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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 13th March 1899.

From

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

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the inadequacy of the present supply of clothing for the servants of the General Hospital Madras. The Senior Medical Officer writes "that for many years the quantity allowed for each servant was fixed at three suits" but in G.O. No 159, Public, dated 30th January 1896 this quantity was reduced to two suits which were ordered to be procured at a cost not exceeding Rs 3.12.0 per annum per servant. This sum and the quantity of clothing (2 drill suits) were fixed apparently by Government on the ground that Police Constables were so clothed and presumably sufficiently clad, but the work that our servants have to do is so utterly different that the comparison has led to misleading results. For experience has shown with only two suits it is impossible that

"That the servants can be kept in the clean
 state that the work in the hospital necessitates
 I need hardly say that it is not advisable
 that the ward attendants and other menial
 servants should be permitted to approach
 the patients in ways more or less unavailing
 dirty and yet this is what must result
 towards the close of the year after each
 suit has been sent to the washer some
 twenty times. I have therefore to request
 that Government may be asked to be
 good enough to restore the former scale of
 clothing and also that the servants who were
 excluded (vide list in margin) in the service
 G.O. may be replaced on the list of those to
 whom clothing is given. With the small pay
 that many of these servants draw it is
 impossible that they can properly clothe
 themselves and it is quite obvious I think
 that such servants as cook &c should be
 given clean clothes to do their work in.
 I may add that I have introduced
 the system of reserving the clothing for
 wear while on actual duty. That is the
 servants are not allowed to take the clothing
 to their houses but despite this restriction
 the ward attendants &c cannot be kept
 in the cleanly condition that should pertain
 to a modern Hospital on such a small
 allowance

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| nurses duty | — 2 |
| Sailors | — 2 |
| Gunman | — 1 |
| Cook's kitchen | — 2 |
| Masalehin | — 2 |
| Head cook for Europeans | — 1 |
| Cook male for do | — 2 |
| Head cook for natives | — 1 |
| Cooks natives | — 2 |
| Cooks male do | — 2 |
| Hindu cook | — 1 |
| Butcher | — 1 |
| Carpenter | — 1 |
| Kitchen women | — 1 |
| Gardeners | — 5 |
| Barbers | — 3 |
| Brick layer | — 1 |
| Puckally | — 1 |

allowance of clothing as two drill suits
 in the year"
 3. It will be seen from the above
 that the senior medical officer has fully
 set forth the necessity for an increase
 in the number of suits and the supply of
 clothing to other menial servants who were
 excluded in G.O. No. 159, Public, dated 30th
 January 1896. I fully concur with him
 and strongly recommend his proposals
 for the favorable consideration and
 sanction of Government.
 4. I may further add that
 in an important and a large institution
 like the General Hospital Madras which
 deals with all classes of patients it is
 very desirable that decency and cleanliness
 in every respect should be attended to.

E. D. ...
 Surgeon General.

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Public DEPARTMENT.

Subject:

clothing for servants of the
General Hospital, Madras.

C. No. 826 From the Surgeon General, No. 231, dated Feb. 2, 1899.

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For orders

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~~Vice Act of the State and
appended to the Act~~

Govt. Public, 27.30.1.96
sanctioned the free issue
of clothing to certain classes
of ^{civil} servants in the
General Hospital and directed
that only two suits, instead
of three, should be supplied
at a cost not exceeding Rs 22.00
per head per annum.

The Surgeon General now recommends that ~~three~~ suits may be supplied according to the original scale instead of two and that some other merical servants may also be supplied with clothing; he forwards an extract of a letter from the

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Senior Medical Officer
fully setting forth the
necessity for the increase
in the no. of suits & the supply
of clothing to other medical
servants.

Attention is solicited to the
note for orders in G.O. No 159,
Pub. dt 30.1.96.

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The number of medical
servants of the General Hospital
now receiving clothing

is 124 at Rs 3-12-0 per
head per annum, total
cost, Rs. 465. The Surgeon
General wishes to add 31 servants
to the list, and to revert
to the scale sanctioned in
G.O. No 411 Public dt 11-6-94,
viz. Rs 7-4-0 for indoor servants
& Rs 5-2-0 for 2 solo persons.

The total cost of clothing by
this proposal, would be Rs 1120.
& the increase would be Rs.
655 per annum.

C₂ A perusal of the list, on
page 2 of the current, of
the servants for whom clothing
is asked for, is not it is submitted,

convincing. But one of them,
appears to be a servant
who comes into personal
contact with patients, & the
S.M.O's arguments in this
respect do not therefore
hold good. Where the
reason ^{and} for providing a
knickerbocker (for example)
like uniform, is hard to
see. With regard to the
costs, private employers
find no difficulty in
making servants of this
description keep themselves
clean, & a little fineness
on the part of the hospital
officer should be sufficient
to ensure this result. It
is submitted that no case
for an increased
expenditure has been
made out.

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8/4/99. I quite concur
with the Surgeon Genl
here and the case seems to me
a good example of the

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C. No 89-6 From the Surgeon General No. 470, dated 13-3-1899

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No. 470 dated 25th April 1899

The Govt. does not consider that sufficient reason has been shown for increasing the present rate of clothing allowance for medical servants of the Govt. Hospital, or for adding to the number of servants employed for the purpose.

2. The additional amount for warm clothing is applied for does not appear to be such as come into personal contact with the Hospital. It is for the clothing of the servants employed for the purpose of the Hospital.

unreasonable and indiscriminate extra expense of the S. G. The medical officer talks about the small pay of these servants but they get the same pay as up-country men at least who turn out clean if they are made to. No reason whatever is shown for including the servants before excluded. In fact no reason is shown for the expenditure except that the Hospital authorities w^d like to make themselves comfortable by increasing the pay of their staff all round. Taking the supply of two built at 7.8.0 to 31 extra servants above the usual cost w^d be about 220 Rs. which is equivalent to a capital expenditure of not less than 4500 Rs. Besides this there is the extra supply to these now supplied which will probably run to a much more.

I partly agree with the S. G.

G. J.
13.4.99
Draft:
M. J. G.

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