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*14th May* 1867.

Read the following papers :—

No. 32. From W. H. KERR, Esq., Madras Civil Service, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated 14, Saint James' Square, London, 31st March 1867.

As directed by the Under Secretary of State, in a letter of the 22nd instant, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council this my application for an Invalid pension, dating from the 11th March 1867, under the terms of the Secretary of State's Despatch of the 25th of November 1862.

2. My service dates from the 15th of March 1856, and I had, therefore, at the date of my resignation more than completed 10 years' service.

3. The report of the Medical Board, and the other Medical certificates in my case, are enclosed herewith.

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MEDICAL BOARD,
*India Office, 14th March* 1867.

We certify, after having taken the usual obligation, to have carefully examined Mr. W. H. Kerr, Madras Civil Service, and find that he left India in March 1866, and arrived in England in June, at the recommendation of a Medical Board, on account of Atonic Gastric Dyspepsia and Dysentery, with general impaired nutrition of the body. This Officer has served for 10 years, out of which 3½ years have been passed absent on sick leave in England and Australia, while in India he was, during four years, frequently under Medical treatment, his body during that time being much emaciated. It is evident that this Officer is not fit to serve in India. The Board, therefore, recommends that he be permitted to retire.

(Signed) J. R. MARTIN,
*Inspr. Genl. of Hospitals.*
( ,, ) W. THOM,
( ,, ) W. K. SWETHENHAM, M. D.

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DYSENTERIA.

W. H. KERR, Esq., Madras Civil Service, Ætat 29 years.
Residence in India, six years, nine months.
Temperament, Lymphatic.
Habits, regular.

SUMMARY.

A patient of lymphatic temperament, who is subject to Dysentery, and unable to stand the cool and elevated District of Coorg.

Mr. Kerr has been suffering from dyspepsia, hepatic disease, and irregular action of the bowels for several years. In 1861 he was furnished with a sick certificate by Dr. Sanderson, and proceeded to Europe for two years.

Soon after his return to India in 1863 he complained of a recurrence of his old symptoms for which he had been sent to England, and was treated by Dr. Macfarlane with some benefit. In July 1864 he arrived in Coorg, a cool District, some 4000 feet above the sea level, where he contracted intermittent fever and dysentery. In December 1864 he was recommended to visit the sea coast, where he suffered a relapse. On his return to Coorg in January 1865, Mr. Kerr was able to proceed on his annual tour into the District, accompanied by the Dresser, but had almost immediately to be treated for chronic dysentery ; experiencing no relief he returned to Mercara in February 1865, where, after undergoing treatment, he was recommended by me to proceed to sea and Europe, which sick certificate he anticipated, and had applied for six months' leave to sea and Australia.

Mr. Kerr returned to Coorg in October 1865, apparently improved in health, but he soon began to experience a return of his old symptoms, first commencing with pain in lower portion of abdomen, and accompanied by slight diarrhœa, generally in the evening. In this condition he proceeded on his tour into the District, and from which change he appeared first to derive benefit, but eventually the diarrhœa assumed a dysenteric form, and on the 10th February 1866 he was

alarmed at passing a large quantity of blood, which necessitated his return to Mercara for treatment.

*February* 12*th*, 1866.—Examination by the speculum exhibits ulceration high up in the rectum, in which direction there is excessive pain, which causes him to adopt the recumbent position. The mesenteric glands are slightly enlarged, liver congested, and the patient pale and weak. Dejections at times consist of mucus and blood, or mucus tinged with blood.

R. Pil. Hydrarg. grains ij.
Pulv. Ipecac. grain i.
Pulv. Opii. grain i.
Ext. Gentian. grain i. Mft. pil. i.
One pill thrice a day.

R. Argent. Nit. scruples ij.
Aqua ounces xij.
Tinct. Opii. drachms ij. Mft.

Enema. One-fourth part to be thrown up into the rectum twice a day.

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Cont. Enema.

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Cont. Pil. et Enema.

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16*th*.—Motions assuming a more natural appearance, mucus and blood still perceptible ; no straining.

Cont Pil. et Enema.

17*th*.—Passed a motion this morning without either mucus or blood.

