (G) Dec 22  
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