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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the question of the auditing the
accounts of the ^{Govt.} Maternity Hospital will be
dealt with along with the general question of
the audit of Hospital Accounts, now under
consideration.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting his remarks on
the Audit suggested by the
Accountant General in
regard to the Accounts of
the Govt. Maternity Hospital
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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

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From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL G. 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 para 2 of G.O.No.621, Public, dated the 3rd May 1898, I have the honour to state that the Superintendent, Government Maternity Hospital, reports that the audit suggested by the Accountant-General would in no way prevent such a fraud as that which occurred last year and the fraud having been perpetrated practically in the cash chest itself no increased supervision at monthly intervals would obviate a repetition of it.

2. A daily statement is now submitted to him showing how the cash balance stands and the details of all items of expenditure and receipts; this he considers the most practical and efficient check on the financial accounts of the institution.

3. In this connection I would invite the attention of Government to para 3 of my letter, No.T-2/225, dated the 17th July 1897 in which I have supported the system of audit therein proposed by the Accountant-General.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-General

Surgeon-General

with the Government of Madras

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Q. No. 1909 of 1898 (F)

SUBJECT.

Audit of Govt. Maternity Hospital
Accounts.

FOR ORDERS.

In the course of the correspondence that followed the criminal conviction of the late steward of the Govt. Maternity Hospital the Accountant General suggested at T that the accounts of the institution should be audited by his office. On the subject being referred to the Surgeon-General for his opinion he replied at F, that ~~the Super of the Hospital does not~~ consider that the increased supervision proposed by the Accountant-General will prevent malpractices, as the fraud that ~~late Steward committed was~~ ~~practically in the same line as~~ The system adopted now is that a ~~statement~~ is submitted daily to the Super showing details of all expenditure and receipt and the cash balance. This arrangement the Supt. considers ample check on the financial accounts of the Institution.

2. Submitted that Dr. Branford's sworn deposition at V shows that the defalcations at the Maternity Hospl.

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were

were committed in connection with the cash chest, and that the Superintendent's argument that supervision of the accounts would not prevent to repetition of the offence, is correct. The general question of the auditing of Hospitals' accounts will have to be considered in connection with the Diet Committee's report, which has to go back to H.A. The following disposal of the current is submitted for approval:-

for
29/8/98

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his:

~~Govt. does not consider that the auditing of the Govt. Maternity Hospital Accounts suggested by the Accountant-General would prevent a repetition of the fraud on the cash chest committed by the late Steward, but the~~

~~the general question of the auditing of Hospitals' Accounts will be considered~~

~~when orders are passed on the Diet~~

~~Committee's report.~~ *direct with*

along with the several portions of the audit of Hospital accounts, now under consideration.

for

29/8/98

[Signature]

To the S.G. (C of G.O. & Ct.)

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