Cont. Pil. bis die.
Cont. Enema.

As Mr. Kerr is not likely to derive any permanent benefit from treatment, nor to be free from dysentery so long as he resides at this cool and elevated station, with its rarefied air, I have recommended him to proceed without delay, and by the shortest route, to sea and Europe for the period of twenty months.

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I, J. P. Nash, M. D., Assistant Surgeon at Mercara, do hereby certify on honor that W. H. Kerr, Esq., of the Madras Civil Service, is in a bad state of health, and I sincerely declare that, according to the best of my judgment, a change of air is essentially necessary to his recovery, and do therefore recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to Europe for twenty months.

MERCARA,
17*th February* 1867.

(Signed) J. P. NASH, M. D.,
*Assistant Surgeon, in Medical charge Civil Establishment.*

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DYSPEPSIA.

W. H. Kerr, Esq., Ætat 24, Civil Service.
Resident in India, four and half years.
Temperament, Phlegmatic.
Habits, temperate.

This Officer came to Madras about two months and a half ago to take up an appointment in the Chief Secretary's Office. Before doing so he consulted me as to the nature of his ailment, and the probability of his being able to do justice to it, on account of his impaired state of health.

SUMMARY.
Atonic Gastric Dyspepsia with a constipated state of bowels.
Impaired nutrition of the body in consequence.
Treatment—Tonics of Pepsine with Cod Liver Oil, and Saline Enemas to relieve the bowels.



After a minute inquiry into the nature of the ailment, I was of opinion that there was a probability of his being able to do so, and in consequence of this opinion he entered on his duties.

He states that for upwards of a year he had suffered from dyspeptic symptoms, which was easily referrible to an impaired tone of the stomach itself.

The chief complaint was that one or two hours after food had been taken he experienced distension of the organ, associated with continual eructations, to such an extent as to cause the food taken to be ejected. At the same time constipation was so troublesome as to oblige him to take aperient medicine daily in the shape of a dinner pill.

From the mal-assimilation of food the body had been scantily nourished, and in consequence the constitutional tone was lowered. Circulation was weak, and any fatigue was followed by exhaustion.

Believing the case to be one of Atonic Gastric Dyspepsia, with a more than usually diminished quantity of the gastric secretion, "Pepsine" was given in doses of fifteen grains before each meal, the bowels were relieved by means of an enema used daily of salt and water. All wine and beer was prohibited, and brandy and water was prescribed along with dry animal food without any vegetables.

This system of diet had the happiest effect. The gastric symptoms was got rid of ; the tone of digestion was so far improved as to enable him to take Cod Liver Oil in addition to the usual food, and latterly wine has been taken without proving hurtful. His strength and weight of body increased.

During my absence last month, the increased temperature of the atmosphere has caused him to lose flesh, and again the constipation has become more troublesome and he is again debilitated.

The gastric symptoms do not give him so much annoyance as before.

During my absence he was attended by Dr. Porteous, who agrees with me in opinion that as there is no material improvement after nearly a three months' residence here, but on the contrary that as there is now a tendency to a greater attenuation of his body, as well as to a loss of strength, that he should at once leave India and proceed to England, before any organic disease supervenes.

Accordingly, I beg to recommend that permission be granted to him to do so, according to the certificate appended.

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I, James Sanderson, Surgeon Major and Garrison Surgeon, Fort Saint George, do hereby certify that W. H. Kerr, Esq, of the Civil Service, is in a bad state of health, and I solemnly and sincerely declare that, according to the best of my judgment, a change of air is essentially necessary to his recovery, and do, therefore, recommend that he may be permitted to proceed to England.

(Signed) J. SANDERSON, Surgeon Major,
*Garrison Surgeon.*

MADRAS, 4*th June* 1861.

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*Madras*, 1*st July* 1863.

Mr. Kerr applied to me about this date, feeling a recurrence of his former complaint for which he had been sent Home and had since returned to India. I found him in a somewhat similar state as detailed above. I prescribed for him—

R. Ext. Nux. Vomic. grain viij.
Aloes, Ext. Rhubarb, of each grains ix, divide into nine pills. One at bed time.

R. Tinct. Nux. Vomic half an ounce.
Tinct. Cinchonæ Co. drachm iss.
Tinct. Calunbæ M. each one ounce and a half.

A desert spoonfull in a wine-glass full of water before breakfast and tiffin, and also before dinner on the days on which no pill is taken, one hour before meals.

