

Public (1898) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 494

DATED 31-3-88.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the surgeon
General to submit a full report
on the pecuniary embarrasments
of late Civil & Apothecary, Mr E.T. Jones.

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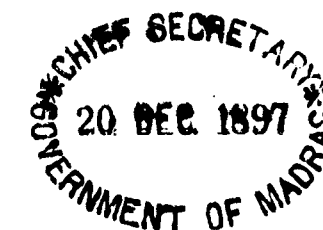
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CURRENT No.



From

Surgeon-Major-General G. Sibthorne,
G.B., F.R.C.P.I.,
Surgeon-General with the Government
of Madras.

No. 531

Order

The Govt. declines to interfere
on behalf of this pet.

Dated 18 December 1897.

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Spare copies

At.

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Call for the report
of the Dept. & the record
of his enquiry.

At.

If the evidence is believed, and
it is difficult to accept pet's
statements that it is all
created, the Applicant
has guilty of systematic
dishonesty for such disingenuous
is, it is submitted, the only
appropriate punishment

No. 33077

To the Surgeon-General

SUBJECT.

Transmitting with his remarks the
Memorial to His Excellency the Govern-
-nor submitted by Mr. E. T. Jones, late
a Civil Apothecary in the Madras
Subordinate Medical Establishment.

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Let's up to this letter no 531
d. 18/11/97 the Surg. Genl
is requested to be so good as
to forward to the Dept. of the
Surg. Genl. the report
of the Surg. Genl. the report
and the record of the inquiry
in the case of W. Jones.

(from CS's orders)

Hx.

4/2/98

To The Surgeon General (.)

There is no doubt the apothecary
has dishonestly been making away
with the liquor in his charge, and
diluting what was issued to the patients.
He has also borrowed money from
a nurse - a quasi subordinate.

He is a man of 17 years service
& dismissal is a very severe punishment.

I think however that the S.G. is
right and ought to be supported.

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This is a very severe punishment for com-
paratively trivial offences - of course if it is
the case that the man is, as the S.G. says, in
a chronic hopeless state of imbecility it
will not be advisable to interfere, for such a
man is better out of the service than in it - I
must however say much for a man who had

* of Dept. if it is in any way
possible to do so - Perhaps
H.E. will kindly look at the
papers & say what he thinks

H.E.

Hx

1/3/98

I conclude from the Hon. Sec. & Blair

that the Govt. should uphold the deed

of a Dept. if it is in any way possible to

do so. But in this case, I think

the Govt. of the Dept. has acted imprudently

He has punished a man of seventeen

years service, whose offences are com-

paratively trivial, with dismissal. This

is a very severe punishment

in the case, and I would suggest that

action. The charge of indebtedness was not
proved against this apothecary, and there
was no evidence to support it.

If my husband is to reduce the number of

of his military force he is entitled. The

of course of course, but I am sure it is

the matter of his own choice, and

of course, but I am sure it is

of course, but I am sure it is

I suggest that we await the
result of this inquiry before passing
any order. The delay need not be
hard on the apothecary because, if we
finally conclude that he should receive
a lighter punishment than dismissal,
we can make his punishment consist of
suspension instead of reduction or we can
let the period of delay go towards the
suspension.

Hx

18/2/98

IV

No 3216.

To, The Superintendent
Lunatic Asylum
Madras.

Orders have already been issued for
the suspension of Civil Apothecary Jones.

2. Please furnish him with a copy of the
charges made and substantiated against
him and call upon him to show cause why
he should not be dismissed the Service.

3. Return requested.

(By order)

(Signed) R. H. Elliot, M.B.

Surgeon Captain

Madras }
29 June 1917 }
Ag. Secy. to Surgeon General
with the Govt. of Madras.

(True Copy)

C. St. John, P.M.

Charges against Earl Spencer E. J. Jones.

Charge N^o I. That you are unable to account for eleven miles of Reckford April under your charge.

Charge N^o II. That you adulterated spirituous liquors under your charge in the Dispensary.

Charge N^o III. That you took spirituous liquors for your own use - the property of Govt.

Charge N^o IV. That you borrowed money from the Keyline Staff.

Charge N^o V. That you utilized members of the Keyline Staff for private purposes, viz - sending them on private errands.

A. H. Calk.

Made no
30 June 1897

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Enclosure No. 3 to Letter No. 1537 of 18th May 1897
 THE SUPERINTENDENT, MADRAS CIVIL APOTHECARY
 -5 NOV 1897
 DEPARTMENT OF MADRAS

Read the following papers:-

Petitions dated 1st and 5th June 1897 from one Harain Maidu making certain allegations against Civil Apothecary M.T. Jones, attached to the Lunatic Asylum, Madras.

Minute No. 430, dated 18th June 1897 from the Superintendent Lunatic Asylum, Madras, reporting the result of his enquiry in the matter.

Explanation, dated 20th July 1897 from Civil Apothecary Jones with the Superintendent's remarks thereon.

