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[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining, with remarks,
to order the re-transfer of the Office of Dist
Medical & Sanz Officer, the Midgiris, from Coonam
to Dohacammund.

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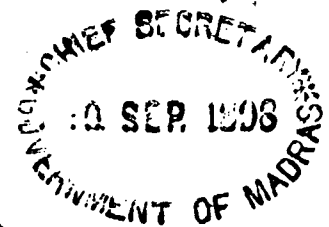
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From

Surgeon Major General C. S. Thompson, B. Sc., R. A.
Surgeon General with the Govt of Madras

for Order S

with reference to the G.O. at

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This question was fully discussed in the notes at C.

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The new arguments brought forward

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are (1) the personal one that it

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is inconvenient for the senior officer

This is a mere accident of Spare copies transmitted

to be civil surgeon with his junior

is D.H. & S.O. & (2) that it is

SUBJECT.

desirable that the D.H. & S.O. should

Forwarding a letter from Surgeon Major Thompson, Civil Surgeon, Obtained, requesting the retransfer of the Office of the District Medical Officer, Nilgiris from favour to Obtained

be located with the senior

the to personally transmit

advise the Director & (3)

D. Board.

The objection to allowing the

medical officer to leave post? is as

thing is over. Assuming that Govt

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Order are solicited that the
views of Mrs. Butler on this argument be
second suggestion may be accepted.

that Mr. Butler would support
we mutually learn the force of the
arguments of the non-statuting the
affirmative only. D. M. & L. W. Assuming
the arguments contained the
Gentle seems to be shelter the
feelings of the Rev. Dr. Thompson
on the convenience ^{& safety} of the evening
that he can attend. On the whole I
w. submit that this letter is the
most important & that the
present arrangement is
convenient.

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I took advantage of a visit from Mr. D. M. O. to
yesterday, to talk this matter over with him.
He suggested what he said in his answer dated
25.9.97 that it is of administrative advantage
that the Collector and the D. M. O. should be
situated in the same place, so that they may
readily confer. At the present moment, as
arrangements are being made to deal with
pleas, it seems almost desirable that the
Collector and D. M. O. should have easy access
to one another. On this, seems to be the
only real reason for having the D. M. O. at
Datta Chaurand. I am not sure that this
arrangement

Members have discussed the matter and think it better to have the D.M.O. at Coonoor.

As a temporary arrangement it might be ^{in consultation} better to have the D.M.O. at Coonoor. That he should not move from Coonoor to anything that needed to be done. I am sure he can only and Thompson to give the Col. advice. If he wants anything done, I think he had better order the D.M.O. over here from Coonoor. There is nothing there, so far as I know, to prevent his coming when wanted.

RS

3/7/98

It appeared to me that the present reference to Coonoor arose from a desire of Surg. Major Thompson to save his "amour propre", as senior officers. It was not the officer chiefly concerned, namely, the Collector who raised it.

and as Coonoor has on two occasions decided that the present arrangement should continue, I will not make any change.

The Col. can readily get the D.M.O. from Coonoor. If plague should attack Coonoor or the conditions otherwise essentially change the Collector will promptly move Coonoor.

At 3.10.98

I enclose the views of Mr. Member.

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Chief Surgeon's Office
No. 400
Cotacamund 10th August 1898.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. regarding the proposed transfer of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer from Coonoor to Cotacamund. I am sorry to hear that the Government have decided against the proposal. I am sure that the Government will take into consideration the reasons for changing the name from Cotacamund being, that the European

The Collector

of the Nilgiris and District of Coonoor. I have the honor to request that the Government will have a Government to transfer the office of District Medical and Sanitary Officer from Coonoor to Cotacamund, when Surgeon Major Rees leaves Coonoor in October next.

I am, Sir, in accordance with order No 806 D of 2nd March 1898, Government directed that the medical officer at Coonoor should in future be District Medical and Sanitary Officer of the Nilgiris, the reasons for changing the name from Cotacamund being, that the European Resident

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Residents at Coonoor are chiefly non-official,
that it is ~~impossible~~ desirable that the Medical
officer at Co. should not be required
to leave the station on inspection duty,
and that the close proximity of Wellington
to Coonoor is a sufficient guarantee
that Europeans living at Coonoor
would not be left without the means
of obtaining proper medical attention
during the absence of the Medical officer
on inspection duty.

3. During the last three years,
circumstances have altered consider-
ably and ~~voluntarily~~ so that the reasons
advanced by ~~me~~ in the order
dated 1st Nov. 1896, for the location of the District
Medical and Sanitary Officer at Coonoor,
have not the same weight as they ~~formerly~~ had
in 1896. There is no group of European
Residents in Co. being left without a
medical man to attend to them, as there
is now an officer of the Royal Army
Medical Corps attached to the Head-
Quarters Staff, and a civil medical
practitioner has established himself
in the station. In Coonoor there is only

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Partly by reason
that the
private

one Medical officer engaged as ~~practitioner~~
so that when he is absent, the station is
practically without a medical man.
This can never be the case at Co. as
for the reasons I have given
it is ~~in~~ Co. is much more
centrally situated than Coonoor and
is nearer the headquarters of the
Collector of the District. The District
Medical and Sanitary Officer is supposed
to be the Medical and Sanitary adviser
to the Collector, questions relating to
the Medical and Sanitary administration
of the District are frequently coming up,
which could be more promptly and
satisfactorily disposed of in the course
of conversation between the Collector
and the Medical officer, were the
latter officer stationed in Co. as
than by official correspondence.

