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Recording letter from the
S. & furnishing explanation on the
several points raised in G.O. No. 55 Public
of 11-8-96 reviewing the Triennial report
of the Medical Institutions in the Pres. Town
of Madras.

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From
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F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon-General with the Govt.
of Madras.

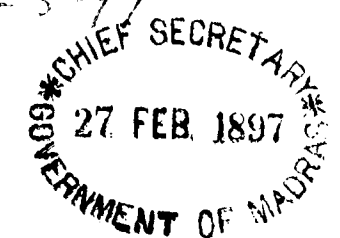
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SUBJECT.

Furnishing the explanation on the
several points raised in G.O. No.
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1896 reviewing the triennial re-
-port and statistics of the *Madras*
town in the Presidency Town of Madras
for the years 1893-95.

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No. 93

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, the 24 February 1896.

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. 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 the several points raised in G.O. No.850, Public, dated 11th August 1896, I have the honor to furnish the following explanation:-

1. Paragraph 3. Why was it not possible to show the nursing establishment charges in the Annual Financial Statement V, part I, as directed in G.O. No.197, Public, dated 7th February 1896.

The annual returns for the year 1895 were due at this office on the 31st January 1896; the order on the subject was received on the 8th February, and it was thought that the information which had to be called for from the several medical officers would be received too late for the adoption in the report. A Standing Order was, however, issued on the subject and circulated on the 17th February 1896.

2. Paragraph 4. To report how the excess number of patients in certain hospitals were accommodated.

Maternity Hospital. The surplus patients were accommodated in the hospital by putting extra beds in some of the native wards.

Ophthalmic Hospital. When all the beds are occupied and patients still seek admission, only urgent cases are admitted as extra patients. On the following day some of the old patients who are fit to attend as out-patients are discharged and thus room is made for the

urgent cases admitted on the day previous.

Women and Children's Hospital. The surplus cases were accommodated on mattresses placed on the floor of the wards.

Royabettah Hospital. These patients were accommodated in the verandahs, chiefly upstairs.

Native Infirmary- Surplus patients were accommodated on straw mattresses laid on the ground; but this was only a temporary arrangement, such patients were removed to cots as soon as vacancies occurred.

3. The Surgeon-General's remarks on page 13 regarding the number of beds in the General and Women and Children Hospitals are not quite clear.

What was meant was that in the total of 1251 beds for all the Presidency Hospitals in 1895, the 132 shown in the column of Women and Children's Hospital for that year is not included as that Hospital ceased to exist as a separate Hospital in September of that year. There are 99 additional beds shown in the General Hospital as a result of the transfer of the Women and Children's Hospital to the latter institution.

4. Paragraph 5. To explain fully the cause of the decrease of 1,911 patients in the Government Maternity Hospital. The Superintendent reports that there was a decrease of 218 in the number of confinements compared with the previous year. The diminution in the number of confinements was the result of the temporary stoppage of the system of giving diet money to women awaiting confinement, which it was found necessary to adopt while the additions and alterations to the central block were being made. The diminution occurred entirely in cases of "natural labour". In "morbid labour" there was an actual increase of 77 cases compared with the previous year. Among gynaecological patients and diseases of pregnancy there was a diminution of 9.

It was found necessary to limit the number of pregnant women admitted into hospital for the same reason as mentioned above. Excluding the cases of "natural labour", the total number of in-patients shows an actual increase of 38.

Among

Among out-patients there was a decrease of 1949 in the total treated. This decrease was partly due to changes in the Medical Officers and Hospital Assistants who see out-patients at the Egnore dispensary. When there is a change of Medical Officers, there is usually a temporary falling off in attendance in the out-patients.

The removal of the Women and Children's Hospital ought to have increased the number of attendances at the Egnore dispensary.

To explain how the exclusion of natural cases of labour did not affect the proportion of deaths in the Government Maternity Hospital as it did in the Rajah Sir Savalaya Ramaswamy Mudaliar's Lying-in-Hospital.