O R D E R thereon - No. 280 dated 24 August 1897.

On the 3rd June 1897 a petition was received by the Superintendent from one Harain Maidu to the effect that Civil Apothecary M.T. Jones, attached to the Lunatic Asylum, Madras, was in the habit of drinking the spirits and liquors belonging to the Asylum which were in his charge, and of adulterating the water in order to make up the deficiency and to escape detection.

This petition together with another received on the 6th ~~from~~ ^{from} the same individual and bringing to notice the same and one or two other minor matters, was referred to the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Madras, for full enquiry and report.

5. The Superintendent after a searching enquiry makes the following report:-

(a) That he has not been able to trace the writer of the petitions but that from many of the points therein alluded to, he has no doubt that they were written by some member of the Asylum Staff or on information derived from one of the Staff.

(b) That towards the end of May 1897 a written statement was made to him by Hospital Assistant P. Henry Benson that he had seen and heard of some of the charges in the petition.

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Jones had on several occasions sent to his house bread and butter refused by patients.

(d) That Apothecary Jones considered the present petitions and statements the out-come of ill-feeling between him and the nurses who were constantly reported by him for inefficiency, general lack of care and cleanliness of the patients, but admitted having borrowed money from the Hospital Assistant. He denied having ever adulterated the brandy or amuck before issuing it to the nurses.

(e) That the Commission has come to the conclusion that Mr. Jones has undoubtedly been guilty of serious charges and that the ill-feeling towards him is well founded; that he has got into a very difficult position and is unable to support himself, his wife and a large family.

4. On receipt of this report the Special Agent was asked to suspend Apothecary Jones, to furnish him with a copy of the charges made and substantiated against him and to call upon him to show cause why he should not be dismissed from service.

5. Apothecary Jones in his statement quotes the facts of witnesses in his case but simply attributes the charges brought against him to malice and conspiracy on the part of those Asylum employees whom he had to report for neglect of work and for inefficiency.

6. After a perusal of the whole case the Surgeon-General is convinced that the evidence against Civil Apothecary E.T. Jones regarding his misappropriating for his own use the alcoholic stimulants belonging to the Asylum hospital stock and adulterating them in order to make up the deficiency was been clearly substantiated. He is also convinced that the Apothecary is in a chronic and hopeless condition of intemperance and has been borrowing money from his official subordinates in contravention of the rules regulating the conduct of Government servants.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following petition :—

From *E. J. Jones, Late Civil Apothecary
of the Indian Medical Establishment, dated
31st October 1897.*

ORDER—R. No. 1218, dated 11th November 1897.

The petition will be rejected under the following rule :—

Every petition must be submitted through the head of the office or department to which the petitioner belongs or belonged. But there is no objection to the petitioner transmitting a duplicate copy of his petition direct to the Government, provided that he marks it as a "duplicate."

(True Extract.)

M. Connelman.

for Chief Secretary.

To

11.11.97

The Petitioner to

With enclosures returned

*C.P.
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To
C. No. 4190.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

G. C. M. G. G. C. I. E.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

2. That your Memorialist in placing his unfortunate and lamentable case before your Excellency in Council, humbly implores that your Excellency in Council will bestow that justice which it merits.

4. That your Memorialist is an Eurasian of European descent derived from a respectable family. After having been educated in the Doveton Protestant College Madras, had a predilection for the Medical Department in which Department the whole of his family had been connected, and his late father, Honorary Assistant Surgeon Jones after a long and meritorious service was granted a good service pension, and was well known to the officers of the Indian Medical Service. After passing out with credit from the Madras Medical College your Petitioner was declared competent and fit as a Civil Apothecary, and was duly appointed to the Madras Lunatic Asylum on the 30th June 1880, in which capacity your unfortunate Memorialist performed his duties with fidelity and punctuality to all the Superintendents of that Institution viz Drs Leapingwell, Dobie, Baine, and Armstrong up to 6th September 1888, and these Officers during their tenure of office had no reason whatever to find fault with your Memorialist.

5. That your Memorialist having been confined to local work in the Asylum, of his own accord applied for transfer out station his request was kindly met by his appointment to the Local Find Dispensary Ganjam, on the 12th September 1888, on the 6th November 1888, your Memorialist was transferred to the L. F. Dispensary, Gopulpore, and subsequently since December 1889 your Memorialist had been doing faithful and satisfactory work at the Hill Jail Hospital Russelcondah, Civil station Chicacole, and the Dispensaries at Itchapur, Nursapatam Municipal Hospital Bunilipatam, and Local Fund Dispensary Palkonda, up to 28th June 1895. After this long career in the Mofussil, your Memorialist and his family having severely suffered from climatic causes, applied, that he may be transferred to Madras, and stated that from his long experience and knowledge of the Lunatic Asylum, he may be appointed to that Institution, which request was generously accorded by the Surgeon General, with the Government of Madras, and your Petitioner assumed charge of his duties as Junior Apothecary on the 1st July 1896. of that Institution.

