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ORDINARY M.S.

G.O., No. 488

Dated 2-5-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Passing orders on letter
from the S.G. requesting Govt to re-
consider its order No 1009 Public & S.G. for
directing the revision of the proposed
standard plan for Head Quarters
Police Hospitals.

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~~Judicial~~ (189.9) Department.

CURRENT No.

From

H. J. A. Sullivan Esq.,
 Ag. Inspect. of Police,
 Madras.

Order

No. 1507.

Dated 14th April 1899

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding letter from
 the Surgeon General with the
 Govt. of Madras, resubmitting
 plans and estimate for the
 construction of a Head
 Quarters Police Hospital.

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No.

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Compl. to the Hon'ble the Chief Secretary to Government, 22nd March 1899.

From

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL C. 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 request that Government will reconsider G.O. No. 1009, Public, dated 8th August 1898 directing the revision of the proposed type plan for a Head Quarter Police Hospital.

2. A reference to the Correspondence will show that the proposed plan was drawn up at my request on the lines laid down in the rules for the construction of Hospitals sanctioned by the Sanitary Board. These rules were drawn up with great care after consultation between the Sanitary Commissioner, the Sanitary Engineer, the Consulting Architect and myself and were adopted after due consideration by the Sanitary Board. Before I submitted my proposals to the Inspector General of Police I had consulted some of the most experienced District Medical and Sanitary Officers as to the accommodation required.

for a Head Quarters Police Hospital and after I had inspected all the Head Quarters Police Hospitals now in existence in the Presidency. After several consultations with the Inspector General of Police, we submitted the proposals dealt with in the above G.O.

3. A plan drawn up on the lines laid down in the G.O. would neither meet the administrative necessities of such a hospital nor be at all in accordance with the Sanitary requirements of an hospital. I consider that if one was erected on the lines proposed by the G.O., it would be condemned by every administrative Medical Officer who inspected it.

4. As regards the omission in the plans which have been ordered, I would wish to place the following opinion before Government.

(1) All verandahs on the North side to be omitted. I have seen temporary hospitals for plague purposes erected like this and consider they were most unsatisfactory. It is impossible without verandahs all round to protect the walls and windows of the building. I would strongly urge that they be left as they are.

(2) The passages connecting the main building with the kitchen and isolation ward to be omitted. I consider they should be left as they are with a note that they are only to be erected when the climate of the locality requires them.

It is possible that the Sanitary Engineer could devise less expensive passages which would be an equally good protection from sun and rain.

(3) The Office to be omitted. This, I am sure, would be a mistake. It is most necessary that the Medical Officer should have a private room in which he can strip and examine patients and recruits.

(4) The special ward for four patients to be omitted. This would be a great mistake. Such a ward is required for the isolation of such cases as venereal, tubercular diseases, etc. and it is most important that it should have no connection with the ward for general diseases.

(5) The diminution in the size of the general ward. This would be a most unsatisfactory arrangement. As already pointed out the wards of a jail hospital are never full and the same applies to a hospital.

would allow such a number of patients in one ward with only 54 superficial feet for each. If he did, the hospital diseases, which were the scourge of hospitals in former days before the Sanitary Board in 1864 made its recommendations, would again appear. I would strongly urge that the floor space sanctioned in G.O. No 708 Public dated 29th May 1898 for Police Wards should be adopted for the Head Quarter Police Hospital.

(6) A hedge as a boundary to a hospital compound is always unsatisfactory and generally useless. It is possible that the Sanitary Engineer could suggest some more permanent boundary than a hedge or the proposed wall costing Rs 1,450.

(7) I would suggest that the plan for servants quarters should be adopted with a note that they will only be provided in special cases.

5. I return herewith the plans and estimates.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

C. D. Forrester
Surgeon General
Surgeon General with the Govt of Madras

Chief Office of the Inspector of Police
Madras, 14th April 1899.

No 1507.

Forwarded.

2. I consider servants' quarters quite unnecessary. With everything else in the Surgeon General's letter I cordially agree.

P. S. K.
Ag. Inspector of Police.

P.S.K.

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Public DEPARTMENT

C. No. 1148 From the Surgeon General No. 78/35 dated 22-3-1909

Enviado ao Insp. Gen. de Policia. 1507, 14.4. 1889.

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The Surgeon General
asked Govt. to reconsider
its order no. 1009 Public
dated 8.8.98, directing
a revision of the proposed
standard plan for Sanitary
Police Hospitals.

The plans, with an estimate amounting to \$12,900, were originally submitted through the Mayor's Office of Police in May 1898. They were reviewed in detail in the letter filed T. The Govt. considered the accommodation excessive, and the cost of the other

prohibition, & in G.O. No. 1009
Public D/9.9.98, the Surgeon
General was requested to revise
the plans by the omission
of (1) all verandahs on the north
(2) the passages connecting the
main building with the kitchen
& the isolation ward, (3) the
office room & (4) the special
ward for four patients; also
(5) by reducing the size of
the main ward, (6) by
substituting a hedge for the
compound wall, & (7) by
the omission of the servants'
quarters.

