

Public (1897) Department.

ORDINARY M.S.

G.O., No. 442

Dated 19-4-88

INDEXED.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Noting, with remarks, that it is not necessary to notify in the F. S. Gazette the dismissal of Mr. E. Bonner, late Head Steward, Jail Hospital, Madras.

T
18/8

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

*Cue 1578722 (Mr. Bonner's)
approved*

Public (1899) Department.

CURRENT No.

Order

From
Surgeon General L. S. L. Thorpe
C.B., F.R.C.P.D.,
Surgeon General with the Govt. of
Madras.

MENT OF MADRAS No. 196
Dated 27th February 1899
Received 28. 2. 99
Registered 1. 3. 99
Enclosures 2

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

(Requesting Government to take
necessary action to notify in the
Gazette the dismissal of
Mr. Bonner.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No	Department.	Date.
	206	Pulse	7-2-97
	320	-	13-3-97
	328	Ind	25-2-97
	552	Pulse	5-4-97
	540-61	-	31-4-97

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Copy of the Charge Sheet drawn up by the Senior Medical Officer.

On the 5th April 1898 the Senior Medical Officer suspended Mr Bonner, Head Steward, General Hospital on the following charges.

(a) Neglect of repeated verbal orders of the Senior Medical Officer to keep the Civil Bill Book up to date

(b) Neglect of duty in failing to bring up the following arrears of work detailed in written memo N^o 78 of 8-12-97.

(1) Received Register of letters is not filled in from the beginning of the year.

(2) Bills for sale of grass not rendered monthly.

(3) Bills for Hospital collection not submitted daily for Senior Medical Officer's signature

(C). Neglect of duty in not submitting a full written report on the loss of the following books though ordered to do so in written memo of 27-1-98.

(1) Permanent acquittance Roll

(2) Temporary acquittance Roll

(3) Letter Book

(4) Bill Book

(5) Diet Synopsis Book

(d) Neglect of duty in failing to obey the order of the Surgeon General (as conveyed in Senior Medical Officer's memo of 8-3-98) to submit an explanation of his having failed to complete the Civil Bill Book by the end of February

(e) Neglect of duty in not entering in the Civil Bill Book the names of several patients from whom recoveries should have been made and thus causing a loss to Government.

(f) Omissions to bring to credit in the cash book the sum of Rs. 29 received from Mr. Hobday of the Educational Department on 30-7-97 on account of Hospital Stoppages from 8th June 1897 to 7th July 1897 - also failure to charge Mr. Hobday for the full time he was in Hospital viz up to 17th July.

(g) A sum of Rs 5 refunded by Mr Bonner to Mr Hobday of the Educational Department in the middle of August 1897, being excess amount charged for Hospital Stoppages not entered in the Cash Book.

The original payment is also not entered.

(h) Nine bills of 25-10-97 and 17 bills of 12-2-98 on account of Hospital Stoppages and signed by the Senior Medical Officer had not evidently been posted or delivered by hand.

(i) Three sums of Rs 24, Rs. 6, and Rs. 4, received by Mr Bonner on account of Hospital Stoppages not brought to credit in the cash books.

2. Mr. Bonner's defence with the Senior Medical Officer's remarks are embodied in Appendix A.

3. The audit of the accounts from April 1896 to March 1898 having been completed in June 1898, the Chief Superintendent (Accountant General's Secy) reports as follows:-

In

"In conclusion I would observe that the irregularities brought to notice have resulted from gross carelessness on the part of the Head Steward who maintained the accounts of the Hospital as a whole and those relating to Hospital Stoppages in particular in a very unsatisfactory manner."

Senior Medical Officer's final remarks.

The charges which have been preferred against Mr Bonner are of a very serious nature. For the past year Mr Bonner performed his duties in a most unsatisfactory manner, laziness and carelessness being the leading features in his work and neither reprimand nor advice has had the least effect in modifying his conduct. He is absolutely unfitted for the post of Head Steward.

Prof. W. R. Browne M.D.,

Senior Medical Officer,
General Hospital.

(True copy)

Secy.

Cy

Horrocks
Capt. & Secy.

Charges Mr. Bonner's defence. Remarks by the Senior Medical Officer

This book was up to date & lot so. A very large number of accounts except the sending out of have not been entered - vide comment March's bills on Charge E.

(1) I brought to your notice The Senior Medical Officer has repeatedly repeatedly that the copyists told the Head Steward that it was (no one else being available his business to see the entries made for this work) time was and not necessarily by the copyist. fully occupied but as time The Head Steward is aware or ought permitted the Receipt - to be that the current register was register would be filled in not up to date April 5th. (Current register was up to date)

(2) These bills by an oversight An "oversight" is not an explanation had not been submitted. for deliberate disregard of orders. & so bills have been sent out for nine months despite reiterated orders to the Steward.

(3) The work of the Steward The work does permit and in fact does not permit of this it is necessary that daily entries be being done made.

