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[Despatch Abstract.]

~~Statute~~ Agreeing with the S.G. in his remarks that Assistant Surgeon Mr Harris, ^{of the General Hospital} showed want of judgment in not sending medical assistance at once when a case that a man was lying dead near the Ordnance lines was reported to him on the night of the 22nd June last.

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to Sir Horace R. P. H.
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with the Govt. of Madras.
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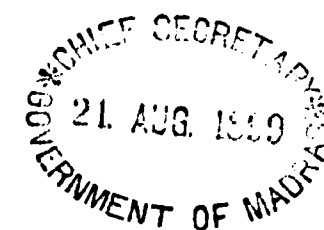
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Honorable Mr. R. G. V. Jayaraman
Chairman and on the article
issued in the Madras Times
headed "a tale of last night"

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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

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From

SURGEON-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.J.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras.

To

THE

Honorable the
Chief Secretary to
Government, Public Dept.

SIR,

With reference to para 1 of C.O. R. 699 Public, dated the 22nd June 1899, I have the honor to state that on the night in question there were three medical subordinates on duty at the General Hospital viz,

- (1) a Temporary Civil Asst. Surgeon - on duty on the Surgical side
- (2) a Civil Apothecary - on duty on the Medical side
- (3) a Hospital assistant - on duty in the Compound

The Temporary Civil assistant Surgeon (Mr. B. Harris L.R.C.P.) who was the senior subordinate on duty deposes as follows:

"I was on duty (Surgical side) on the night in question and the alleged conversation was held entirely with me. At 10.40 a soldier came to my duty room and said 'following' and I did not know I

"Ordinance Lines" whereupon I questioned him
"how do you know he is dead? Did you
examine him?" "No, I did not touch him.
he looks dead. he is full of blood" was his reply.
I then told him "report the matter to the Police"
Immediately after, another European came in
and in a very excited manner said "there is
a man lying on the road dead. Come and see
him" to which I replied "I cannot leave
the Hospital as I am on duty. Report the
matter to the Police" He then said "I cannot
find any Police about. Do you mean to say
that you will allow a man to die on the road
and not render assistance?" I again replied
"I cannot leave the Hospital. I am on duty
go to the nearest Police Station and report
the matter to the Police; it will be a criminal
case". He then informed me who he was
"I am independent. I am the Manager of
the 'Times' you will hear more about this"
I thanked him. He asked me for a pencil
and I gave him a pen and he made a note.
I think of the addresses of the Soldier and the
lady who accompanied him.

3. The Senior Medical Officer in
proceeding to the above deposition remarked -
"Harris has in my opinion acted quite
rightly in not leaving the Hospital where
services might be required"

Sick patients under his charge for the night
to proceed to see a case which might or might
not be a serious one and might or might not
be alive."

I wished to know why Dr. Harris
did not send the Apothecary or the
Hospital assistant and a dholie and he reported
as follows:-

"The Apothecary on the Medical side
being also on duty, could not leave the
Hospital side. Rule III (Genl) Sec. IV General
Hospital rules. The Hospital assistant on
duty in the Compounding room could not
be sent out. vide. Rule II (Hospital assistant)
Sec. IV General Hospital rules. A stretcher
was on its way to the place where the body
was brought in."

Section II
Rule 1. General Medical Subordinates
are not allowed to absent themselves
from hospital during any part of
their hours of duty.
Rule 2. Hospital assistant - The Hospital
assistant shall come on duty
at 6.30 a.m. and shall remain
on duty until the conclusion
of the morning issue of medicines.
One Hospital assistant by rotation
shall remain on duty till the
following morning.

The General
Hospital
rules quoted
by Dr. Harris
are entered
in the
margin for
the information
of Govern-
ment.
5. The
Senior
Med...

Yours most obedient servant
 Double

If the action of the medical subordinates on duty at the General Hospital is to be justified, any one meeting with an accident near the Hospital gate may be left to die without medical aid - the rules quoted in the Surgeon General's letter no doubt - refer to a medical subordinate on duty leaving the hospital on his own business, but they surely would not be inapplicable to a subordinate ~~to go~~ who goes out on the road to render assistance in a wound.

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Desp. J.
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