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JANUARY.

Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

Directing that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of the abolition of the post of the — on the expiry of the term of office of the present Surgeon-General.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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REAI—the following paper:—

From Surgeon-General C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd December 1898, No. 526.

I have the honour to submit the following representation for the favourable consideration of Government and for transmission to the Government of India with due support.

2. According to paragraph 8 of Notification No. 260, dated 7th March 1896, published in the *Gazette of India*, the post of Secretary in this office will only be retained during my incumbency, and my successors will not have Secretaries but only Personal Assistants.

3. As my tenure of office will expire in May next, when the above order will be brought into force, I consider it essential to place my views on the subject before Government.

4. Up to 1879 the Head of the Indian Medical Service in this Presidency had not only a Secretary to assist him in his administrative work, but he had several Deputies who conducted administrative duties in their respective circles and referred only important questions to the head office for orders. In 1880, when the separation took place, the Deputies were placed under the orders of the Military Medical Department, and the Civil Surgeon-General was provided with a Secretary of the rank of a Surgeon to assist him in his work. This arrangement threw more work on this office and led to considerable increase in correspondence, as the withdrawal of Deputy Surgeon-General from its control necessitated direct communication with all executive Medical officers both in the Presidency town and in the districts on every little question.

5. The ordinary duties of the Secretary in this office are as follows:—

- (1) To assist the Surgeon-General in the routine duties of the office.
- (2) To supervise the clerks, &c., of the office establishment (total number 29).
- (3) To prepare statistical tables from hospital sick returns for the various annual reports.
- (4) To keep a roster of Medical subordinates entitled to promotion and to submit their names when vacancies occur.
- (5) To keep a register of all applications for appointments or exchange of duty, both from Medical officers and subordinates.
- (6) To check and pass all ordinary indents of Medical officers on the Presidency Store Depot, as well as indents on other departments requiring the sanction of the head of the department.
- (7) To check monthly jail returns and to bring to Surgeon-General's notice any excessive sickness or mortality, or discrepancies between *post-mortem* notes and diagnosis.
- (8) To open each day's tappal.
- (9) To sign letters to all executive officers of the Medical and other departments.

Government will see from the above that the Secretary's duties are of a responsible and onerous nature, necessitating the appointment being held by a Commissioned Medical officer with previous experience in the Civil department and especially of district work. This becomes all the more indispensable when it is remembered that the Surgeon-General is an inspecting officer, and during his frequent absence on inspection tours, the Secretary must be able to act on his own judgment and responsibility in all emergencies. To place therefore an officer other than of the Indian Medical Service in this important appointment will seriously affect the tone of departmental administration and the existing harmony between the office and the departmental executive staff.

6. I have no particular aversion to any change in the designation of the appointment, but I most emphatically protest, in the interests of the department, against its being held by other than an officer of the Indian Medical Service, who, I am sure Government will agree with me, is alone competent and can be depended upon to fill the post with satisfaction and credit. When a junior Commissioned Medical officer was originally sanctioned for the Secretary's appointment, there was a feeling of resentment amongst senior executive officers and such feelings will be considerably aggravated by appointing an uncovenanted officer to perform these duties.

7. I may further state, for the information of Government, that the unification scheme has not in any way tended to reduce work in this office, as will be shown from the following figures:—

	1896. Before unification.	1897. After unification.
Receipts	13,008	13,331
Disposals	12,354	12,520

These figures show an increase of work in both directions, and such increase must necessarily continue with the opening of new dispensaries and the development of railways, &c., in the Presidency.

ORDER—No. 57, Public, dated 16th January 1899.

The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

LETTER—No. 58, Public, dated Fort St. George, 16th January 1899, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Medical).

I am directed to address you on the subject of the appointment of the Secretary to the Surgeon-General with this Government.