Under the use of the above, his bowels got regular, his digestion improved, and his mental and bodily energy in a great measure returned. He expresses himself very much better and seems getting over the hot weather in a more satisfactory way than he could have hoped for.

(Signed) D. MACFARLANE, M. D., Surg. Major,
MADRAS, 4*th August* 1863. *Garrison Surgeon.*

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MERCARA, 5*th February* 1865.

Mr. W. H. Kerr, of the Madras Civil Service, returned to Mercara from a tour in the District on the 5th February 1865, in a very debilitated condition, complaining of an obstinate form of diarrhœa, from which it appears he has been suffering for nearly four months. Towards the end of December last he was recommended by my predecessor, Dr. Harper, to visit the sea coast, and accordingly he proceeded to Mangalore for the purpose; but when on the plains he contracted intermittent fever, which has left a tendency to hepatic congestion, and consequently aggravated his former complaint. His general appearance further indicates that the mesenteric glands are enlarged and indurated, and in which direction he occasionally experiences pain.

To check the diarrhœa, the following was ordered:—

R. Hydr. cum Cretæ, grains ij.
Sodæ Bicarbon, grains v.
Pulv. Rhei, grains x. Mft. Pulv. i.
One night and morning.

R. Cretæ Præp, drachms ii.
Conf. Aromatic, grains xl.
Tinct. Opii, drachm i.
Tinct. Catechu, drachms vj.
Aqua, ounces xij. Mft. Mist.
One wine-glass full every three hours.

7*th February*.—Not much improvement of symptoms has yet resulted. Skin dry, pulse 72, tongue furred, dejections deficient in bile.

Omit. Mist.

R. Hydr. cum Cretæ, grains xij.
Pulv. Cretæ Co. cum Opio, drachms iv.
Pulv. Rhei, drachm i.
Sodæ Bicarbon, drachms half. Mix and divide into 12 powders. One powder every three hours.

8*th*.—Less straining at the rectum, dejections getting bilious, tongue less furred, conjunctivæ clearer.

Cont. Pulv.

9*th*.—Feeling weak from the copious and bilious evacutions which he has been passing.

Cont. Pulv.
et adde Quinæ Dis. grain ½.

10*th*—Complains of incessant action of the bowels, straining at rectum and pain in small intestines, which is increased by pressure, pulse 72, feeble; feeling very languid and depressed in spirits. Is recommended to take a tea-spoonful of Cod Liver Oil in half a glass of wine, twice a day, and nourishing broths; also to wear a flannel bandage at night, sprinkled with turpentine.

Omit. Pulv.

R. Hydr. Chlorid, grains vj.
Pulv. Plumbi Acet. half a drachm.
Pulv. Ipecac. Co. drachm iss.
Pulv. Cretæ Co. cum Opio, half an ounce.
Mix and divide into 12 powders. One every four hours.



*th*.—Pain in intestines gradually diminishing, also complains less of the straining, passed a quiet night, skin less dry, dejections slightly mucus and tinged with blood, no pain in liver, but degree of uneasiness there.

Cont. Pulv.

12*th*.—Perfectly free from pain in any part of abdomen, dejections assuming more a natural appearance.

Cont. Pulv. One three times a day.

13*th*.—Ventured out to-day, being anxious to be present at the examination of the school, and which has aggravated the diarrhœa, and produced great prostration.

R. Pulv. Opii grains ij.
Saponis grains x. Mft. suppository. One to be applied night and morning.
Cont. Pulv.
Cont. Ol. Jecoris Aselli.

14*th*.—Complains of the powders producing great nausea, and which prevents him taking nourishment. Motions still continue frequent and watery, accompanied by straining of rectum and slight pain in small intestines. At times the motions chiefly consist of mucus tinged with blood.

Omit. Pulv.

R. Hydrarg. Chlorid. grains x, Pulv. Ipecac. grains v, Ext. Gentian. grains viij, Pil. Rhei Co. grains xl. Mft. Pil xij. One three times a day.
Cont. Ol. Jecoris Aselli.