3. The Surgeon General was
told that the proposed plan
was drawn up on the lines
laid down in the rules
for the construction of
hospitals sanctioned by
the Sanitary Board, & that
before he submitted his
proposals, he consulted
some of the most experienced
D. M. & San. Officers & the
Inspector General of Police. He
adds that a plan drawn

up on the lines of the G.O.
would neither meet the
administrative necessities
of such an hospital, nor
be in accordance with
sanitary requirements, &
that if a building were
so constructed, it would
be condemned by every
administrative medical
officer who inspected it.
He then goes on to give
reasons for the retention
of each item considered
unnecessary by Govt.

4. The sanitary objection
to the suggestions of Govt.,
which the Surgeon General
so strongly urges, cannot
possibly extend to any
of the items except to
the reduction in the
size of the General Ward
& perhaps to the omission
of the special ward for
Venereal & Tubercular
diseases. The other items
are more convenient

than necessary. In the
previous correspondence,
the Surgeon Genl stated
that hospitals on his
plan would be required
~~at~~ in the S. Aust, Christchurch,
Viggoport & Godhavn
districts, - all fairly
dry districts in which
the absence of vermin
to the north & covered
ways would not be
much felt. The officer
is required of course for
the comfort of the medical
officer. The S. G. says that
it is most necessary that
the medical officer should
have a private room
in which he can strip
& examine patients and
nurses, but this could
be done in the dispensary,
& the compounds or other
hospital lavatories can be
let out when privacy
is required. In his letter
of 17 Augt 1897, the

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Surgeon Genl of Police re-
marked that considering
the small amount of
dispensing & office work
necessary in most Police
hospitals, one room would
answer for both purposes.
The S. G. thinks that a
bed as a boundary would
be useful, & that the
Sanitary Engineer might
possibly suggest some
more permanent boundary
than a bed, or
something cheaper than
the proposed wall costing
Rs 1450. The question of
a boundary, when such
is necessary, might be
left to the V. M. officer
who draws up the estimate
for each individual
hospital. Circulars on
the subject of
cheap boundary walls
or fences for public
buildings have recently
been issued in the P. W.

Sept.

5. The ^{ag.} Surgeon General of Police, in forwarding the Surgeon General's letter, says that he considers servants' quarters quite unnecessary, but that he cordially agrees with everything else in the Surgeon General's letter.

6. The answer to both the S.G. & the S.G. of Police must apparently be that the Govt. cannot afford to build such expensive hospitals as they propose, & that something cheaper must be devised. In the note at T, it was suggested that in view of the small number of head & q. hospitals which are likely to be required, & the probable divergence in their requirements, it is unnecessary to sanction any standard plan at all. The Surgeon General

I see no reason to modify the G.O. But as so few of these hospitals will be required there is no need for a standard plan wh. wd. probably require modification ⁱⁿ for each case. The orders already issued should however be taken as the basis for ^{each} proposals in
M.A. 25.4.99.

might now perhaps be told to, and asked to submit plans & estimates for each station according to local requirements, as the construction of hospitals ^{at each} becomes necessary.

There is really no necessity ^{Cy} for a standard plan at all, and the only way to check ^{his} behaviour and expenditure proposed appears to be to insist that whenever a hospital is required special plans shall be drawn up & submitted for approval.

H.
24/4/99 J.H.
The present Surgeon Genl. is a man of the most & the vaguest ideas it will be to ^{assist} and ~~under any circumstances~~ the views of his Successor in this matter if it be determined to have a standard plan at all but as above pointed out

Public DEPARTMENT.

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C. No. 1148 From the Surgeon General, No. 11/35, dated 22.3.1897

" Enoch " Prof: Genl of Police " 1507, " 14-4-1889.

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48. The Love in Council

and no reason to modify
the order contained in
J.O. No 1009 Public dated
8th August 1898, but as
it appears from para 3
of the Surgeon Genl's letter
No J. 2/128 dated 21st June
1897, that head quarters
Police hospitals will be
required at a few stations
only, the Govt. is of
opinion that there is
no real need for a
standard plan, which
would probably require
modification in each

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2. The Govt. now direct
 that whenever a head
 quarter Police hospital
 is required, special
 plans, ^{to meet local requirements} shall be drawn
 up & submitted for
 approval, and that the
 orders already issued
 shall be taken as the
 basis for each proposal.

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Cy
 27.4.99.
 J. H. J.

To the Surgeon General
 with the enclosed
 for his consideration

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

ENCLOSURES TO G. No.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DETAIL.

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