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16th August 1866.

Read the following :—

No. 179. Letter from the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Adjutant General; dated Fort Saint George, 28th July 1866, No. 277.

I have the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and Government, an application from the Senior Medical Officer at Ootacamund, to be

permitted to retain Assistant Apothecary P. Anderson at the Jail at Lovedale, when he is promoted to 2nd Apothecary. Mr. Anderson is next for promotion.

2. The delay in forwarding this application has arisen from having heard that the Assistant Apothecary did not wish to remain at Lovedale upon promotion. I, therefore, thought it right to as-

certain his wishes. I enclose Mr. Anderson's letter.

From Surgeon J. MILLER, M. D., Senior Medical Officer, Neilgherries, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Southern Division, Trichinopoly; dated Ootacamund, 3rd July 1866.

I have the honor to forward, a letter from the Officer in charge of the Jail at Lovedale, urgently soliciting that Assistant Apothecary P. Anderson may be retained in Medical charge of the Convicts and Coolies employed at the Lawrence Asylum Works, subsequently to his promotion. I trust that Captain Hankin's application will receive the support of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, and the sanction of Government. From my own knowledge, I can corroborate all that Captain Hankin states as to the value of Mr. Anderson's services since his connection with the Jail, and I believe that his removal would embarrass considerably the operations at Lovedale. The Engineers are almost entirely dependent on convict labor, and that labor can be continued only by maintaining health and contentment among the men. Two years ago the works were seriously interrupted by the prevalence of an immense amount of malingering, illness, and death among the convicts, which attracted the attention of Government, and well nigh proved fatal to the experiment of convict labor on the Hills; but since Mr. Anderson's appointment, the statistics of health have borne favorable comparison, as they do now, with those of any Jail in the Presidency. This happy result was brought about in great measure by the intelligence and zeal with which Mr. Anderson discharged his duties, and his two years' experience has now qualified him in a high degree for what is in many respects a peculiar charge. He has obtained a knowledge of the nature and effects of the climate of the Hills; he has become familiar with the various phases of disease, real and feigned, which present themselves among a body of men suddenly transferred from the plains, and placed in altogether new circumstances; he is acquainted with the characters of the men, has infused confidence and contentment into their minds, and acquired tact in managing them; and he has himself become habituated to the climate, which is no small matter. These are valuable qualifications, which a successor to Mr. Anderson could not at first possess, nor is it certain, or even likely, that he could ever acquire them; and I fear that a change of Apothecary could not be effected without the risk of a recurrence of the deplorable state of health which obtained in the Jail prior to Mr. Anderson's appointment. Such a disaster would be peculiarly unfortunate at the present time, when all available labor is urgently required for the vigorous prosecution of the works. I trust, therefore, that sufficient reason has been shown to procure a relaxation, in this instance, of the rule which requires Assistant Apothecaries to revert to Military duty on promotion, and that Mr. Anderson will be allowed to remain in his present charge.

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16th August 1866.

No. 1179.

It appears, from these letters, desirable that Mr. Anderson should be permitted to continue on duty at Lovedale.

TRICHINOPOLY,  
9th July 1866.

(Signed) J. A. REYNOLDS,  
Dy. Inspector General of Hospitals, S. D.  
To the Secretary, Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,  
Fort Saint George.

From Assistant Apothecary P. ANDERSON, Doing Duty Jail and Working Party, Lawrence Asylum Works, Neilgherries, to the Senior Medical Officer, Ootacamund; dated Neilgherries, 20th July 1866, No. 5.

In acknowledging the receipt of Memorandum, No. 2392, from the Secretary, Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, I beg to state that, inasmuch as yourself and the authorities on the Lawrence Asylum Works consider that my services here would be of more value to them than a successor, I have no objections to remain in Medical charge after my promotion, as proposed by you.

No. 1291.

MEMORANDUM.

Submitted with reference to Memorandum, No. 2932, of 14th instant, from Secretary, Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

TRICHINOPOLY,  
25th July 1866.

(Signed) J. A. REYNOLDS,  
Dy. Insp. Genl. of Hospls., S. D.

To the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General,  
Medical Department, Fort Saint George.

No. 539.

MEMORANDUM.

Submitted to Government, for favorable consideration.

2. The reasons for Assistant Apothecary P. Anderson being retained for duty at the Jail at Lovedale are so fully set forth by Doctor Miller in his letter attached, that His Excellency has nothing to add, but his recommendation to the above proposal.

(By Order.)

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
HEAD QUARTERS, OOTACAMUND,  
4th August 1866.

(Signed) C. COOKE, Colonel,  
Deputy Adjutant General.

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,  
6th August 1866.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON,  
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 1270.

ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1866, No. 1270.

Under the circumstances stated, the Governor in Council is of opinion that Assistant Apothecary P. Anderson should retain his present charge of the Jail at Lovedale, after promotion to the grade of Second Apothecary.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

Inspector General of Jails.

Military Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To Offg. Pl. Insp. General  
Medical Dept  
Inspector Genl. of Jails  
July 20th

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