(4) These were submitted Explanation false and misleading. The but lay for about 6 weeks Head Steward had these papers for on the Senior Medical - many weeks and did nothing to their officers table before they The Senior Medical Officer insisted on were given to the 1st Assistant their being brought to him in their Steward as is well known in untouched state and they were

Charges. Mr. Bonner's defence.

Remarks by the Senior Medical Officer handed to the 2nd Steward by the Senior Medical Officer as he found it impossible to get the Head Steward to do the work.

Regarding loss of books, these were reported to the Senior Medical Officer as they occurred. Vide memo report Book in the Steward's office and the report called for. action taken thereon was suspension for about a fortnight of one Steward and the dismissal of another. Their explanations were enclosed.

February's bills had been submitted and hence no reason to report further.

At the Surgeon-General's inspection on February 11th the Senior Medical Officer reported that for months past the Head Steward was allowing his work to fall into arrears and the Civil Bill Book was instanced in particular. The Surgeon-General directed that should he not have completed the book by the end of February the Steward should submit an explanation thereof. Accordingly as I found on the 8th March that the book was not completed he was ordered

Charges Mr. Bonner's defence. Remarks by the Senior Medical Officer.

ordered to submit the explanation. He gives as the reason for his failure to carry out the orders that the bills for February "had been submitted". Some bills had but many had not, moreover the completion of the book referred not only to February's bills but to the numerous omissions prior to that month.

I am unable to say why the Steward's explanation is childish, the long list referred to. The reason is carelessness in taking was not entered in the the names from the admission Book. Civil Bill Book beyond The Senior Medical Officer discovered that, though very often these omissions in a rapid comparison between the entries in the have told the Steward admission Book and those in the that they were unemployed Civil Bill Book. It has since become and hence no reason necessary to go over the Civil Bill Book for entering in the bill from April of last year and bills have book. I beg to state had to be made out for the following that if any losses have numbers of entries that Mr. Bonner recalled through non-entry omitted to make

As I shall be too willing April 97—31 patients = 75-13-6
to make such losses May 97—14 patients = 45-12-
good.

June 97—15 patients = 36-10-

and there is no doubt that similar omissions

Charges Mr. Bonner's defence. Remarks by the Senior Medical Officer.

omissions will be found for the rest of the year.

The item of £29 not appearing in the cash book is doubtless due to the fact that owing to the multiplicity of works and the various calls I had to attend to, it was omitted to be entered therein by an oversight on my part. The omission it will be noted does not in any way alter the cash to him of 27th April when he in the strong room (for Rs 54. had put the Rs 54-12. in this and annas 12 which could not be accounted for by me he had ascertained that the amount will be found on top of the Almiraah containing the leggers Rs 54-12. but up to date (Novr.) and if it is contemplated that I have not received any answer to such omission was done on my queries.

purpose from ulterior motives then I submit that I should not have placed the counterfoil receipt for Rs 29 for the Auditor's check. Then with regard to your enquiry regarding

Charges Mr. Bonner's defence. Remarks by the Senior Medical Officer.

Mr. Hobday's fee I am unable at this distance of time to readily answer this. It appears to me however, that the wrong date has been entered in the bill book viz 7th for 17th which as you know often will occur in the hurry of business.

No defence submitted. Consequently no remarks.

Sgt. H. R. Browne, M.D.,
Senior Medical Officer,
General Hospital.

True copy
Secy
Honourary
Capt. Lells.

No. 196

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL
 WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
 Madras, the 27th February 1899.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL J. 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 Public Department Memo-
 -randum No. 132 dated 19th January 1899 and your telephonic
 message of the 6th February 1899, I have the honor to
 state that the Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital,
 reports that he has requested the Superintendent, Government
 Press, to cancel the Notification about Mr. Bonner's dis-
 -missal.

2. I now enclose for the information of Govern-
 -ment a copy of the charge sheet drawn up by the Senior
 Medical Officer giving the full particulars of the case
 from which it will be seen that Mr. Bonner has proved
 himself unfit for employment in Government service and I,
 therefore, request that Government will be pleased to take
 necessary action in the matter with a view to his dismissal
 being notified.

3. I may, however, beg to point out that from
 G.O. No. 552, Public, dated 5th July 1895 it does not
 appear that the notification of dismissal in the case of
 Departmental subordinates rests exclusively with Government
 and that Heads of Departments who are competent to dis-
 -miss such subordinates are not competent to notify such
 dismissals. That Heads of Departments other than myself
 have read the G.O. quoted above in the same light as I

an officer from dept.
to prohibit the employ-
ment of any person by
officers of other depts of
the public service.

2. The Surgeon General

thereupon reported that
he had directed the
senior medical officer to
withdraw his notification
to publish a notice
merely notifying the dis-

missal of Mr. Bonner,
but it was again published
and that no notification
on the subject should
be issued except by

Govt.; that the S. M. O.
should merely cancel
his previous notice, &
that if a notification was
considered necessary, the
circumstances of Mr.

Bonner's dismissal should
be reported in view to
Govt. taking action.

