

Public (1899) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1217

Dated 26-10-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing Mr. W. M. Thorburn I.C.S. D.C. Judge,
Dumool, that Govt. thinks it unnecessary to inter-
fere ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ the transfer of Dr. Power, as D.C. Medical
and Sanitary officer, Dumool, to Jalarpel, as he
has been already relieved and is being succeeded
by an officer well reported on.

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CURRENT No.

Telegram

From *W. M. Thorburn Esq*
Gurnool

Order

No.

Dated *4 Octr 99*

Received

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SUBJECT

*Stating that the Residents
of Gurnool pray that the
transfer of Surgeon Power
may be cancelled*

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Words. Day. Hour. Minute. Official Instructions.

To (Person) From (Person)

SECRETARY
1 OCT. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Handwritten text in the main body of the telegram, including the word "dispendable" and "unfamiliar".

Recd. from LN. Sent to LN. At Hrs. Mts. by

32 Word Form.

F.C.I.

Public (189 7) Department.

CURRENT No.

Telegram

From

*Mr. E. MacKenzie
Gurnool*

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No.

Order

Dated *14. Decr 99*

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SUBJECT.

*Stating that the Directors
of Gurnool respectfully request
that Dr. Jones may not
be transferred.*

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To
(Office)

Ootacamund

From
(Office)

Kurnool

Words.
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Day.
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12

Minute.
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Official
Instructions.

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To
(Person)

G Stokes and
Co. Chief Secy to
Govt.

From
(Person)

K Mackenzie

Residents Kurnool respectfully
request that power not
be transferred.

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At

Hrs.

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Telegraph Master

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Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

Telegram

From

*Mr. Charles
Gunn*

Superintendent

No.

Order

Dated *4. Oct. 99*

Received

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SUBJECT.

*Stating that all claims pay
that Dr. Power's transfer from
Gunn may be cancelled.*

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To (Office)

Ootacamund

From (Office)

Kurnool

Words.

Day.

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Official Instructions.

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To (Person)

By Stokes Esq.
Chief Secretary to Govt.

From (Person)

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DEPARTMENT OF NAGAS

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By

OOTACAMUND

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Telegraph Master.

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CURRENT No.

Telegram

From

*Mr. Johnston
Hinnool.*

Order

No.

Dated *Oct 12 99*

Received

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SUBJECT.

*Stating that the Presidents
of Hinnool request that
Dr. Power may not be
there.*

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To (Office)

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From (Office)

Madras.

Words.

Day.

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Minute.

Official Instructions.

To (Person)

Chief Secy. to Govt.

From (Person)

SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
5 OCT. 1899

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Resident's Request. doctor. to be transferred.

OOTACAMUND 4-10-99

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Hrs.

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CURRENT No.

H.S. the Justice
(Through the Pr. Secy.)

Telegram

From W. M. Thorburn Esq
Harrow

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W. M. Thorburn

No.

Dated 10. Oct 99

Received

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SUBJECT.

Praying on behalf of the European
residents that Lord Power may be
allowed to remain pending
investigation of suspicion that
his transfer is the result of intrigues
of local officials.

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From
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Official Instructions.

From
(Person)

To
(Person)

Chief Secretary
To Govt of Madras

From
(Person)

Chief Secretary
Govt of Madras

10 OCT 1900

On Behalf European residents
pray utter Surgeons Power
remain pending investigation of
Suspicion that transfer result
of Intrigues local officials
letter follows.

* Power

Local time

LN.

Sent to

LN.

At

hrs.

At

hrs.

Mts.

Telegraph Master.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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In order

These currents are
Telegrams from four Offices
at Kurnool stating that
the residents of that station
beg that Dr. Power's transfer
may be cancelled.

2. Dr H. H. Power is a temporary doctor, at present acting as Dist. Med. & Sanitary Officer Kurnool. Official proposals for his transfer have not yet been received from the Surge General, but D.O. correspondence has been completed.

The Private Secy. The S. & T
office might be omitted.

C.S.

The paper may be submitted
W.H. to Gov. for perusal?

W.H.
14/11

W.H. to Gov.
for perusal

W.H.

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Official
Instructions.

To
(Person)

From
(Person)

H. A. Sim Esq.
Private Secy. to
His Excellency the
Governor

Mahomed
Khan

Be so good as to
forward under transfer
order. Jallahut may be
retained Kurnool. He is
well liked and respected by
general public.

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Wrs. by

At

Hrs.

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Telegraph Message

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No. 11-75.



Portsmouth

6th October/99

My dear Sir,

I return the telegram.

Dr. Power has been moved
solely in the interests of the service
and a good man is being sent
in his place.

