

Public (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 502

Dated 1-4-88

[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Sd.
that no change will be made in
the existing practice in regard
to the appointment of medical
officers to districts with jail charges.

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Memo. No. 307 of 12-12-97
 The S.G. is requested to report
 whether he sees any objection to
 having a rule being laid down requiring
 him to consult the S. G. of Prison, before
 he proposes the appointment of a medical officer
 to a post which carries with it the
 medical charge of a jail.

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To. The S.G.

Mr. Pleas see the notes at C in
 J.O. R. No 1347 Int. 7/14.12.97

Cmb.

Public (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

CHIEF SECRETARY
10 FEB 1998
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From

Singapore Major-General L. V. S. S. S.

with the Court

Surgeon-General with the
Expédition to A. P. de Madrid.

Orders

Please see the note at C in my report under No. 142.

C. R. No. 1347 of 14-2-97. In view of the fact that the Government of India has not yet decided to grant the status of a

objections advanced by the Sg. - Dated 19th February 1898.

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respect of Police hospitals are

similar to those of the Iy. of Prisons. SUBJECT.

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suggested in the concluding part

the Note might be effected viz. - using a Medical Officer to aff

that the Sg. may be required to Surging with it the Medica

consult the H. of Prisons whenever charge of a jail, is not only

any medical officer is appointed objectionable but also unworthy.

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CURRENT No 502

No. 142

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, the 9th February 1898.

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,

With reference to your memorandum No.307, Public dated the 4th February 1898, I have the honor to state that the proposed rule will not only be objectionable but also unworkable as explained below.

2. The Medical charge of a District Jail having a few hundred prisoners forms only a small portion of the duties and responsibilities of a District Medical and Sanitary Officer and the Inspector General of Prisons can possibly have no position to judge of the qualifications of an officer to fill the important appointment of a District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

3. It does not appear what good purpose can possibly be served by his being allowed a voice in a matter which from want of opportunities he is not competent to deal with. I am sure the Government will agree with me that the Head of the Medical Department is the best Judge of the professional and other qualifications of officers employed directly under his orders and supervision any outside interference is likely to introduce unnecessary complications to the prejudice of smooth, expeditious and efficient administration of the Department.

4. I may further point out that a Collector of a District and the Sanitary Commissioner have more to do with a District Medical and Sanitary Officer than the Inspector General of Prisons and that the Inspector General of Police has also similar interests in respect of Police Hospitals.

is concerned it will only be fair that the same principle should be observed in their case, so that it will be necessary to consult four different officers before making a recommendation to Government for filling a District Medical and Sanitary Officers appointment carrying with it the Medical charge of a Jail and a Police Hospital an arrangement which carries impossibility in its face.

5. Under the above circumstances I sincerely trust that the present procedure which has worked so well and smoothly for years past will not be replaced with one fraught with delay, friction and other complications.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. S. Srinivasan

Surgeon-Major-General,

Surgeon-General with the Government
of Madras.

[Signature]

Public (189,8) Department.

CURRENT No.



From

Surgeon-Major-General
C. S. Srinivasan, F.R.C.S.

CS.

For Orders

The S.G. seems to be uncompromising and is strongly opposed even to the amended proposal viz. that he should consult the Dy. of Prisons whenever any M.O. is appd for the first time to a post carrying with it the medical charge of a Jail. Mr Cardew, on the other hand, is equally strong as to the necessity of his being consulted in all cases - please see his letter recorded in G.O. No. 1617, Judicial, d/ 19.11.97 - and takes exception to the "most anomalous and unsatisfactory arrangement" whereby D.M.S.O's are appd to districts with Jail charges without previous reference being made to him.

Dated

the 2nd March 98.

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SUBJECT.

Informing that the amended proposal viz. that the Surgeon should consult the Dy. of Prisons whenever any medl. officer is appointed for the first time to a post carrying with it the medical charge of a jail is open to the same original objection.

P.T.O.

is considered it will only be fair

should be said on both sides of the question and has no doubt been said both by the S.G. and the D.G. and it is for consideration whether in the present undermanned condition of the Civil Medical Dept owing to the extraordinary demands made upon it on account of frontier wars and the plague, the present is not an inopportune time for laying down a rule of this kind. The D.G. is sure to object in cases where Assistant Surgeons or ~~or~~ Apothecaries acting as such are posted to districts with important Jail charges and where the S.G. will simply find it impossible to arrange otherwise.