6. That while your Memorialist with his usual industry, and punctuality was working in the above Institution was suddenly suspended from his duties on the 5th July 1897, based on a pseudonymous Petition from one Narrain Naidu to the Surgeon General. Madras, making certain serious allegations against your Memorialist in his official capacity of Junior Apothecary of the Lunatic Asylum.

7. That although the petition was pseudonymous, still the Surgeon General thought it proper to take notice of the same by directing an enquiry.

8. That in obedience to the orders of the Surgeon General, the Superintendent of the Asylum, called upon your Memorialist for an explanation on the following charges formulated against him viz (1) *That you are unable to account for eleven ounces of rectified spirit under your charge.* (2) *That you adulterated spirituous liquors under your charge in the Dispensary.* (3) *That you took spirituous liquors for your own use the property of Government.* (4) *That you borrowed money from the Asylum staff.* (5) *That you utilised members of the asylum staff for private purposes viz. sending them on private errands.*

Vide Dock t No. 508
30th June 1897.

9. That your Memorialist begs very respectfully to draw the kind attention of your Excellency-in-Council to the fact that on the receipt of the pseudonymous petition, an enquiry was held by the Superintendent, and your petitioner's statements recorded, which were submitted to the Surgeon General and subsequently Petitioner was served with the five formulated charges which the Superintendent states *of the charges made and substantiated against you, you are hereby called upon to show cause, why you should not be dismissed the service.* Your Memorialist is at a loss to conjecture, on what grounds the Superintendent had arrived at the conclusion that the charges framed against him had been substantiated previous to the submission of your memorialists explanation.

10. That your Memorialist submitted the required explanation declaring his innocence from the serious and unfounded charges alleged against him by an unknown writer who had not the courage to charge your Memorialist by coming in a straight forward manner instead of screening himself under an assumed name. This important fact, your memorialist implores will meet the attention of your Excellency in Council.

10. That on the face of the explanation submitted by your unfortunate Memorialist, the Surgeon General has passed his order quoted above, adverse and disastrous to your memorialist, a long and faithful servant of Government, blighting his future prospects, and ruining him for life.

11. That your Memorialist has proved to satisfaction that the charges formulated against him on a complaint from an unknown individual still to be discovered are absolutely false. That if the Petitions from Narrain Naidu are patiently and dispassionately perused, it will be discovered, that such petition emanated from some person or persons inimicable to your Memorialist in the Asylum, who had not the moral courage to charge your Memorialist openly and prove the allegations as now so seriously alleged against him, while they had every opportunity of doing so, without having recourse to the stratagem of a pseudonymous Petition.

12. That to presume and to arrive at a conclusion either on a pseudonymous or an anonymous petition, is a matter deserving the attention of your Excellency-in-Council and if your Petitioner is not mistaken he begs respectfully to submit that Government discourages such communications as dangerous to be relied upon where character and life are alike at stake.

13. In para 3 of the Superintendent's report, that officer candidly states *that he has not been able to trace the writer of the petitions but is of opinion that they were written by some member of the asylum staff &c.* In the same para. (b) the Superintendent while enquiring into the pseudonymous petition of which he has the greatest doubt still receives the testimony of the Hospital assistant P. Rammy Menon who was never on good terms with your Memorialist for his strict mode of exacting work from his subordinates, and on this point your Memorialist humbly prays the particular attention of your Excellency-in-Council to the remarks of the Surgeon General, and your Memorialist begs to submit that the Hospital Assistant who as a veritable foe of your Memorialist while on duty on relieving your Memorialist, had every opportunity of gratifying his revenge might have tampered with the spirits &c., as now alleged against your memorialist and from the tenor of the Petition signed "Narrian Naidu" it may no doubt be the creation of the Hospital Assistant. If deficiencies were found as alleged the Hospital Assistant on relieving Memorialist from duty could have easily discovered such losses and which he ought to have brought to the notice of the Superintendent at once.

14. That your memorialist begs most humbly to refer your Excellency in-Council to clause (c) para. 3 of the Surgeon Generals proceedings from which it will be found that owing to his strict attention to work, from the Nurses downwards to the minor staff of the Asylum they never had any good feeling towards Memorialist. His control over them has now been construed "as unjustly reporting them for slackness in their duties and in fact levying petty tyrannies on them. To say the least, your memorialist begs to submit, that if what the nurses and staff have now to say is to be received as true, it is reasonable to enquire why such complaints were not made individually or collectively to the Superintendent when they occurred, and why now embodied in the pseudonymous Petition of Narrain Naidu, although there was no objection to them having done so, and your Memorialist is at a loss to understand what the Superintendent means "by conclusive evidence of the Hospital assistant &c.,"

14. That part which refers to Mrs. Kay the 2nd Grade Nurse, your Memorialist candidly confesses that he had some money transaction with her which she from terms of intimacy and friendship with Memorialist and his family assisted him with loans, and which has been repaid, but why at this distant period, this transaction should have found its way in the pseudonymous petition of Narrain Naidu is a matter which your Memorialist begs humbly to submit deserves the generous attention of your Excellency-in-Council. As to the allegation made by her as to pressure on Memorialist's part in conjunction with the money dealings is absolutely false. Mrs. Kay is an intelligent woman, of vast experience in the Asylum, and should she have suffered any pressure or petty tyranny at the hands of Memorialist as is now made out, there was nothing to have prevented her from complaining to the Superintendent at the time when such irregularities were perpetrated on her, but why should she have waited for the petition of "Narrain Naidu" as the channel of her grievances. Had she made her complaint directly the Superintendent would have no doubt exercised the authority vested in him and enquired into her complaints.