The high ratio of deaths in Rajah Sir Savalaya Ramaswamy Mudaliar's Lying-in-Hospital is attributable to the fact that it was calculated on obstetric operations and diseases of pregnancy alone - not only were natural labour cases excluded but also unimportant abnormal conditions, such as milk fever, slight lacerations, and various trifling ailments, which might have been included under diseases accompanying the puerperal state which will be done in future. Whereas in the Government Maternity Hospital besides the lying-in-cases (exclusive of natural labour) there are included gynaecological diseases and the diseases of pregnancy. Hence the mortality of the one hospital cannot be compared with that of the other in this instance. In future a uniform method will be adopted in calculating the rate of mortality.

What action has been taken on Surgeon-Major Whitland's remarks on the want of reliable antiseptic absorbent dressings in the General Hospital.

In regard to this matter the Senior Surgeon pointed out that the only so called antiseptic dressing supplied to this hospital is carbolic gauze from the medical stores. As this is of inferior kind he requested permission

for

for the following articles being supplied:-

- Double Cyanide Gauze
- Salicylic wool
- Wood wool, and
- Double Cyanide lint.

As these articles are not included in the authorized list of supplies from the Medical Store Depot, they cannot be supplied but I accorded sanction for the inclusion of these dressings in the unauthorized list pending the receipt of the final orders of Government on the method of obtaining them.

5. Paragraph 7. To explain the difference in the number of operations given at page 15 from those given in individual reports as regards the Ophthalmic Hospital and the three Black Town Medical Institutions.

(1). Ophthalmic Hospital.

The Superintendent explains that 12 operations that remained at the end of the year 1894 were included in 2150 given at page 117; and thus 2138 major operations were actually performed during the year 1895.

(2). Black Town Medical Institutions.

The Surgeon, 1st District, who is in charge of these institutions states that on reference to his original rough draft of the administration report he finds the following to be the correct figures:-

Native Infirmary and Black Town Dispensary-	134
Franswaag Lying-in-Hospital	81
Total	215

and that in the table of operations performed by Medical Officers and subordinates (vide page 170) Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Cook's 21 are should be 17 and not 18. One operation is erroneously credited to him being a case that remained from the previous year. The total of this table will then be 215 which tallies with the other totals.

To explain why the total cost of diets in 1893 appearing on page 23 does not agree with column 12 of the statement at page 21.

The statement at page 23 contains the information only for 1895 and not for 1893, column 15 "Total cost of Diets" does exactly agree with the entry in column 14 of the statement at page 21.

To explain why the average daily attendance of in-patients for the year 1893 given at page 12 does not agree with the figures embodied in paragraphs 5 and 7.

The statement at page 12 and those under paragraphs 5 and 7 of the report are quite unconnected - the first deals with in-patients only, the second with both in and out, and the third with out-patients only. By deducting the figures for out-patients from Total treated in para. 5 the figures will be found to tally with those in statement on page 12.

6. Paragraph 8. To explain the apparent inaccuracies in some of the financial items of the Victoria, Gaste and Goshu Hospital.

The statement at page 150 of the report is the extract from the annual report of that hospital from 1st December 1894 to 30th November 1895, and that in page 25 is for the calendar year - Hence these two statements cannot agree with each other.

7. Paragraph 9. To state under what head the pay of doing duty men of pre-collegiate and clinical pupils are included.

As these do not form the regular establishment of the hospitals when they are doing duty or undergoing training, it was directed that the pay of (1) "doing duty" men should be included under "24, Medical, Medical establishment" and (2) of pre-collegiate and clinical pupils under "24 Medical, Medical college".

What action has been taken on Dr. Price's suggestion in regard to the use of Warbur's book on Bazaar medicines.

Medical Officers in charge of the institutions in the Presidency. Some of them have been directed to pay attention to the book for their use and the Director of

Public Instruction Department to refer to the Medical College Committee the order of the Director of the Department of the Medical College, regarding the adoption of this order as a college text book for the Hospital Assistant classes.

8. Paragraph 12. The cause of the decrease in the average cost of diet in the Government Maternity Hospital should be explained - The following were the chief causes for the decrease in the total cost of diets:-

(a) Owing to the temporary stoppage of the supply of dining diet room to women awaiting confinement, there was a saving of about Rs. 1425 under this head.

(b) Owing to the diminished number of cases of natural labour admitted, there was a saving of about Rs. 1095.

(c) Owing to more favourable rates in procuring supplies, a diminution of expenditure of about Rs. 1075 was effected.

