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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 19th October 1858.

No. 11. Read the following letter from ANDW. N. MAGRATH, Esq., Director General, Medical Department; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 29th September 1858, No. 179.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government, the enclosed communication from 2nd Apothecary D. Hanson, Medical Officer, Ganjam, soliciting for reasons assigned, the substantive rank of Civil Surgeon, to enable him to do justice to his charge.

2. On Mr. Hanson's return from Europe, in May 1857, he brought out with him the Diploma of the College of Surgeons of England, and as a reward for such proficiency and attainments, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council was pleased to nominate him to the charge of Ganjam, with the full salary as hitherto held by a Commissioned Medical Officer. In the absence of a Commission from the Home Government, it may be impossible for the local Government to bestow upon Mr. Hanson, the substantive rank of Civil Surgeon.

From 2nd Apothecary D. HANSON, M. R. C. S. and S. M., Medical Officer, Ganjam; to the Secretary to the Director General, Medical Department, dated Chutterpore, 20th July 1858.

SIR,

I beg leave to address you, and to request you will do me the favor to submit the following representation to the Director General of the Medical Department.

I have hitherto been induced to submit to the practical inconveniences which have resulted from the anomalous position in which I have been placed, from unwillingness to occupy the Director General and Government with their recital, at a time when the exigencies of the State were paramount. The requisition too for my services in the field, my duties at Sumbulpore, the journeys to and from, and the occupation incident to close attendance on the late Mr. Lushington, whom I found very ill on my return to this station in April last, each and all disposed me to waive personal considerations, and contributed to circumscribe my course.

The circumstances under which I was appointed to the Medical charge of this Zillah, are known to you and to the Director General. It has been my care to justify the confidence reposed in me; and I only regret that the peculiarities attaching to my position involve the necessity for occupying you with the recital of hardships which bear very oppressively on me.

Since assuming Medical charge of this Zillah in July last year, Messrs. W. Knox, Lushington and T. J. Knox have occupied the office of Collectors. By all three I have been looked upon and dealt with as a 2nd Apothecary. That the Government never contemplated this, I feel confident. Having after a long course of study, and at a considerable expense, achieved a higher position in my profession, you will, I think, admit that it is not unnatural I should expect to enjoy the social privileges that that position confers upon the individual advanced and though I have not been fortunate enough to realize my anticipations with reference to an appointment from the Court of Directors, yet the local Government having taken my antecedents into consideration, and no doubt justly viewing the incapability of continuing to employ me as an Apothecary under existing circumstances, were kind enough to honor me with the responsible charge of this Zillah, on the same consolidated salary as would be drawn by an Assistant Surgeon, with a similar charge; thereby making it clear that they never intended I should be deprived of the amenities of my new situation, but I regret to say that their liberal intentions towards me are neutralized by the mere circumstance of my continuing to hold the Military rank of 2nd Apothecary. As a further proof that the Government no longer view my present position as that of Apothecary, I have only to refer you to para. 5 of Extract of Minutes of Consultation, dated 5th June 1858, (a copy of which I beg to forward) wherein the Governor in Council "with reference to the circumstances originally appointing me a *Civil Surgeon at Ganjam*," fully approved of the measure adopted by the Military Auditor General, in having withdrawn my case from the rules governing ordinary appointments of Medical Subordinates, thereby permitting me to enjoy the same privileges as an Assistant Surgeon, viz., in allowing me to draw my full Civil allowances, during my temporary removal from my station, in addition to Head money for affording Medical aid to Troops at Sumbulpore, an indulgence allowed only to Covenanted Medical Officers.

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You are aware, Sir, that as a private individual and a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, my position in any society in any part of the world would be recognised as higher than that of an Apothecary, I am now filling a post hitherto invariably held by an Assistant Surgeon, and yet in that capacity how different is the treatment I experience to what I did when holding the appointment of an "Acting Assistant Surgeon" in the Turkish Contingent and then too, I was only what is technically termed "an unqualified Medical man." The only European residents here are the Collector and his Assistant; with perhaps an Engineer Officer for a few months in the year. Apart from my professional visits, I am thoroughly isolated; and I am thus totally deprived of all social intercourse, known as I am to you I need hardly say that I would willingly forbear advancing aught which even apparently bears the semblance of raising questions; but I trust both you and the Director General will not fail to observe that I have no alternative.