15. That as regards the charge of utilizing the services of the menial staff on errands, your Memorialist admits having done so, not in a systematical way, by removing them from their legitimate duties, but he may have done so at times when such servants were off duties, and which work they cheerfully did on their own free will and consent and not by force or compulsion. There is no record to prove that any servants of this description having absented themselves from legitimate duty by performing Petitioners private work nor was any complaint made as to pressure or tyranny being used to force such work, had Memorialist done so, the fact would have been made known to the Asylum authorities long before the receipt of the pseudonymous Petition of "Narrain Naidu."

16. That your memorialist humbly indulges in the hope that he has sufficiently explained his unfortunate case, for which he has been most cruelly and severely punished after an untarnished and unsullied career in the Medical Department.

ment for nearly 18 years. His unhappy dismissal is not based on any valid testimony, or credible evidence. The serious charges formulated against him have not been directly brought home to him, that he had dishonestly converted Government property to his own use. It would have been more satisfactory if Memorialist had been criminally charged, when he would have had a opportunity of challenging his accuser and exonerating himself, and clearing his character from the unfounded imputations contained in an absolutely pseudonymous petition, of which the Superintendent himself has grave doubts, and has even gone so far to express it as his opinion, that he suspects that the false petition has emanated from some of the staff of the Asylum, or the author might have derived his information from them. Your poor and unfortunate petitioner without any contradiction begs humbly to state that the allegations are absolutely false, and he has been made a victim to the evil machinations of his enemies. That the severe punishment accorded him is one that can only be removed by your Excellency in Council, whose administration is well known for its justice and mercy.

17. That your petitioner prays for a just and thorough enquiry and if your Excellency in Council finds him guilty of the minor charges, he prays that the punishment now inflicted on him may be cancelled, and his being out of employment and pay from July last may be considered sufficient punishment.

18. That your Memorialist begs that your Excellency-in-Council will be kindly pleased to take a dispassionate view of his unfortunate case which is a sheer fabrication of his enemies, who to satisfy and to wreak their revenge, have attacked the innocence of your Memorialist by false and malicious allegations, dragged him into inextricable difficulties, and brought him to utter disgrace not only cruelly ruining him, but his poor and unoffending family for life. Your memorialist there fore indulges in the fervent hope that his lamentable case will be graciously considered by your Excellency-in-Council as the pseudonymous petition has created grave doubts in the mind of the Superintendent as remarked by that officer, and the accusations therein made, your Memorialist begs leave to observe, must have been made by some person or persons as suspected by the Superintendent, inimical to your memorialist to cover their own frauds and criminality.

19. That your memorialist in conclusion humbly prays that your Excellency-in-Council will consider his long and faithful services by meting out to him that justice, which every aggrieved individual however insignificant, hopes to obtain from a British tribunal, and your Memorialist will consider this great favor as emanating from a just and generous Government towards a victimized subordinate as your infortunate Memorialist.

For which act of charity
Your memorialist as in duty,
Bound shall Ever pray.

E. Jones.

Later and copy
of the case in
Department of
Madras

with four enclosures
to be returned -

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No. 531

C No 4907.
OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, the 18th December 1897.

From

C.B.,
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,

I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Memorial to His Excellency the Governor submitted by Mr. E.T. Jones, late a Civil Apothecary in the Madras Subordinate Medical Establishment.

2. The circumstances under which he was dismissed the service are fully set out in my Proceedings No. 5889 date 4th August 1897 a copy of which is attached to the Memorial.

3. A very careful and exhaustive enquiry was made by the Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, Madras, into the allegations made against this Apothecary, and the overwhelming evidence in confirmation of the truth of the accusation left no room for doubt that he was guilty on all the charges.

4. It is most unlikely that there could be a general conspiracy against him - especially when it is remembered that several of the witnesses who spoke against him were people of his own caste whose sympathy he was likely to enlist.

5. Under the above circumstances I am unable to re-commend his Memorial for consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. Sibthorpe

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the Government
of Madras.

Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 733



From
Surgeon Major General
C. Sibthorp M.B., F.R.C.P.

Order

Please see draft order +
note on CNo. 4907 of 1897 below
and C's note d/3.2.98 thereon
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No. 176

Dated the 18th February 98

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SUBJECT.