15*th*.—Had a very restless night in consequence of having passed several bilious motions, loss mucus, and one of the motions slightly moulded.

Cont. Pil. One night and morning.

R. Cretæ Præp. ounce i, Conf. Aromatici, drachms ij, Tinct. Catechu ounce i Tinct. Opii drachm iss, Aqua Cinnamom Oj. Mft. Mist. Half a wine-glass every three hours.
Cont. suppository.

16*th*.—Although the patient has been only a few days under treatment, it is very apparent that his only chance of recovery consists in his immediately leaving this cool and elevated station with its rarefied air, and as he is extremely delicate and quite unable to undergo further treatment here, I have recommended him to proceed without delay to Madras, with the view of proceeding to sea and England; but I find he has anticipated my recommendation, and has applied for six months' *special* leave to Australia. I have, therefore, not pressed a sick certificate upon him.

(Signed) J. P. NASH, M. D.,
MERCARA, *Assistant Surgeon in Medical*
*7th February* 1865. *charge Civil Establishment, Coorg.*

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DYSENTERIA.

W. H. KERR, Esq., Ætat 28, Superintendent of Coorg, Residence in India.

27*th February*.—Mr. Kerr came here from Coorg five days ago in consequence of bad health. He stated that for several months past he has been suffering from dysentery in a sub-acute degree, with tenesmus as its most troublesome symptom, which, however, had been benefitted by the application of nitric acid to the rectum, by means of a speculum ani. His bowels are still moved several times a day, the stools occasionally containing mucus; he has now more griping low down in the hypogastrium and less tenesmus than formerly. He says he has a keen appetite, but has been living low for some time, in accordance with advice given by his last Medical attendant. He is miserably thin and pale, and his conjunctivæ are colorless and glistening. He tells me that he has never had good health in India, always becoming weak and emaciated whilst in employ in a hot station; that he felt very well in Coorg till he got the dysentery; and that he never suffered from

1864, he was recommended to visit the sea coast, where

bowel complaint previously to this attack. After studying the case he brought with him from Coorg I have recommended a more liberal diet and the following mixture :—

Ex. Hæmatoyel drachms ii.
Ess. Menth. minims xv.
Aq. Ounces vi.
M. ft. Mist.
Ounce i, every second motion.

(Signed) J. KIRKPATRICK, M. D.,
*Surg. of the Mysore Commission.*

*March 3rd.*—He has somewhat improved since last report, but he still complains of the tenesmus, of passing mucus, and of slight irritation of the bladder. I examined the rectum by a speculum, and found the lining membrane in a state of low congestion and very relaxed, and in some parts rough and uneven. I applied nitrate of silver to it lightly all round. Since then he has had a weak solution of caustic (Arq. Nit.) grains ii. to Aq. oz. i. injected twice a day, and with considerable benefit. He is recommended to continue the mixture and the injections, and to use a liberal but unstimulating diet. He leaves this to-morrow for Madras, with a view to proceeding to sea for the benefit of his health.

BANGALORE,
10*th March* 1865. (Signed) J. HENDERSON, M. D.,
*Assistant Surgeon.*

Referred to the Examiner of Claims for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10*th May* 1867. (Signed) F. BRANDT,
*Under Secy. to Govt.*

No. 33. No. 30.

MEMORANDUM.

Eligible to an annuity of £250 under the Despatch of the Secretary of State, dated 25th November 1862, No. 193, as his service is more than 10 and under 15 years.

10*th May* 1867.

(Signed) W. DONALD,
*Examiner of Claims.*

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1867, No. 215.

The Right Honorable the Secretary of State having permitted Mr. W. H. Kerr to resign the Civil Service from the 11th March 1867, the Governor in Council grants Mr. Kerr, under the authority conveyed in paragraph 7 of the Financial Despatch of the Secretary of State to the Government of India, dated 25th November 1862, No. 193, an Invalid pension of £250 per annum from the date in question.

(True Extract).