2. In paragraph 8 of the Government of India Military Department resolution No. 260, dated 6th March 1896, it was announced that, on the expiry of the term of office of the present Surgeon-General with this Government, the post of Secretary to the Surgeon-General would be abolished. Surgeon-Major-General Sibthorpe will vacate his appointment in May next and the new arrangement will, if adhered to, take effect from that date.

3. The Government of India in formulating its scheme for the unification of the Indian Medical Service included in it the proposal to abolish the post of Secretary to the Surgeon-General in this Presidency on the ground that the duties of the Surgeon-General would, as soon as the unification was effected, be the same as those of an Inspector General of Civil Hospitals. In my predecessor's letter, No. 617, Public, dated 24th of August 1894, this Government strongly opposed the proposal, being convinced that it could only be carried out at the sacrifice of efficiency and to the detriment of the medical administration. Figures were furnished which would, it was expected, convince the Government of India that the duties and responsibilities of the

Surgeon-General in Madras would, even after the amalgamation of the three services was effected, be far greater than those of Civil Inspectors-General in other provinces. It was also pointed out that the inspection work devolving upon the Surgeon-General renders necessary frequent and extended tours, and that during his absence it is essential that there should be at head-quarters an officer of standing, capable of dealing promptly on his own responsibility with departmental questions. It was, moreover, urged that a great part of the work of the Secretary to the Surgeon-General is such as could not be performed by a non-professional man. So far was this Government from viewing as practicable the proposal to abolish the Secretary's post that it strongly recommended an alteration in the pay of that appointment which would have allowed of its being held by a senior officer. No reply to this Government's representation was received, and the proposal of the Government of India was subsequently confirmed in the Military Department notification already referred to, in which it was definitely announced that the post of Secretary to the Surgeon-General would cease to exist when the present Surgeon-General vacates his appointment.

4. The arguments advanced in the correspondence which took place in 1895 were to a large extent necessarily based upon assumption. The Government of India assumed that the withdrawal from the Surgeon-General of control over certain sections of the Medical department would result in an appreciable diminution of his work. This Government, on the other hand, considered it unlikely that the diminution would be such as to render practicable any alteration in the staff appointed to assist the Surgeon-General in the execution of his duties. The experience of nearly three years has, I am to say, fully confirmed this Government's opinion. With the exception of the removal of the Medical Store Depots from the Surgeon-General's control, there has been no reduction in the number of institutions for the administration of which the Surgeon-General is responsible. There has been no decrease in the inspections devolving upon him, while the correspondence of his office, which in 1893 amounted to less than 21,000 receipts and issues, has now reached nearly 26,000. With the opening of new dispensaries correspondence is likely to increase, and it is, in the opinion of this Government, essential that the officer to whom it falls to assist the Surgeon-General in this branch of his work should not only be a medical man, but should have had previous experience of the Civil Medical department and more especially of district work.

5. In these circumstances the Governor in Council desires strongly to urge upon the Government of India a reconsideration of the decision to abolish the post of Secretary to the Surgeon-General. The substitution for that officer of a personal assistant, not a member of the Indian Medical Service, could not fail to prove detrimental to medical work in this Presidency. Much of the time and attention of the Surgeon-General, which as the Head of the Medical Service and the adviser of Government he now devotes to the consideration of the larger questions affecting the medical administration, would necessarily be diverted to the details of departmental routine. This Government could not but view with great regret a step which, in order to effect a comparatively insignificant saving, would, in its opinion, impair the usefulness of a department of Government to which much attention has been paid, and to the efficiency of which His Excellency the Governor in Council attaches much importance.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Mr. C. M. Thambaswamy.