4. In the current report
read, the Surgeon General
forwards a copy of the

+ This was done - vide
Gazette sheet at

change sheet drawn up
by the S. M. O., & of Mr.
Bonner's dismissal, & he
asked Govt. to notify the
fact that Mr. Bonner
dismissed, intimating
the papers show that
Mr. Bonner has made
himself unfit for
employment in the
Govt. service.
5. In view of the
Govt. of India letter printed
with G. O. No. 552 Punjab
dated 5.7.85, it is
laid down that the
dismissal of a public
servant should be
notified in the
Gazette (1) only (1) when
it is necessary to do so
because his app't. was
previously gazetted & (2)
(2) when it is specially
desired to exclude from
re-employment in the
service of Govt. a public
servant who has been

dismissed from a position
of honor; such is the
the falsification of accounts.
The charge against
Bourne relate to the
discovery of his dishonest
accounts, & for this fact
it was within the dis-
cretion of the court to
order to discontinue his
services, but there
is apparently no suggestion
of fraud, such as fraud
or falsification of
accounts, charged against him.
The papers printed with
Ex. 270 Public Debt
L. 3. 99 contain a full
disclosure of Mr. Bourne's
doings in respect to
his accounts & books,
but even there nothing
more than gross care-
lessness is imputed to
him, & the Act. Genl
in para 6 of his letter
of 25.6.98 (printed at

page 16 of the Ex.) expresses
the opinion that it would
hardly have been worth
the while of a man who
had given a security of
Rs 5000 to misappropriate
public funds. I admit that
the fact that he was
disappointed in the matter
was not a sufficient reason
for his removal by the Govt.
The confusion in the
of the Govt. the fact was
due not only to his
mistake on the part of
Mr. Bourne & to insuffi-
cient supervision over
his work, but also to
the fact that he was
cashier, accountant &
steward all in one.
7. It is calculated that
Mr. Bourne has been
sufficiently punished by
dismissal, & that it is
not necessary to post
him in the Gazette
the Government

I quite agree.
AK
7.3.99
4/2/99

is still not clear, but
the dismissal of
Messrs. Mendenhall & others
disregards the order of
which it is desired to
depose them from all
employment, and that
that other order of the
same date, and in the
same light as himself
has given a interpretation
at page 75 of the 3rd V.
George Gazette, Part II, of
26-1-97, in which the
Chief of Messrs. P.W. Dept.
published the dismissal
of Mr. S. A. French, a
Sole Agent. Mr. French's
case is however not
analogous. He was
dismissed by an order
of Govt., & his dismissal
was notified in Part II
of the Gazette by the Chief
Messrs., under a depart-
mental rule, by which
all events in the service
of upper subordinates

Better make this
clear to Mr. S. F.

Mr 73.3.99

2nd 11/3/99

of the P.W. D., such as their
appointments, postings, leave,
retirements or dismissals
are gazetted by the Chief
Messrs. - Mr. French's case
falls under case (1) in
para 4 of the 4th of 8. letter
printed in No. 552 Public
docket 5.7.95, while para
5 of the same letter
makes it clear that
Govt. should notify
dismissals in cases
in which re-employment
is barred

Ce
2.3.99

10/3/99

11/3/99

Public Current US
64999

To stand over
until a reply is
received to the
reference on Public
C. no 762 of 99 -

OK
17-3-57

The G. C. Co
now removed

Ch
17-60-391

$\left[\frac{G.}{24} \right]$
1,000-17,2-99

1,000-17,2-99

C. No. 649 From the Surgeon General, No. 796, dated 27-2-1897

189	189
189	189
189	189
189	189

Order no. 44207 19.4.99.
ami

The Govt. observes
that the charges brought
against Mr. Bowler, and
that ~~Mr. Bowler~~ General
relate to conduct in
neglect of duty in keeping
his books & accounts, &
that for these faults he
has been sufficiently
punished by dismissal.
The Govt. considers that
the case does not fall
under clause (2) of
the Govt. of India Rules
printed with G.O. no.
552 Public dated 3
July 1895, and that
it is not necessary to write

dismissed in the Fort
St. George Gazette.

2. With reference to
para 3 of his letter, the
attention of the Surgeon Genl
is drawn to para 5 of the
Govt. of India Resolution above
quoted, from which it is
clear that Govt. alone should
notify the dismissal of
public servants when it
is decided to exclude them
from re-employment in
the service of Govt. The
case of Mr. French, a Sub
Insp. in the P.W. Dept.,
quoted by the Surgeon General,
falls under clause (1) para
4 of the Govt. of India Resoln.,
i.e. his dismissal was
forfeited by the Chief Engr
P.W. Dept. because his
appointment was previously
forfeited by the same
officer.

C₂ (from order)
15.3.99 JH
16/3/99. JH

To the Surgeon Genl (201)
200/224-9

When given for copying _____
When copied _____
When examined _____
When signed _____ } 189

READ AGAIN G.O., No. _____, DATED
189 .

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT A A A A A A A

LETTERS OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING KEPT FOR DISPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—
A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.