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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 27th July 1858.

No. 46. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 10th July 1858.

Read the following letter from Lieut. Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th July 1858, No. 1243.

SIR,

I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a demi-official letter from Assistant Surgeon H. G. Williams, Zillah Surgeon of Honore, and with reference to Minutes of Consultation, dated 31st May, No. 1877, I am directed to request to be informed whether Dr. Williams is available for Military duty.

I am at the same time to state, that there is no intention of recommending the appointment of a Field Surgeon to the Bellary column.

Referred to the Judicial and Revenue Departments for report.

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Honore, 19th June 1858.

MY DEAR SIR,

I take the liberty of troubling you, as it has just occurred to me that the cause of my forwarding a representation of the *unimportance of the Medical duties of this station*, may be misunderstood by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

It was not with the intention or wish to be permitted to take up the appointment of 2nd Class Staff Surgeon with H. M.'s Army in Bengal, for I am aware, the authorities there were obliged to make other arrangements, on account of the Minutes of Consultation, of which I forward you a copy, and the appointment then at my acceptance, has been long since filled up.

In making the representation through the Superintending Surgeon on the 9th Instant, regarding the very light, or next to no duties here, I was merely actuated by a sense of duty, and a feeling to a certain extent of shame in occupying an appointment, little if at all removed from a sinecure, when from the Minutes of Consultation (copy enclosed) it is apparent His Excellency requires the services of as many Medical Officers as he can obtain, otherwise perhaps His Excellency would not have been obliged to prevent my appointment to the Staff of H. M.'s Army in Bengal, for you were kind enough to intimate to me, more than a year ago, His Excellency's hopes at some future period, to give me a proof of his approval of my services with H. M.'s Army (not the Turkish Contingent) in the Crimea.

I enclose a copy of what I have said, regarding the duties of this Zillah to the Superintending Surgeon, and it may perhaps have the result of my being placed at His Excellency's disposal.

Should it be so and His Excellency not consider some other arrangement more desirable, I should be exceedingly gratified, for the appointment of Field Surgeon, or Staff Surgeon, with the column assembling at Bellary, and I trust I may not be considered egotistical in saying that from my experience of real service in Bengal, before being brought on the Madras establishment, and my subsequent career, with the light division in the Crimea, I feel that I could discharge the duties so as to meet His Excellency's entire approbation.

I observe that the only full Surgeon, attached to the force, ordered to Bellary is Dr. Middlemass, and he is Acting Garrison Surgeon at Bangalore, so that no Officer could consider he was in the least slighted, if His Excellency favors me.

I will further trespass on your kindness to say that the present Surgeon of the 60th Rifles, was under me in the latter part of my service in the Crimea, as was also one of his Assistants, so

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there could be no complaint from them, if His Excellency selected me for the Field Hospital. I merely mention this as I would not even like to ask for an appointment, which might cause a *Senior in Rank* to think he was passed over.

Trusting you will pardon this liberty.

Colonel HAINES, *Military Secretary.*

I am &c.,

(Signed) H. G. WILLIAMS,
Zillah Surgeon, Honore.

Extract from a letter to the Superintending Surgeon, Malabar and Canara, from Assistant Surgeon H. G. WILLIAMS, M. D., Zillah Surgeon, Honore, (No. 33) dated 9th June 1858.

The duties here are nothing to employ a Medical Officer on. Cholera as you are aware is unknown in the Zillah, and the only two cases of Europeans, whom I have had to treat since I came here, upwards of thirteen months ago, were very unimportant cases indeed, and any Medical Subordinate could have treated them.

I may also add that the few cases in which certificates of a Medical legal character have been required, were in most cases unnecessary; and at all events, a Dresser such as is here would have been quite capable of giving all the information required.

I further beg to refer to the return of sick in the Jail for the first four months of the present year (forwarded to you a few days back) shews that the sick during that time, amounted to only 54, and their complaints, were all of the *most trifling character*.

As I have heard Medical Officers are very much wanted in other stations, and for Military duty just now, I feel it my duty candidly, to make the above representation, even at the risk of some personal inconvenience to myself.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. G. WILLIAMS.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) W. G. WOODS, Lieutenant Colonel,
Adjutant General of the Army.

No. 47.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1009; dated 27th July 1858.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be informed that the services of Assistant Surgeon H. G. Williams, Zillah Surgeon of Honore, are not available for Military duty, unless another Assistant Surgeon can be given to replace him at Honore.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be informed that the services of Asst. Surgeon H. G. Williams, Zillah Surgeon of Honore are not available for Military duty, unless another Assistant Surgeon can be given to replace him at Honore

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Referring to report copy
of a letter from the Asst. Surg.
of the Army forwarding copy
of a demer official letter from
Asst. Surgeon W. Williams, Zillah
Surgeon of Honore - and re-
-quering to be informed whe-
-ther Dr. Williams is avail-
-able for Military duty -
also stating that there is no
intention of recommending
the appointment of a
Field Surgeon to the Bellary
Column.

With an order

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