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From Surgeon General
C. S. Stokes Esq. M.B., F.R.C.S.
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with the Govt. of Madras

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on the present S. J.'s meeting
office in May next. I don't
know if the Int. Assn will
then be constituted, will be
prepared to assent to this
change. - I should say not, but,
if not, as ⁱⁿ a direct reference
to the S. J. will almost

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D.O. from the Hon. Sir. H. Bliss, d/24-10

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to S. G. the ^{Surgeon General} ~~abolition of the appointment of Secy.~~ ^{Surgeon General} ~~that~~

H.M. & Arc

FOR ORDERS

In para 2(IV) of letter to the Govt. of India, No. 617 Public, d/24-8-24 (page 11 of Pros. flagged B) a strong protest was made against the proposed abolition of the appointment of Secretary to the Surgeon-General. No direct reply to that letter was received, but in para 8 of the "notification" printed with G.O. No. 670 Public, d/25-6-26 (A) it was definitely announced that the post would be abolished when the present Surgeon-General vacated his appointment. The arguments advanced by this Govt. in 1894 still hold good. The course adopted by the Govt. of India in this case, namely the publication of the final notification without any reply to the letter of the Local Govt. was peculiar. Orders are requested whether a letter on the subject should at once be written. The previous arguments are now strengthened by the fact that three years experience of the new unification scheme have made it clear that the Surgeon-General's work has not undergone any practical reduction, and that it is more than he can efficiently perform without a Secretary. The views of this Govt. on the

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Should say so

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in 1894 was necessarily based on mere assumption: now they are supported by experience.

2. There is no specific ruling in any of the papers to the effect that the next Surgeon-General is to be designated "Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals". In para 7 of the "notification" in G.O.No.670 Pub., d/25-6-96 (A) it is stated that the Surgeon-Generals will be restricted to the exercise of the functions of administrative medical officers and Civil Inspectors General of Hospitals. This indicates the nature of their duties but does not alter the designation of the office.

The officer holding the post in Bombay (Surgeon-General Bainbridge) who took up the appointment in October 1897, is styled "Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay". It is only in Lieutenant-Governorships apparently that the head of the Civil Medical Dept. is called "Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals". ~~Please see also India's letter in G.O.No.1557 Pub., d/26-11-97 where the office of Surgeon-General is spoken of.~~

3. Regarding the appointment of the next Surgeon-General please see G.O.No.1557 Pub., d/26-11-97, and letter No.1558 of the same date. The Govt. of India's reply to the letter printed in G.O.No.245 Pub., d/14-2-98

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*This was specially put in
by us to prevent India from
appointing their own man.*

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It has been settled that the Govt. is to nominate the officer whom it desires to have. The Govt. of India will accept the nomination unless there are strong grounds to the contrary. If the Govt. of ^{India} ~~India~~ finds such grounds it will not have the power to appoint its own candidate, but will have to invite this Govt. to make a fresh nomination. The procedure decided upon appears to be sufficient to ensure that appointment will not fall into the hands of the Govt. of India.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT,
D. O.
No. 548
Dated, 24. 11. 1898

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Hyderabad.

Under the arrangement decided upon by the Govt of India the post of Secy to the S.G. will be abolished when you vacate the office of S.G. Govt intends to address the Govt of India on the subject, as it considers it important that the S.G. should be left without the assistance of an officer of standing. Will you kindly let me have your views on the matter, and also any figures, establishing comparison between the work of four officers before & after the existing unfraction of the three services, which may be of use.

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24/11/98

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To
Sergeon Major General C. S. S. (B.) 25/11/98

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D. O. No. 807

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From
Surgeon Genl C. S. Thorpe

D. O.

D.O. No. 436.

Dated 12-12-98
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SUBJECT.

Stating that he will address
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the appointment of Secy
in his office & requesting
to forward their Corresp
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Strong support

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SURGEON GENERAL WITH GOVERNMENT
MADRAS

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CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

My dear Sir,

With reference to your
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 I am addressing you
 specially regarding
 the appointment of
 Secretary in this Office
 and trust that Post
 will forward it to you.

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No 57 of 16-1-99

P.S.

The following letter will be addressed to the Govt. of India.

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Letter
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No 58 of 16-1-99

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Home Department (Medical)

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the subject of the appointment of the Secy. to the Surgeon General with this Govt.