- Forwarding copies of the
record of enquiry in the
case of Mr. Jones, late
a Civil Apothecary, in the
Madras Subordinate Medical
Establishment.

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Copy of a petition from Narain Naidu, to the Surgeon General, Madras, dated the 1st June 1897.

I most humbly bring to your honor's notice certain news which I only heard last night from a friend of mine. It seems that some day in last week Friday or Saturday the hospital dresser who is in the Lunatic Asylum and also the ~~Servant~~ ^{Surgeon} who is working under him in the hospital, got a smell of liquor on Mr. Jones the junior Apothecary, and on examining the liquor in the surgery he found that the spirits is missing by many ounces, the Brandy and the arrack also had been used by the junior Apothecary for his own use very largely and the remaining adulterated with water and given to the patients. This was brought to the notice of the Doctor and Mr. Judge by the dresser in writing, and no notice has been taken of it, beyond giving the man a warning, besides the liquor if the stock were to be taken many things will yet be brought to light.

Some time ago when a poor friend of mine Jacobs by name had a few clothing insufficient he was recommended as unfit for the Lunatic Asylum, when a man because he had a black skin, and had done a wrong, was unfit for the Lunatic Asylum because it belonged ~~it belonged~~ to Government, what about the daring way that things belonging to Government have been taken by the junior Apothecary Mr. Jones for his own use, is it fair that Doctor Park should be so unjust that one man because he had a black skin, for a small fault should be sent away from the service, and the other a thief should only receive a warning. I leave it to your honour to deal with this without any partiality.

Being a friend of Jacobs and being in Madras just now, I make it my duty to write and inform you.

(True Copy.)

[Signature]

Surgeon-Captain,

Madras,

Secretary, Surgeon-General

February 1898.

with the Government of Madras.

dated

5th June

1897.

This is my second letter to you in this work, as I find you have taken no notice of my first, I am writing to you again to bring the following circumstances to your notice.

The dresser in the Govt. Lunatic Asylum got a strong smell of arrack on his: Jones the junior apothecary, and wondering from where he could have got the liquor so early in the morning he went to the Surgery, with a native attendant and the European attendant on duty, and on examining the liquor it was found that Mr. Jones had been taking not only the arrack but also the Brandy and the spirits to the extent of this and also: if the Superintendent had been more careful in taking stock weekly, this thing would never have happened ^{and} Mr. Jones would not have had the chance of making away with so much of the spirits ^{and} other liquors for his own use, not only this, camphor slabs he has been taking for his own use, and when asked he said he had taken them, also an empty jar which was not in the account in the Surgery is missing, Mr. Jones can tell you where it is, for he has been selling a jar to one of the attendants on the premises

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~~have few friends~~, when I say he sold, I mean his wife in the house, but he knows all about it, for he had the jar brought home.

I am a poor native who knows neither reading or writing, but had to get somebody to do it for me, and the reason why I am writing to inform you is, because a poor relation of mine, who was employed in the Asylum was treated very badly by the Superintendent and by you for a very trifling offence, which was not keeping a proper account of clothing, you remember poor Jacobus whom you dismissed for the sake of the wrong account of clothing.

What about poor himis he was put 3 weeks in jail for an offence he never committed. When trifles could be dealt with so severely what about the present instance, the man has deliberately taken Government liquor for his own use and also other Government things & is he to go unpunished. The report of the missing liquor was given to the Superintendent in writing on the 29th May 1897 and instead of reporting the matter to you, he gives the man a warning and tells him to put the liquor he had taken, in the book as used for the patients from time to time, is this fair! is this just! is a thief to go without any kind of punishment. do you think if the matter were reported to Government they would be so quiet over it, as you and the Superintendent are -

Ask the Deputy Superintendent, ask the

the Superintendent himself, and see if what is told to you is true or not, be more just in your dealings, and don't treat a man according to the colour of his skin.

(True Copy)

J. H. Christ

Madras,
18th February '98

Surgeon-Captain,
Dy. Surgeon-General
with the Govt. of Madras.

W. H. D.

COPY of a Minute from the Superintendent,
Sanatki Dispensary, Madras to the Surg. General
with the Govt. of Madras. No. 482.
 dated 19th June 1897.

In compliance with Minute II, I have made a searching enquiry regarding allegations made against Civil Apothecary Jones of which I have detailed statements in this office, but which can be more shortly and concisely summarised as follows:-

1. Strictly concerning the attached letters submitted for report, I have been unable to trace the writers, but from many of the points therein alluded to, I have no doubt that they were written by some member of the Dispensary Staff, or on information derived from one.