*Chief Secretary.*

To W. H. Kerr, Esq., London.
To the Accountant General.
,, Examiner of Claims.
,, Managers of the Civil Fund.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Dysentery. 3
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W. H. Kerr Esquire
Madras Civil Service.
Æt. 29y.
Residence in India 6½ 9 M.
Temperament- Lymphatic.
Habits- Regular.

Summary.

A patient of lymphatic temperament, who is subject to Dysentery, and unable to stand the Cool and elevated District of Coorg.

Mr. Kerr has been suffering from dyspepsia, hepatic disease, and irregular action of the bowels for several years. In 1861 he was furnished with a Sick Certificate by Dr. Sanderson, and proceeded to Europe for two years.

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J. P. Nash. M.D.
Assist: Surgeon,
in med: ch: Civil Establishment—

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W. H. Kerr Esquire,
Madras Civil Service.

Leave and Certificate.

J. P. Mark. Esq.
Dpty. Secretary.

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Mr. W. H. Kerr.

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J. P. Nash, M.D.
Asst: Surgeon,
in medical charge Civil Esta-
blishment.

Dyspepsia

W. Hobart Kerr, Esqre, æt 124

Civil Service

Resident in India 4½ years

Temperament - Phlegmatic

Habits Temperate.

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Summary

Atonic Gastric Dyspepsia with a Constipated State of Bowels.

Impaired nutrition of the Body in consequence.

Treatment: Tonics of Pepsine with Cod Liver Oil and Saline Enemas to relieve the Bowels.

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Madras, 4th June 1861. Surgeon Major, Garrison Surgeon

Madras July 1st 1863.

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Bed time. Stuff - and also
before dinner - a Pedilavium
that no pill be taken -
one hemispherical weak -

Under the above
his Bowels get regular - his
digestion improved - His
general health & energy much
improved. He appears himself very much
better and seems getting
on. He will write in a more
satisfactory way when he sends
in the Report for -

A Macalaine Mc
Regimental
Garrison Surgeon

Madras
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Mercara 5th February 1865 –

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Comp: Aromatic. ʒij
Tinct: Opii. ʒj
Tinct: Catechu. ʒvj
Aqua. ʒxij Aqua Mist.
One wine glassful every three hours.
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Cont. Pulv:
et add Aluina Dis: Grp.
10th Complains of incessant action of the bowels, straining at rectum and pain in small intestines, which is increased by pressure, pulse 72. feeble. feeling very languid and depressed in spirits. Is recommended to take a teaspoonful of Cod liver oil in half a glass of wine twice a day, and nourishing broths. Also to wear a flannel bandage at night sprinkled with turpentine.
Omitt. Pulv:
℞ Hydr. Chlorid: gr vj
P. Plumbi Acet: ʒj.
P. Ipecac: Co: ʒij
P. Creta Co: cum Opio ʒj
Mix and divide into 12 powders. one every four hours.
11th Pain in intestines gradually diminishing, also complains less of the straining, passed a quiet night, Skin less dry, dejections slightly mucous and tinged with blood, no pain in liver, but a degree of uneasiness there.
Cont: Pulv:

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12th Perfectly free from pain in any part of abdomen, dejections assuming more a natural appearance.

Cont Pulv:- One three times a day.

13th Ventured out today, being anxious to be present at the examination of the school which has aggravated the diarrhoea, and produced great prostration.

℞ P. Opii gr ij

Saponis gr x Bpt suppository one to be applied night and morning.

Cont: Pulv:

Cont. Ol: decoris Aselli.

14th Complains of the powders producing great nausea, and which prevents him taking nourishment. Motions still continue frequent and watery, accompanied by straining of rectum and slight pain in small intestines- at times the motions chiefly consist of mucous tinged with blood.

Omitt: pulv:

℞ Hydrarg: Chlorid: gr x, Pulv: Specac: gr v, Ext: Gentian: gr viij, Pil: Rhei Co: ℈ij Bpt: Pil xij- One three times a day.

Cont: Ol: decoris Aselli.

15th- Had a very restless night in consequence of having passed several bilious motions, less mucous, and only the motions slightly moulded.

Cont: Pil:- one night and morning.