2. In paragraph 8 of the Govt. of India, Military Dept. resolution No. 260, d/6th March 1896, it was announced that on the expiry of the term of office of the ^{present} Surgeon Genl. with this Govt. the post of Secy. to the Surgeon Genl. would be abolished. Surgeon Major Genl. Sibthorpe will vacate his appointment in May next and the new arrangement will, if adhered to, take effect from that date.
2. The Govt. of India in formulating its

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scheme for the unification of the Indian Medical Service included in it the proposal to abolish the post of Secy. to the Surgeon Genl. in this Presy. on the ground that the duties of the S.G. would, as soon as the unification was effected, be the same as those of an I.G. of Civil Hospitals. In my predecessor's letter No. 617 Public, d/24th of August 1894, this Govt. strongly opposed the proposal, being convinced that it could only be carried out at the sacrifice of efficiency and to the detriment of the medical administration. Figures were furnished which would, it was expected, convince the Govt. of India that the duties and responsibilities of the S.G. in Madras would, even after the amalgamation of the three services, be far greater than those of Civil Inspectors Genl. in other provinces. It was also pointed out that the inspection work devolving upon the S.G. renders necessary frequent and extended tours, and that during his absence it is essential that there should be an officer of standing, at headquarters, capable of dealing promptly on his own responsibility with the departmental questions. It was moreover, urged that a great part of the work of the Secy. to the S.G. is such as could not be performed by a non-professional man. So far was this Govt. from viewing as practicable the proposal to abolish the Secy's post that it strongly recommended an alteration

in the pay of that appointment which would have allowed of its being held by a senior officer. No reply to this Govt. representation was received, and the proposal of the Govt. of India was subsequently confirmed in the Mil. Dept. notification already referred to, in which it was definitely announced that the post of Secy. to the S.G. would cease to exist when the present S.G. vacates his permanent appointment.

3. The arguments advanced in the correspondence which took place in 1895 were to a large extent necessarily based upon ~~an~~ assumption. The Govt. of India assumed that ~~they~~ ^{he} ~~withdraw~~ ^{no} from the S.G. ~~the~~ ⁴ control of certain sections of the Medical Dept. ~~and~~ ^{would} result in appreciable diminution of his work. This Govt. on the other hand, considered it unlikely that the diminution would be such as to render ~~impossible~~ ^{practicable any work} the staff appointed to assist the S.G. in the execution of his duties. The experience of nearly three years has, I am to say, fully confirmed this Govt's opinion. With the exception of the removal of the medical store depots from the S.G.'s control, there has been no reduction in the number of institutions for the administration of which the S.G. is responsible. There has been no decrease in the inspections devolving upon him while the correspondence of his office which in 1893 amounted to ~~under~~ ^{less than} 21,000 receipts and issues, has now reached

attention in

nearly 26,000. With the opening of new dispensaries correspondence is likely to increase and it is in the opinion of this Govt. ^{essential} ~~most important~~ that the officer to whom it falls to assist the S.G. ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ this branch of his work should not only be a medical man, but should have had previous experience of the Civil Medical Dept. and more especially of district work.

4 In these circumstances the Governor in Council desires strongly to urge upon the Govt. of India a reconsideration of the decision to abolish the post of Secy. to the S.G. The substitution for that officer of a Personal Asst. not a member of the Indian Medical Service, could not fail to prove detrimental to medical work in this Presy. Much of the time and attention of the S.G., which as the head of the medical service and the adviser of Govt., he now devotes to ^{the} consideration of the larger questions affecting the medical administration, would necessarily be diverted to the details of departmental routine. This Govt. could not but view with great regret a step which, in order to effect a comparatively insignificant saving, would in its opinion impair the usefulness of a department of Govt. to which such attention has been paid, and to the efficiency of which H.E. the Governor in Council attaches much importance.

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