Under these circumstances, may I be permitted to hope that the Director General of the Medical Department will view my case with indulgence; and in consideration of my having officiated in the capacity of Surgeon from January 1856, both in Her Majesty's and in the Honorable Company's Service, with satisfaction to my superiors (Testimonials Nos. 1, 2 and 3 forwarded) that he will recommend my prayer to the favorable consideration of Government, which is that they will confer upon me the substantive rank of Civil Surgeon, thereby securing to me that status which, I respectfully submit, an individual in my position ought to possess, to enable him to do justice to his charge.

Hoping I may be pardoned for thus intruding upon your valuable time.

This is to certify that Dr. Hanson, was required to proceed from Chutterpore in Ganjam to Sumbulpore, for the purpose of taking charge at the latter place of the Troops there, consisting of 6 Companies of the 40th M. N. I., a Detachment of Madras Artillery, &c., that in travelling up from Cuttack, he was attacked by a body of insurgents and narrowly escaped with his life under circumstances which can better be detailed by himself, but regarding the fact of which there is no doubt. Nearly dead from cold and exhaustion, he was rescued by a Detachment of the Seebundee Corps sent by me for service at Sumbulpore and by which he was escorted back to the house of the Rajah of Rehracole and after a lapse of a few days enabled to join a strong detachment sent out from Sumbulpore to bring him in. Dr. Hanson has lost nearly all his property and among other articles his Diploma, the cost of which amounted to £ 30 paid for by him within this last year.

Dr. Hanson served under General Vivian in the Crimea; is a most deserving Officer as reported to me by his late official superior, the Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George, Madras, in Ganjam. The losses of life, health and property that have come upon the Indian Army in consequence of the present revolt or rebellion are beyond exaggeration or compensation, much however has been and is being done to alleviate distress and the deep sympathies of the people of England and in fact of the civilized world have been stirred on behalf of the sufferers.

As the means of assisting Dr. Hanson, I am of opinion that Duplicate Diplomas should be given to him free of charge and I give this Certificate representing the general circumstances attending his loss of the originals in the full assurance that my recommendation will have its due weight with those in whom the power of compliance may be vested, only adding that this act of mine is a voluntary one and unknown as yet to Dr. Hanson.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of December 1857.

(Signed) G. F. COCKBURN,

Commr. of Revenue and Circuit,

(Court Seal.)

Cuttack Division.

Cuttack, the 17th December 1857.

DEAR SIR,

Pooree, 10th June 1858.

I was glad to receive your letter of the 6th, this morning, and to hear that you were better again. I trust that you may soon be able to get leave and join your family from whom you have

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been so long separated. You are welcome to make use of the accompanying testimonial in any way you wish. With kind regards,

Yours truly,

(Signed) G. F. COCKBURN.

I was in daily communication with Mr. D. Hanson for nearly two months, during my stay at Sumbulpore, in the early part of this year, we lived together in fact and I had constant opportunity of witnessing his conduct as a member of society and Medical gentleman, and was highly pleased. I observed him to be kind, unassuming and most correct in language and acts, also most diligent and careful in the performance of his professional duties. He had a very extensive charge at a very critical period, and labored indefatigably and successfully in the Hospitals. I was present with him at the death-bed of Major Bates, Commanding 40th M. N. I., and witnessed the unceasing efforts bestowed on the case, and the kind attentions when it was evident these endeavors were vain to save life. I have great pleasure in testifying my entire satisfaction with Mr. Hanson, and I am certain that the opinion of all other Officers engaged in the Sumbulpore campaign is equally favorable.

(Signed) G. F. COCKBURN,
Commissioner of Cuttack.

Pooree, 10th June 1858.