℞ Creta Prep: ℈j, Cons: Armatii, ℈ij, Tinct: Catechu ℈j, Tinct: Opii ℥ij, Aqua Cinnamomi ℥j Bpt- Mist:- Half a wineglass every three hours.

Cont. suppository

16th February- Although the patient has been only a few days under treatment, it is very apparent that his only chance of recovery consists in his immediately leaving this cool and elevated station with its rarefied air, and as he is extremely delicate and quite unable to undergo further treatment here, I have recommended him to proceed without delay to Madras, with the view of proceeding to Sea and England; but should he has anticipated my recommendation, and has applied for six months special leave to Australia, I have therefore not prepared a Sick Certificate upon him.

Mercara
16th February
1865.

J. J. Nock Esqr
Asst. Surgeon
in medical charge Civil
Establishments Coorg.

February.
Civil Service.
Case of W. A. Kerr, Esq.
Superintendent of Coorg.
Residence in India.

Dysentery 29 8/3
W. A. Kerr Esqr. Aetat 28
Superintendent of Coorg
Residence in India.

27th February

Mr. Kerr came here from Coorg five days ago in consequence of bad health. He stated that for several months past he has been suffering from Dysentery in a subacute degree, with tenesmus as its most troublesome symptom, which however has been benefited by the application of Nitric acid to the rectum by means of a speculum ani. His bowels are still moved several times a day, the stools occasionally containing mucus; he has now more griping, low down in the Hypogastrium and less tenesmus than formerly. He says he has a keen appetite but has been living low for some time in accordance with advice given by his last

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medical attendant. He is miserably thin and pale and his conjunctival are colorless and glistening = He tells me that has never had good health in India always becoming weak and emaciated whilst in employ in a hot station, that he felt very ill in Coorg till he got the Dysentry and that he never suffered from Bowel complaint previously to this attack: after studying the case he brought with him from Coorg I have recommended a more liberal diet and the following mixture.

℞ Tincture Catechu ℥ ii
Spt. Menth pip ℥ xv
Aq. ad ℥ vi

℥ i every 2nd hour.

[Signed] J Kirkpatrick M.D.
Surgeon of the
Mysore Commission

March 3.

He has known that improved since last report, but he still complains of the tenesmus, & passing mucus & slight pain of the bladder. On examining the rectum by a speculum, I found the lining membrane in a state of low congestion & removed it in some parts, & tenesmus & I applied Nitrate of Silver to it lightly all round — Since then he has had a weak solution of Caustic (Caustic pot. gr. ii) injected twice a day & will continue it. He is recommended to continue the mixture, & the injections & to use a more liberal, but nutritious diet — He leaves this for Bangalore with a view to proceeding to Goa for the benefit of his health.

J Kirkpatrick
Surgeon

Bangalore
March 15th 65

Revenue Crown and Estate Branch P. R. O.
Civil Service

Public Letter to England
dated 17th May No 9 of 1867.

Rd 28th Oct 1867

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14 St James's Square
London
March 31st 1867.

From. W. A. Kerr Esq.
Madras Civil Service

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Sir, As directed by the Under Secretary of State in a letter of the 22nd inst I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to lay before the Rt Hon'ble The Governor in Council this my application for an invalid Pension dating from the 11th March 1867 under the terms of the Secretary of State's despatch of the 25th of November 1862.

My service dates from the 15th of March 1856

and I had therefore at the date of my resignation
more than completed 10 years service -

The Report of the Medical Board and the
other medical certificates in my case are enclosed
herewith.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
William Herr

Financial Department. 37R

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:

From M. W. H. Kerr. — Dated 31 March 1867.
— Examiner of Accounts. — — 10 May —.

Order thereon 14 May 1867 No. 215.

The Right Honorable
the Secretary of State having
permitted M. W. H. Kerr
to resign the Civil Service
from the 11th March 1867
the Governor in Council
grants Mr. Kerr, under
the authority conveyed
in paragraph 7 of the
Financial despatch
of the Secretary of State
to the Government of India
dated 25th November 1862
No 193, an Invalid pen-
sion of £250 per
annum

annum from the date
in question.

To W Hewer Esqr London.
" Accountt General
" Examiner of Claims
" Managers of the Civil Fund

Financial 1867. Department.

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