Towards the end of May a written Statement was made to me by the Hospital Assistant P. Ramuni Menon that the Brandy and Arrack kept for emergent uses in the dispensary had been comprised by the Civil Apothecary, Mr. Jones and the remainder diluted, that the total quantity was deficient, as also was the quantity of certain spirituous liquors in the dispensary, he also reported that on the same day Mr. Jones had smelt of liquor about him and quoted the European attendant Mr. Harding in the Hospital as a witness. I instituted enquiries

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the following morning (the aforementioned report
having only reached me late the evening before)
with the following result i.e. the Brandy & Arrack
were correct in quantity and as far as I could
tell had not been adulterated, I found that the
book shown there was 1/4 of a rectified
spirit deficient. The explanation given by
Mr. Jones being that this quantity had been
used for evaporating lozenges, that it was therefore
not shown in the prescription book (only
the dispensed lozenges appearing) & that he had
forgotten to make up the stock book to date.
On further cross questioning he admitted that
actually only 3/4 of a had been used for lozenges and
admitted his inability to account for the
remainder. Being satisfied in my own mind
that it was simply a matter of carelessness
on his part, I ordered the deficiency to be
written off, at the same time warning him
of the results of future inaccuracies. The
next important matter was the letter written
by our Native Naidin to the Surgeon-General.

3. I tried my utmost to trace the writer
of this letter and failed, but the subject leaking
out among the Asylum Staff, brought to my
notice that there was much ill feeling between
the nurses & hospital assistant on the one hand
and the Civil Apothecary on the other, and I
determined to investigate the whole matter,
as the matter was seriously interfering with
the welfare and discipline of this Asylum and
find

find out the aggressor. During this enquiry
the verbatim statements of which I hold.
I discovered that the nurses complained of
Mr. Jones unjustly reporting them for
slackness in their duties and in fact laying
false tyrannies on them. These statements were
borne out also by the hospital assistant &
the European attendant in the hospital. Further
evidence came to light from the hospital
Assistant, European attendant, One nurse
and two native attendants that Mr. Jones
was in the habit of diluting the stimulants
ordered for the patients before issuing, that
is to say the stock bottle of Brandy and
Arrack were adulterated. Two native
attendants stating they had actually seen
Mr. Jones adding water to the liquor, and
one of them, native attendant Koroineau
said he has on several occasions added
water himself at Mr. Jones' orders, and been
told to say nothing about it by Mr. Jones. One
nurse Mrs. Locke stated she had received
diluted liquor from Mr. Jones in place of
pure, and the European attendant & hospital
assistant tasted the liquor one day in the
dispensary & were convinced that it had
been diluted. All these aforesaid persons
also stated that Mr. Jones constantly had
a smell of liquor on him, but denied ever
having seen him drunk or incapable of
duty.

Chemical evidence was obtained also from
the Hospital Assistant, the European attendant,
both nurses in the male hospital & two
native attendants that Mr. Jones had for
some time been in the habit of borrowing
money from the nurses & hospital assistant,
and that the present 2nd Grade nurse attrib-
uting the illfeeling of Mr. Jones towards her
to the fact that she had recently been
borrowing from him to repay her the money which
he did a few days ago.

A statement was also made by Native
attendant Mooneasing that some months
ago Mr. Jones had sent on two occasions
to his knowledge food for that had been prepared
by patients (Bread & Butter) by his own
servants to his house, & Native attendant
states further substantiates this by saying
he was an eye witness to this on one occasion
Native attendant Mooneasing also stated
that some time ago he was ordered by Mr. Jones
to wash an empty stone jar, that originally
contained Potassium Bromide & was received
from the Medical Stores; further that this
stone jar was taken by Mr. Jones to his
own house, and was recently sold by him
to European attendant Brady for a few annas.
I have seen the jar & examined Mr. Brady
on the subject, and am of opinion that Mr.
Jones did sell a stone jar to him, but that

it

it was not the property of Jones, but belonged to
him. Native attendant Mooneasing further
stated that he had been several times been
deputed by Mr. Jones to sell small pieces of
jewellery, rings, &c. for him, and that Mr. Jones
had borrowed money from him more than
once. I then questioned Mr. Jones very
minutely on these various allegations that
had been made against him with the following
result.

5. He stated that the sole reason for
the illfeeling between himself and the nurses
was owing to their inefficiency and the
general want of care and cleanliness of the
patients and their surroundings he had
constantly to find fault with them and report
them to me. Further that Mrs. Day has
shown great antipathy to him ever since
the violent death of a female criminal named
believing he thinks that she imagined ^{he} had
been instrumental in getting her released
from 1st Grade to 2nd Grade nurse.

He cannot attribute any reason to
Mr. Ramnny, the hospital assistant's
illfeeling towards him beyond the fact that
he has sometimes found fault with him in
the way he looks after things in the dispensary.
He forgot to enter the issue of rectified
spirit referred to in the stock book, 300g only
was used for evaporating lotion and the
remains

...and he cannot account for
the admission having been made during, from
his own statement of the fact. He is a
hospital assistant but gives no one else
the denial having taken a jar or any other
property out of the hospital, and says the jar
and the attendant for receiving medicines was
of his own which was sold to Dr. Jones
attendant Brady.

He denies ever having adulterated the
brandy or Arrack in the dispensary before
sending it to the surgeons.