Yours sincerely

C. S. Morp.



11. 10.99

No 257

My dear Mr. Lee,
As Mr. Power was ex-
cused of his duties at Kins-
wood on the 7th it may not
be necessary to consider the
proposals contained in your
note of the 9th. Had I been
in a position to advise earlier
I should have recommended
that the wishes of the Kinwood
people should not be complied
with. Such requests or rather
compliances here with tends to
embarrass administration
Respectfully,
Prosecuting Attorney

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Obacamund. 16th Oct. 1888

My dear Stokes,
His Excellency returns
the accompanying files, with the
draft minute of appt. duly signed.
He has been in correspondence
with Mr. J. Sinclair on the subject
of having learnt from Mr. J. Sinclair that Dr.
Power has already given charge.
He does not think it wise to
press the matter, of his intention
in Kurnool, but he wishes me
to ask you to telegraph to the Kurnool
people to say that he has been in Cor.
respondence with the Ins. Genl on the
subject of their request; but that, finding
that Dr. Power has already been relieved
of charge of the district, & that he is
being succeeded by an Officer who is
well reported on, he thinks it unne-
cessary to interfere in the matter.
I return you the files, & also
D.O.'s from Mr. J. Sinclair on the
subject.
Yours truly,
H. P. H. H.

Public (1899) Department.

CURRENT No.

From W. M. Shorburn Esq.
Ginnel

Order

No.

Dated 12. Oct. 99

Received 16 " "

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SUBJECT.

Stating certain reasons in
support of the protest of the Collector
and the European Residents of Ginnel
against the transfer of Surgeon
General from Ginnel.

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Kurnool
12th Oct 1899.

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras

Sir

With reference to my telegram of the 10th, I have the honour to state the following reasons in support of the respectful protests of the Collector and the European residents of Kurnool, against the transfer to Jalaspet of the first European Surgeon whom we have had for five years, and the appointment of a Provincial Assistant Surgeon to a post which the permanent incumbent must soon vacate.

1. This is the headquarters of a large District, with a full staff of civil officers entitled to medical attendance of the kind to which they have been accustomed, or at least of a kind in which they can feel some confidence. It is thirty three miles from the nearest Rail-way station, and the only means of rapid communication without long previous notice are dirty springless jathas, which cause so much jarring discomfort (not to mention the danger from frequent accidents), that they cannot be used by any person who is at all sick or even delicate. The journey is notoriously so repellent, that inspecting officers avoid Kurnool as much as they can. It was in reality for this reason only, that the District Jail was merged in that of Bellary; to the grievous hardship of unconvicted or innocent prisoners wishing to make appeal or get out on bail: while the unwholesome jail of Buddapah was allowed to continue its deadly work, being on a line of rail, and consequently easy to inspect. If it had been abolished instead of Kurnool, the saving to Government would

be a considerable one in the necessary services of Government.

have been probably greater, and the hardship to prisoners certainly very much smaller.

2. The difficulty of access and egress gives us a just claim to one of the best men of the I.M.S. Kurnool was a first-class station twenty years ago, and in common fairness that grading ought to have been continued. But for the last ten or twelve years the medical authorities have treated us with persistent cruelty and injustice. For nearly half of the time there has been no regular surgeon, and the administrative duties have been performed by Assistant Surgeons or even Apothecaries. The only officer of the I.M.S. whom we have had for more than a few months, was half-paralysed and incapable of discharging the simplest surgical function. He might well enough have been medical storekeeper or something of the sort at Madras. But he was personally obnoxious to the late Surgeon-General, who told him openly at Kurnool, that he intended to make the Station a penal settlement for the medical men under his control. For a few months in 1894. ~~he~~ had the services of a clever young surgeon, and during that time he had to perform a very delicate and dangerous operation on a lady, who would certainly have died, if the necessity for it had occurred before or after his short stay at Kurnool. Four or five years ago a D.P.O. Supervisor broke his leg very badly, and for want of a proper surgeon had to get it set by a medical subordinate. His recovery was very slow painful and after all only partial. He will have to limp till the day of his death, when he might be walking like other men, if Kurnool had got its fair share of the Indian Medical Service.

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the Surgeon-General, to provide a single-handed station with the sort
of officer, who will be most widely acceptable to all who must be
his patients. The European Surgeon is acceptable to all classes
castes and races. But the average Native or East Indian Surgeon is
acceptable only to his own sort; and the best medical subordinate is
not acceptable to anybody who has had experience of anything better.
It is simply monstrous that British officers and their families should
be dependent in the gravest cases of sudden illness on the products
of the Madras Medical College. Such a prospect will deter me (for
one) from ever having my wife and child to live with me at Karwood.
Even if there is time to get a medical adviser from Madras, and one
can be found who is willing and able to come, it is iniquitous that
any servant of Government should be put to enormous expense,
to supplement the deficiencies of the Civil Medical Staff of the District.
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worked a wonderful change in the slovenly Municipal Hospital,
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precautions. But, the morning after he had handed over charge, six
patients, who had been brought in for serious surgery, were promptly
taken away by their despairing relatives. His all-round thoroughness
has of course made enemies in this District, where all kinds of subor-
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sufficient screen, for negligent or worse than negligent Apothecaries and Hospital Assistants, in charge of outlying Hospitals and Dispensaries. But it did not satisfy the complete Kurnool Judge. He had developed a pleasant habit of drafting the report of the officer who was supposed to have inspected him. And he was very much surprised and hurt, when Surgeon Power said that he would write his own reports. The out-of-the-way Dresser however is not the only person who objects to any enforcement of efficiency. The Sanitary Inspector of the Municipality was lately suspended for sufficient reasons. But he was immediately provided with another post on better pay by the sympathising ornamental Chairman, who squanders our money in improving the amenity and accessibility of his own property, and in paying a Secretary to do his work for him: work that used to be done, and could still be done, for nothing, in the leisure-hours of one of our four Deputy-collectors.