Masulipatam, 2nd July 1858.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the very satisfactory manner in which Mr. Hanson performed the duties of Zillah Surgeon in Ganjam. From all I could see and hear, I am quite sure that he has made good use of the opportunities he has had and that his knowledge of his profession is of a high order. Of his great attention I can speak from personal experience and I know that he was equally anxious and watchful when his patients were the poor and indigent.

I need only add that Mr. Hanson's moral character is unexceptionable and no complaint of any kind was ever brought before me against him.

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Lately Acting Agent in Ganjam.

(True Copies.) (Signed) D. HANSON.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 1435; dated 13th October 1858.

The Government appreciate Mr. D. Hanson's merits, but it is not in their power to confer upon him the rank applied for.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Certificate.

FROM CIRCULATION
WITH REMARKS.

Information has
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No. 779

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Office of Director General
Med. Department
Fort Saint George
29 September 1858.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obed^t servant
A. M. Napier
Director General
Medical Department

Exd. T. H. D.

Judicial Department
No. 115.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th June 1858.
Read the following papers.

Letter from the Collector of Ganjam
(Hav. letter 21st April 1858 N. 52)

Memo from the Deputy Military Auditor General
(Hav. letter 14th 26th May 1858)

1. With the first of the above papers, the Collector of Ganjam submits a communication from Mr. 2nd Lieut. Henry D. Hanson, the Medical Officer of Ganjam, respecting a claim to his full Civil Allowances during the period he was absent from Ganjam on field service at Sumbulpore.
2. It is observed that the Civil Auditor gave it as his opinion, in a reference being made to him by the Collector, that as Mr. Hanson was only temporarily removed from his charge, he was entitled to a continuance of his Civil Salary or to compensation for it, and that as another Officer was placed in charge of the duties during his absence, the amount should be drawn in the Military Department. To this, as stated in the correspondence submitted by the Collector, the Military Auditor General objected on the ground that Mr. Hanson was not entitled to the same indulgence as a commandant Medical Officer and that consequently his claim to Civil Salary was inadmissible.
3. The Collector states that Mr. Hanson proceeded to Sumbulpore on an emergency and with good reason for confidence that he would be allowed to retain his Civil emoluments with the possible addition of head money; and, if he were now deprived of these allowances, his case would be one of peculiar hardship, especially as during his expedition he had lost a considerable amount of property from robbers, barely escaping with his own life. Mr. J. D. Lister then urges that if Government are disposed to admit the service, for which the Military Auditor General objects to pay Mr. Hanson's Civil Allowances, his case may be regarded as a special one and be permitted to draw the amount claimed.
4. In his Memo, presented above, the Deputy Military Auditor General states that the rule laid down in Extract Minutes Consultation 29th August 1848, whereby Civil Surgeons are allowed to retain their Civil Allowances when detached from their appointments on public duty, is solely applicable to commissioned Officers; and that according to rule Mr. Hanson appears entitled whilst on duty at Sumbulpore, simply to the pay and allowances of his rank including full batta. Mr. Hanson's case he however observes, has been withdrawn from the rules which govern ordinary appointments of Medical Subordinates and his claim to compensation consequent on being detached on duty to Sumbulpore, can

can therefore apparently be considered only with reference to the same special ground which led to his appointment.

5. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs in the view taken by the Military Auditor General, and as a special case in reference to the circumstances under which Mr. Hanson was originally appointed as Civil Surgeon at Gaspain, and to the peculiar incidents connected with his employment at Sambulpoor, he is pleased to sanction the payment to that Officer as compensation, of the difference between the amount of his Military Pay and field allowances and his consolidated Civil Salary as Medical Officer of Gaspain, during his absence from that Station on field service, the same being drawn from the Military Department.

/ True Extract /

Wm. T. L. G. G. G.
Chief Secretary

To the Collector of Gaspain, with 5 Bills.
" Civil Auditor
" Military Auditor General
" Accountant General.

Ex^{te} J. C. Ledge

True Copy
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Copy to Director General
Medical Dept. } Dec 16th.

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