As to the decrease in the average cost of diets, this has been entirely due to more favourable rates having been secured for the most important articles.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chittambram

Surgeon-Major-General,
Surgeon-General with the Government

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No 778

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

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

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

SUBJECT.

Replies to questions asked in the review on the last Triennial report on the medical institution in the Presidency.

FOR ORDERS.

The Surgeon General submits the explanations called for in paras 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 12 of J.O. N° 850 Pubd 11. VIII - 96. They have been six months to prepare. *He has been told that in*

In para 4 of the current the Surgeon General says that there was an increase of 77 cases under "morbid labour" compared with the previous year. But from the figures given in the margin the increase would appear to have been only 58.

In the concluding portion of para 5 of the current D. Little says that if the figures for outpatients (para 7 of report) be subtracted from the totals (in and outpatients in para 5 of the report the result

Total in 1894 ... 1980
Natural ... 1383 (F)
Morbid ... 597
Total in 1895 ... 1762
Natural ... 1107
Morbid ... 655

Increase = 655 - 597 = 58

will be found to tally with the figures in the statement on page 12.

This is so for 1894 and 1895 but not for 1893 which is what the Surgeon General was told

The statement on page 12 ^{gives details for the hospitals} that in para 5 for thirteen; while the two mentioned in para 7 are not the two given on page 12. Explanation was therefore called for as to why the figures for 1894 & 1895 should tally but not those for 1893.

	1895	1894	1893
Av. daily attendance in & out	2,151.36	2,092.72	1,862.84
Av. daily attendance out only	1,108.49; 1,022.87	1,111.56; 978.16	1,039.20; 823.64
The figure for 1893 on p 12 = 929.17			

C.S.
C.W. 10/3/97
Need H.M. be troubled with this now? or shall further discrepancies be pointed out? or shall the paper simply be recorded? in the hope that the next report will be less faulty

G.O. No 197 Pub. d 7.2.96 directed that the information referred to in para 3 (Annex 1) might if necessary be a footnote. The explanation that the S.G. did not call for this information because he thought it

Might not come in time, is submitted, unsatisfactory.

Answer 2 - in S.G.'s letter. The S.G. does not now explain how extra patients are accommodated ~~at the~~ Ophthalmic Hospital. It is to be presumed that they remain in the verandahs or on the floor as in the other hospitals.

The other explanations are clear, except those mentioned in the note supra.

A.K.
13/3/97

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NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

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Memo No 718723. 3.97

Mr Surgeon Genl.

Ref. his letter d 25.2.97
no 93

The letter of Mr Surgeon Genl
does not ~~now~~ ~~comple~~ furnish
a complete explanation on the
points raised in G.O. no
850 Pub. d. 11.8.96. It is therefore
returned with the following remarks.
In para 2, no explanation is
given as to the manner in
which the excess number of
patients was ~~accommodated~~ ^{accommodated}
in the Ophthalmic Hospital.

In ~~the same~~ paragraph
it is said that there was an
increase in "morbid labour" of
77 cases compared with the
previous year. The figures of the
last year, as taken from the
Annual reports ^{of 1894-95 & 95-96}, are 597
& 655 respectively. The increase
appears therefore to be 58,
instead of 77 cases.

In the last portion of para
5 of his letter Mr Surgeon Genl.
states that of the figures in
para 7, ^{of the Annual} and ^{of the} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~derived~~ ^{derived} from the

totals in para 5 My figures
will be found to tally with
those in the statement on
page 12. This is true of
1894 & 1895. Let me note
true of 1893 this year
regarding the statement to
which the remarks of Gov.
were specifically applied

Then the Surgeon Genl.
is requested to have these
defects & discrepancies pointed out
corrected. Some explanation
should also be given of the
very long delay which
occurred in furnishing the
present explanation.

MK 18/3/97
19/3/97.

The Surgeon General with C.O. 770 of 97

Public Dept

Memo 7:2598
29.11.97

The Surgeon Genl.
is requested to
state when a reply
to memo No 718
Pub. d/23.3.97
maybe expected.

AS.

No reply has yet
been recd from the
Surgeon Genl.