6. On perusing the various statements
carefully, I have come to the conclusion that
Mr. Jones has undoubtedly been guilty
of serious charges and that the reflecting
towards him interfering with the
good order and discipline of this Hospital is
well founded. The truth is he has got into
heavy debts and it is only with extreme
difficulty that he is able to support himself,
wife and a large family. The evidence against
him regarding his utilizing alcoholic
stimulants in the hospital and adul-
terating them seems to me clearly
substantiated. Mr. Jones' defence appears
very weak indeed, & he was quite unable
to bring any witnesses to confront the
attacks made against him.

The constant complaints of a
trivial

trivial characters, and I think well supported
and I have little doubt the real reason
was one of retaliation on the surgeons, because
they either would not lend him more money
or else has bothered him for repayment.

The statements regarding him sending
patients food to his own house date back
too far to enable me to trace the matter
further. There has doubtless been a
combined attack against Mr. Jones with
a view to getting rid of him, and every
little bit of evidence against him has
been unearthed. Mr. Jones has been
junior apothecary here since July 1876
and I have had to find no particular
fault with him, he has always done his
duties to my satisfaction and it has been
with great surprise to see that he should
be found guilty of such serious offences
after a service of nearly 17 years.

7. I should consider my duty to
suspend him at once pending further
orders from the Surgeon-General but
the exigencies of the service prevent my
doing so.

8. I strongly urge that whatever
the Surgeon-General's views may be
on this subject, he will transfer Mr.

Jones

James with the least possible delay.

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Madras } Secy, Surgeon-General
18th February '98 } with the Govt. of Madras.

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To.

The Surgeon Captain R. B. Elliot, M.B.
App. Secy to Surgeon General with the Govt. of Madras
Through
Surgeon Captain C. H. Palk M.B.
Superintendent, Govt. Lunatic Asylum, Madras.

The humble petition of Ebenezer
Thomas Jones, Civil Apothecary
Stationed at the Govt. Lunatic
Asylum, now residing at Perambur.

Most Respectfully Sheweth.

1. That your Petitioner is a Civil Apothecary
in the Service of Govt. for a period of about
over 17 years or thereabout and has an
unblemished character all throughout his
long and loyal Service to Government
2. That the station your Petitioner
was placed in after leaving College was the
Govt. Lunatic Asylum, Madras, from 1880
to 1888 during which time he has performed
his duties alone, and without any assistance
whatsoever and to the entire satisfaction
of his superiors who were then Superinten-
dents of the Asylum aforesaid and if
they are called upon would verify
his statement.

3. That your Petitioner after the
Asylum

Asylum, was transferred to the Infirmary
and thence back again to the Asylum
recently for about one year.

4. That the duties of your Petitioner
in his present business for about one year
was very light and conscientious while he
had the Hospital Assistant who is
put in equal position to your Petitioner
and has ingress and egress into the
Asylum Dispensary and entrusted with
the same powers and responsibilities as your
Petitioner when on duty.

5. That your Petitioner and the
Hospital Assistant having each res-
ponsibilities in equal position as each
in the Asylum Dispensary are
equally responsible ~~considering~~ that your
Petitioner and the Hospital Assistant
have the same equal ~~power~~ ^{power} ~~load~~ ^{load} on
duty but ~~that~~ your Petitioner having no
power ~~whatsoever~~ to hear matters to any-
one in the Asylum ~~then~~ carried out his
duties to the satisfaction of the Super-
intendent.

6. That your Petitioner having thus
performed his duties conscientiously the Hosp.
Assistant became ~~displeased~~ ^{displeased} at this and on
one or two occasions said that if your Petitioner
interfered with him your Petitioner would
be sorry for same, as he is, revengeful, your
Petitioner did not heed to such remarks
since your Petitioner was credited and highly

returned

returned by His Excellency Lord Curzon
by your Petitioner's name being gazetted during
the famine at Ganjam of 1889 to 1890 for his
loyal and energetic service to Govt.

7. That your Petitioner now being called
upon to explain 5 charges in reference to
Order No 3216 II dated 29th June 1897 from
the chg. Secy. to the Surgeon General with
the Govt. of Madras.

8. That your Petitioner for the 1st
charge is not responsible for the same since
your Petitioner ~~did~~ ^{did not} that Hospital charges
are equally responsible having the ~~charge~~ ^{charge}
of the Dispensary when on duty on
alternate days, the Hospital Assistant
being an enemy to your Petitioner as afore-
said had by some means or other pur-
chasing the staff managed to hump up
these false and malicious charges against
your Petitioner with an object of carrying
out of ^{the} threats which your Petitioner ~~is~~
~~disposes~~ ^{disposes} of.

9. That your Petitioner on several
occasions found fault with the Hospital
Assistant of his forgetting to inform your
Petitioner who is an immediate Superior
to him when examining stock and ~~issues~~
after your Petitioner discovered discrepancies.