Orders are requested.

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 21 March 1898.

No. 207

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to your memorandum No 511, Public, dated the 24th February 1898, I have the honor to state that the amended proposal viz., that I should consult the Inspector General of Prisons whenever any medical officer is appointed for the first time to a post carrying with it the medical charge of a jail is open to the same if not to greater objections than the original proposal.

2. The Inspector-General can absolutely know nothing about a medical officer's qualifications and aptitude for jail work before the officer has worked under him, and thus no object can be gained by consultation with the Inspector-General as he cannot, under the circumstances be in a position to form a trustworthy opinion.

3. The rules and procedure

obtaining the services of commissioned medical officers from the military G.O. No. 699 milly: d/ ¹⁵ December 94. Department for Civil Para 276, India Army: Regulations Vol. II employ are laid down G.O. No. 1 Pub: dated 2nd Jan'y 95. in the orders quoted in the margin - and such officers as are given by the military department have to be utilized in filling temporary civil appointments. They are made permanent as vacancies occur according to seniority - vide G.O. marginally cited, G.O. No. 333, Pub: d/10 March 96 so that there is not much G.O. No. 1217, Pub: d/16 Novr: 96. discretion left for selection when a first appointment is made either with or without fail & duties. In fact in such cases I can in many cases form no definite opinion of an officer's merit until after he has served under me and it is practically impossible for the Inspector-General of Prisons to form any reliable opinion on the question. I must therefore strongly deprecate any alteration in the present procedure which has worked so well for years.

C. F. Thompson.
Major-Genl.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

The Hon. Sir H. Bliss.
H.E. the Governor

C. Nos. 562 + 562 of '98

SUBJECT.

Medical Appointments.

[Signature]

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes at in G.O. No. 1347 Pub. d/14.12.97. In connection with the appointment of Assistant Surgeon Thammam Singh to act as District Medical and Sanitary Officer and Supt. of Dt. Jail, Madurai, the general question was raised as to whether the Surgeon-General should not consult the Inspector-General of Prisons before he proposed the appointment of medical officers to districts with Jail charges, and the Surgeon-General was accordingly asked if he saw any objection to a rule being laid down requiring him to consult the Dy. of Prisons before proposing the appt. of a medical officer to a post which carries with it the medical charge of a Jail.

He replied in CNo. 562 that the proposed rule was not only objectionable but also unworkable and explained that the Dy. of Prisons could not possibly judge of the qualifications of an officer to fill the appt. of D.M.S.O.; that as the Sdy. as Head of the Medical Dept. was the best judge of the professional and other (sic) qualifications of officers employed directly under him any outside influence would introduce unnecessary complications; that as the Collector of a district and the San't Commr. had more to do with a D.M.S.O. than the Dy. of Prisons, and the Dy. of Prisons Police had also similar interests in respect of Police Hospitals, they should also be consulted, - which meant that four different officers would have to be consulted before any recommendation was submd. to Govt. for filling a D.M.S.O.'s appt. carrying with it the medical charge of a Jail and ^a Police Hospital.

The Surgeon Genl. was then asked if he saw any ^{objection to a} rule being laid down, in modification of that

above referred to, regarding the Dy. of Prisons, whenever any medical officer is appointed for the first time to a post which carries with it the medical charge of a Jail. In CNo. 182 the Sdy. objects even to this simple proposal which the Sdy. is open to greater objections than that of the Sdy. He stated that the Sdy. was wrong absolutely in nothing about an intended officer's qualifications and aptitude for such work before he had worked under him, that the Sdy. himself was so choiced in the matter of the selection of medical officers, who are given by the Sdy. Dept. for a civil hospital and who have to be worked in permanent posts. He also stated that the Sdy. himself is not in a position to form an opinion about such officer's qualifications; much less the Dy. of Prisons. The

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No change will be made
in the existing practice

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But we are not so much
considering the existing
situation as the proper
procedure for the future

This is so - In the case of a first app^t the personal qualifications of the nominee are unknown to everyone. After a first app^t, the S^y. of Prisons has a good means of making his views known to H.C., of which I am sure H.C. takes him fully to avail himself. I should say that matters might be left as they are, but the feeling concerning H.C. was more than one & it is really for him to decide.

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