5. Surgeon Power has recently made enemies of some of the Collector's immediate subordinates, by recanting and exposing their assumption of the collector's authority. On August 28th he sent to the Kachari a report of what he had done in a case of suspected plague. Next morning he got "Proceedings of the collector" criticising his action. The collector could never have seen them. For he was at Banaganpalli!! They were signed by the Probationary Deputy collector, who certainly did not write them. Nor did the Treasury Deputy. The necessary inference is that they were written by the Shrivastava, or some one else who had not a shadow of excuse for his presumption. In the following month the Surgeon received the Proceedings, diametrically opposed to what the collector has verbally told him a few days before. These mysteries have not yet been cleared up.

But it is well known here that somebody in the Collector's office is a friend of the Manager of the Surgeon-General's office at Madras, and that communications have been passing between the latter and the Collector's office at Kurnool. On Tuesday, 3rd Oct, Surgeon Power received an order of transfer by letter from the Surgeon-General's Secretary at Madras. On Wednesday we sent several telegrams to Government asking for cancellation of the transfer. On Thursday the Surgeon-General's Secretary sent a telegram to Surgeon Power, to proceed forthwith, handing over charge to his Assistant. There was nothing new at Jalaspet to account for this sudden acceleration of movements; and then were ^{no} Surgeons available at Madras. Consequently everybody here believes that it was the result of information sent from Kurnool to Madras, with a view to getting Surgeon Power out of the station before Government should pass orders on our telegrams.

6. In conclusion we pray that Government will overrule the lofty indifference of the Surgeon-General's office to the safety of our lives and limbs, and order that Surgeon Power remain with us (or return to us), till an officer of the M.S. with similar qualifications may have taken the place of ~~the~~ Major Patch in fact as well as on paper. If experiments must be made in the elevation of medical subordinates, let them be tried in places where the patients of the newly promoted will have something more than Hobson's choice.

P.S. Kindly return enclosed
post-card, entering date and
hour of receipt. W.M.T. / Done
17.10.95

I have the honour to be Sir
Your most obedient servant
W. W. Thoburn
(for myself and others)

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Mr. Thurman
attaches a post card
to his letter, & requests
that the date & hour
of receipt of the letter
may be entered on
the post card.

Orders are re-
quested as directed
this may be done -
The letter was
received in office
today. It apparently
came by last evening's
post.

C₂.
16.10.97

Wm. Lister & Wilson
H. Wood

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

with reference
to the papers in the aq.
two files, a draft telegram
to the Moslem is submitted
below.

2. After despatch of
the telegram, it is proposed
to circulate the printed
alone to Hon. Members,
keeping back all the
other papers.

Cu
10.10.28.

Yes
JH
20.10.28

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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For order

Mr. Thornburn's Telegram
of the 10th inst. to which he
refers, has been sent to
the Pr. Secy. to H. H. the Gov.,
together with four other
Telegrams from officers
at Kurnool, begging that
Dr. Power may not be
transferred from that
Station - Orders are wanted
as to whether any action
is necessary on the present
letter -

2. Dr Power, a tempo
plegue doctor, in action
Dist. head of San'y Officer

[illegible]

from Kinnaird to V. L. L. only
 Johnston was proposed by
 the Surgeon General in the
 ordinary course - The minute
 is still with H. G. L. L. L.
 also as yet has returned
 for issue. Dr. Power has
 however apparently left
 Kinnaird under the Surgeon
 General's orders.

Ce 16.10.99 H. G. L. L. L. L. L.

[Signature]

There is no action needed, the fact is from
 Kinnaird came to date for any alterations
 in the arrangements being made.

Dist 20.

[Signature]

C. Please see the telegram
 in the linked file. It
 is submitted that no
 action are required in the
 present circumstances.

[Handwritten note]
 No action needed.
[Signature]

no. 1217 2/26.10.99

The following telegram
 will be despatched

[Signature]

Public Dept

Telegram (defunct)

to W. M. Morburn Esq

Sir. J. D. V.

Kinnaird

(674) Sir. L. L. L. L. L.
 has consulted Surgeon General
 regarding Dr. Power's
 retention but finding
 latter has been relieved
 and is being succeeded
 by an officer well reported
 on thinks it unnecessary
 to interfere. Please inform
 other officials who have
 telegraphed to Govt. on
 same subject.

Ce 20.10.99
[Signature]
 20.10.99

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
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