C.O.
9.12.97

give him another week.
M.C.
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M.C.
25/11/97

C.O.
25/11/97

AS

Please see file
below

Now
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9/12/97
Refr } Any reply yet
K } to memo 2598?
d/29.11.97
C.O.
8/12/97

To the Surgeon Genl.

C.O.
16/11/97

Public Dept

Memo No 2808

21.12.97

The attention of the
Surgeon General is
drawn to the fact
that no reply has
been received
to memo No 2598
Ptd of 29.11.97 calling
attention to memo
No 1866 of the 23rd March
last

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16/12/97.

Note

Please see notes
on sheet below Cir.

To
The Surgeon General

Mr. ...

Public (1898) Department.

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*Surgeon Major-General C. Seethorpe
C.B., F.R.C.P.,*

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dated 23rd March 1897.*

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

Madras, June 1898.

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,

With reference to your memorandum
N^o 718 dated the 23^d. March 1897, I have the
honor to explain as follows:—

- (1) Paragraph 1 of the memorandum - Regarding the excess number of patients accommodated in the Ophthalmic Hospital.

Urgent cases that are occasionally admitted as extra patients in this hospital are provided with beds on the floor in the wards and passages.

- (2) Paragraph 2 regarding the discrepancy in the number of morbid cases treated in the Government Maternity Hospital during the year as compared with the previous one.

The increase in the number of morbid cases in the Government Maternity Hospital was 58 and not 77. The error apparently appears to have been due to the wrong calculation made by the Superintendent Government Maternity

Hospital.

(3) Paragraph 3 remarking that the average daily attendance of in-patients for 1893 given at page 12 of the report does not agree with the figures embodied in paragraphs 5 and 7 for that year.

By deducting the figures against the individual institutions

as per margin in the — 1 Government General Hospital
Statement under para: — 2 — do — Maternity — do —
= graph 7 from those under 5, 3 — do — Ophthalmic — do —
the differences exactly agree 4 — do — Women & Children — do —
with the figures against these 5 — do — Lepers — do —
institutions given in the 6 — do — Voluntary Venereal — do —
Statement at page 12. As 7 Royapettah — do —
the details of women and children 8 Rajah Sir Ramaswamy Moodelliar's
in the Victoria Caste and Gocha Lying-in Hospital.
hospital for the year 1893 were 9 Native Infirmary.
not available, this institution
was entirely omitted from the
Statement printed at page 12, but the total
averages were given in the statements under
paragraphs 5 and 7 of the report.

2/ The delay in the submission of the explanation (Current No 778) was due to the collection of the information from the various institutions concerned.

3/ I regret that there should have been so much delay in replying to your memorandum under

under report. It was entirely due to the papers having been mislaid in the office.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Surgeon Major General

Surgeon General in the Govt of
Madras.

C. No. 1822

SUBJECT.

~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

~~THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~

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

Explanations by the S.G. of the discrepancies noticed in the review of the medical institution triennial report for the period 1893-95.

FOR ORDERS.

CS.

The Surgeon General replies to Memo No. 718, Public, dated 13th March 1897 Class II.

1. He says that extra patients in the Ophthalmic Hospital were accommodated with beds on the floors of the wards and passages.

2. He admits that the increase in morbid cases should be 28 instead of 77.

3. Regarding the average daily attendance of in-patients for 1896 given on page 12 of the report not agreeing with the figures embodied in paragraphs 5 and 7 for that year he mentions certain institutions, the figures for which he says will bear comparison. Of the 6 hospitals he mentions Nos. 3 & 6 (Queen Sir Komazari Mudaliyar's Lying-in-Hospital and the Native Infirmary) are not found in para. 7 of the report at all. But as far as the figures against each hospital can be ascertained, the average daily attendance in 1896 was 147 construction at

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Because they do not like out-patients!

the daily average in para. 1 from the daily average in para. 2 gives the total daily average found on page 12 of the report.

3. For the further explanation furnished by the Bureau General on G.O. No. 800, Paris, dated 11th August 1895 (copy) please see current No. 978, dated 10-11-95 (copy)

Ans. 16/8/95
Submitted that the current may be recorded - the explanation regarding the '93 figure is, it is submitted, somewhat slipshod - but at this distance of time it seems unnecessary to pursue the matter further.

The points on which explanation was asked were not specially noticed by H.M. & the current need not, therefore, be corrected to him.

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