5. It has invariably been the
case that the Senior Medical officer
in a District occupies the position of
District Medical & Sanitary Officer,
and the Junior holds the position of
Civil Surgeon. The reasons for this

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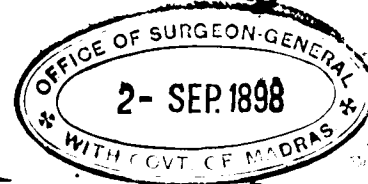
are manifestly the District Medical
officer. He is the more responsible
position and through him all medical
returns should be submitted to the Surgeon.

General... and
I understand that one of
Medical officers many years junior
to me, is likely to succeed Surgeon
Major... at Coonoor, and I suggest
for the reasons which I have given, that
I may be appointed District Medical
and Sanitary Officer, Surgeon Major
... vacates his position.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
C. M. Thompson

Chief Surgeon

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A better arrangement would perhaps be
to restore the D.M.O. to Oota? & to
relieve him of all responsibility
for Coonoor & Kotagiri. This would
be equivalent to confining the
D.M.O.'s tour to the S.E. Wynnad
& if he put in a month in that
part of the district in the course
of a year, it would be ample.
All returns etc would of course pass
through the D.M.O. Oota? except those
from Coonoor & Kotagiri which would
be treated as forming a separate
district, the Civil Surgeon at Coonoor
corresponding direct with the Collector
& President in matters concerning the
two towns in his charge.

A. Butlerworth.
Collector & President - S.E. Bd.
Nilgiris.

28.8.98

If plague attacks this district,
it will be a great convenience
to have the S.E. Wynnad & the police
& Siger photo in the charge of the
Medical Officer resident at
Oota? A.B.

forwarded to the Surgeon General.
The paper is being delayed to get a
copy of the G.O. of 1896 (Genl.)

I observe that a previous proposal
to modify G.O. of 2 March 1896, No. 306,
Pub., was rejected in G.O. of 10 June
1896, No. 605 Pub. F.

From the administrative point of view
it is unquestionably preferable that
the District Med. Officer should be at
Oota? The necessity for communi-
cation with the D. Med. Officer arises
almost daily at the present time & if it were not for Dr.
Thompson's readiness to assist me
with advice whenever I require it,
the absence of the D. Med. Officer from
Oota? would have caused me con-
siderable inconvenience.

At the same time there are some
undoubted advantages about the
present arrangements & I understand
that the officer of the R.A.M. Corps
to whom Dr. Thompson refers is pro-
hibited from practising while the
private practitioner may, at any
time, leave the Station.

It has been suggested to me as a
solution of the difficulty that
the district might be divided into
two D. Med. Officers' charges,
the D.M.O. at Coonoor having the
upper plateau in his charge & the
D.M.O. at Oota? having the S.E.
Wynnad & Oota? itself.

I can see no administrative objection
to this arrangement except that
I should still be cut off from personal
communication with one of the D. Med. O's
& it would have to be a condition that
the D.M.O. at Oota? should have
charge of the plague camps which
might be established on the Siger
& S.E. photo.

CURRENT NO.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

No. 13/28

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 10th September 1898

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,

I have the honor to forward for the orders of Government the accompanying letter from Surgeon Major C. M. Thompson, M.D., Civil Surgeon Ottacamund, requesting that, under the circumstances explained by him, the Office of District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Nilgiris, may be retransferred to Ottacamund on the departure of Surgeon Major Reeves from service.

2. Dr Thompson's request is chiefly due to an Officer (Surgeon Captain Elliot) junior to him both in service and rank being nominated to succeed Dr Reeves.

3. The reasons advanced by Dr Thompson in support of his request have more or less been already urged by me in my letter No. 278 of 2nd April 1896 recorded in G.O. No. 600 Public dated 10th June 1898.

4. I would particularly draw the attention of Government to the Collector's recommendation on

Enclosed herewith to be
sent to the

on Dr Thompson's letter - an extract from which is given below for easy reference

"From the administrative point of view, it is unquestionably preferable that the District Medical and Sanitary Officer should be at Ottacamund. The necessity for communication with the District Medical and Sanitary Officer arises almost daily at the present time, and if it were not for Dr Thompson's readiness to assist me with advice whenever I require it, the absence of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer from Ottacamund would have caused me considerable inconvenience."

These views are in perfect harmony with my own as expressed in my letter quoted above and deserve consideration.

5. Under these circumstances, I trust that Government will be pleased to sanction Ottacamund being made again the Head Quarters of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, who should do all inspections during the off-season. Should any special inspection become necessary during the season, either the Additional Medical Officer, Ottacamund, or the Civil Surgeon, Coonoor, may be deputed for the purpose. I have the honor to be,

Yours most obedt Servant
C. J. Thompson

Surgeon General with Govt. Messrs

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H.E. the Governor.
(Draft from his orders of the majority)

ORDER. No. 1257, of 8th October 1898.
This.

The Govt. is not prepared to modify the existing arrangement. The administrative advantages referred to as likely to result from the proposed change are of a purely temporary nature. As far as advice is concerned the Medical Officer will doubtless continue to have the assistance of the Civil Surgeon. If the presence of the D.M. & S.O. should at any time be required to supervise or assist in his carrying out of medical or sanitary measures, the Medical Officer should report that Officer to assist.

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