

## WAR DEPARTMENT,

### Surgeon General's Office,

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 15, 1868.

#### CIRCULAR ORDERS, } No. 3.

The following extract from General Orders, No. 35, dated "Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, July 3d, 1868," is published for the information of Medical Officers:

"Par. III. The hospital fund, created by the saving of rations of soldiers sick in hospital, will be expended by the Surgeon in charge of each hospital for such articles for the benefit of the patients as the Surgeon General may approve and direct."

In accordance with the above, the following are designated as legitimate items of expenditure from the hospital fund:

1st. Articles of food (including ice) for the diet of the sick, not furnished by the Commissary or Medical Departments.

2d. Articles to be used in the preparation or serving of the food, such as cooking utensils and table furniture, and not furnished by the Quartermaster's or Medical Departments.

3d. Means of illumination, such as gas, oil, lamps, etc.

4th. Seeds and implements for the cultivation of a garden for the Post Hospital.

5th. Cows and forage therefor when approved by the Medical Director of the Department, and the amount of fund on hand will permit of such purchase.

6th. When the amount of fund justifies it, games, such as backgammon, etc., and one daily paper or one illustrated paper, or both, may be purchased from it for the benefit of patients in Hospital.

Payment for binding files of Medical Journals belonging to the Hospital, may be made from this fund.

7th. Articles furnished by the Medical Department are designated by the Supply Table, (Circular No. 6, Surgeon General's Office, 1867).

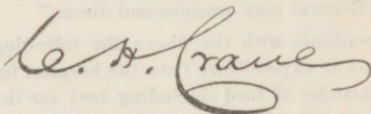
The Articles which should be furnished by the Quartermaster's Department as designated by the Quartermaster General are, "lime, straw for bedding, white wash brushes, brooms and utensils for police purposes, stoves and appurtenances, benches and large tables, office desks, fire buckets, axes, picks and spades, locks, hinges, nails and screws, lumber and tents." These articles are to be obtained by requisitions approved by the Post Commander, and must be accounted for to the Quartermaster General on monthly returns as provided by regulations. They are *not* to be accounted for on returns of *Medical Property*.

8th. Hereafter, an Invoice of all *durable* articles purchased during each month from the hospital fund, is to be prepared in quadruplicate and certified by the Medical Officer in charge. One copy is to be forwarded to the Surgeon General with the statement of hospital fund for the month, a second copy is to accompany the *return of durable articles* purchased from hospital fund, the third copy is to be sent to the Medical Director, and the quadruplicate is to be kept with the Officer's retained copy of his return.

9th. The "Return of Durable Property Purchased from the Hospital Fund" (Form 49), is to be made out in triplicate on the 31st of December of each year, or whenever an officer is relieved from the charge of it, one copy is to be sent to the Medical Director, and two to the Surgeon General with one set of the invoices mentioned in paragraph 8th.

10th. Cooking utensils, furniture, tools, lamps and oil cans, cots, games, files of papers, *bound* volumes of medical journals, etc., will be taken up and accounted for on this return.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:



Assistant Surgeon General, U. S. Army.