10. That the usual duty of your Petitioner
and the Hospital Assistant when taking
over

Charge from each other prior to your
Petitioner taking duty at the day room.
as a matter of fact how the patients are
and as to their treatment &c.

11. That your Petitioner finding the Hospital
Assistant carrying out his proceedings in reporting
you Petitioner to the Super. made a practice
to take a look whenever your Petitioner takes
charge, and thus he by the aid of the
Hospital Assistant Mooney and his
accomplice and trying them last the 3rd
charge about your Petitioner's charge and
trying for proof that your Petitioner or his
2nd charge begs to submit that he is a
superior and of my education has taken
it and the duty of the nurse to report
same to your Petitioner. In view of the fact
the charge in hand is being done as nothing
has been done.

12. That your Petitioner denies the 3rd
charge and requires proof.

13. Regarding the 4th Charge your Peti-
tioner denies this also claiming money
from monials but your Petitioner had
on mutual transaction borrowed from
one who was considered next in rank
to your Petitioner and one lower viz the
Hospital Assistant prior to his threat
to your Petitioner and Mrs Kay.

14. That your Petitioner begs to state
that the 5th Charge is practiced by one
and

and all and even the Subordinates next
in rank and lower to your Petitioner and
your Petitioner only utilized Mooney when
off duty and did not think any
fault in it as according to practice, but
your unfortunate Petitioner who through
prejudice has been found fault with
and the only one brought to your notice.

15. His Native Assistant Mooney
who is a monial has been twice admitted
and by the influence of the Hospital
Assistant has been speaking the in-
greatest falsehood before the Super.
and could be disproved by your Petitioner
when called upon. In conclusion your
Petitioner begs for proper justice to given
to your Petitioner's case who is a man
burthened with a large family considering
his loyal and energetic service to Govt.
for a lengthy period as aforesaid and
so he thus is harshly dealt with for
which kindness your Petitioner.

Shall ever Pray

Edw E. Jones.

Civil Apothecary

(True copy)

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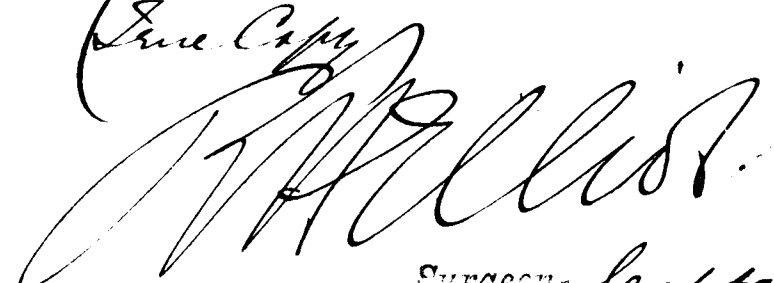
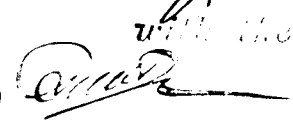
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Captain

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 Copy of a Memorandum from the Supdt. Gmt. Simsbury
Asylum, Madras to the Secy, Surgeon-General
with the Gmt. of Madras. No. 532
 dated 17th July 1897.

The explanation given by Civil Apothecary Jones appears to me a very rambling statement and contradictory in many instances. The Civil Apothecary is in sole charge of the dispensary in this Asylum including as it does drugs, instruments, liquors &c., the various stock books and returns for which are kept up by him. I have already given it as my opinion that he is guilty of the charges preferred against him and see no reason to alter that opinion. The punishment of dismissal from the service is a very severe one, considering his length of good service.

(True Copy)

 Surgeon-Captain,
 Secy, Surgeon-General
 with the Gmt. of Madras:


Madras,
 18th February 98

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 18th February 1898.

No. 176

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

To

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 330, Public, dated the 7th February 1898, I have

- (1) Inspectations received against him the honor to forward
- (2) Superintendent's report thereon. Copies of the record of
- (3) Mr. Jones explanation. enquiry in the case
- (4) Superintendent's remarks thereon. of Mr. Jones.

2. A copy of my Proceedings has already been furnished to you with my letter No 531 of the 18th December 1897.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. Sibthorpe
Surgeon-Major-Genl.
Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of Madras.



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~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

~~THE HONBLE SIR HENRY BLISS K.C.I.E.~~

~~THE HONBLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Civil Apportion P. C. Jones

FOR ORDERS.

Resubmitted with reference
to St. E. the Governor's note
dated 15/3/98

AK 16/3/98
AK 17.3.98.

These regulations to which I am
referred by the Hon. Mr. Bliss
in his note of 15.3.98.

AK 20.3.98

Resubmitted to St. E. the Governor
with reference to the Hon. Sir
Henry Bliss note d. 18/3/98.

AK (below the docket sheet)
21/3/98
AK 22.3.98

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his. The Surp. Genl. will be requested to submit a full report on the preliminary embarrasments of late Civil Appt. Mr. E. T. Joubert.

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The Surp. Genl. (q. r. o. p.)

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