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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th March 1877. No. 815.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 221. Read again Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 10th February 1877, No. 467.

No. 221-A. Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government in the Public Department, dated Fort St. George, 1st March 1877, No. 493.

No. 450.

REFERRED to the Surgeon-General for report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th February 1877.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

From Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 28th February 1877, No. 132.

WITH reference to your memorandum, No. 450, dated 24th February, referring for report G.O., No. 467, of 10th February, Public Works Department, I have the honor to inform His Grace the Governor in Council that I see no objection to the Railway Apothecaries being subjected to a practical examination to test their qualifications for the posts they hold; it being understood that the passing of such an examination will not carry with it qualification for any other appointments than those they at present occupy on the railway.

2. I would propose that they be examined as to their practical acquaintance in the following subjects, viz., Materia Medica, Practical Pharmacy, Medicine and Clinical Medicine, Surgery and Clinical Surgery, Elementary Hygiene and Minor Surgery.

3. On receiving due notice of when it will be convenient for them to come to Madras, I shall be prepared to convene a Committee for their examination. To avoid the inconvenience of all the Apothecaries being absent from duty at the same time, it would be desirable that the Railway authorities make arrangements for their presence in Madras in batches at intervals of a week.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, (Railway,) for disposal.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 222. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1877, No. 815.

RAILWAY, No. 32-A.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for the information of the Railway authorities, with a view to arrangements being made for the proposed examinations.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Railway Branch.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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10th February 1877. No. 467.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 292. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 20th January 1877, No. 47.

From R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 19th January 1877, No. 129.

ADVERTING to the correspondence and orders of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that I have asked the Consulting Physician to express to me his opinion as to the suggestion that the Apothecaries now employed by this Company, who hold no certificates from the Medical College, should attend the classes with a view to becoming formally "qualified." In reply Dr. Elder informs me that he considers such a course would be "quite impracticable," and when it is remembered that the Apothecaries would have to be absent from their posts for a considerable time, to admit of their attending the classes, during the present prevalence of disease and sickness, it must, I think, be admitted that there is some force in the Consulting Physician's objection.

2. Dr. Elder, however, suggests that a Committee of Medical Officers should be appointed to examine the six Apothecaries in Materia Medica, Surgery and Medicine, and I shall be glad if you will submit this suggestion for the orders of Government.

3. In the meantime I send the correspondence to London by this week's mail for the consideration of the Board of Directors.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government with reference to the suggestion made in paragraph 2.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Major, R.E.,
for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 140.

REFERRED to the Public Department.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
23rd January 1877. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 192.

REFERRED to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, for his remarks.
FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
26th January 1877. Chief Secretary.

No. 292-A. From Surgeon-General G. SMITH, M.D., Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 31st January 1877, No. 51.

With reference to your No. 192 of 26th January 1877, referring for remarks the correspondence herewith returned, I have the honor to report to His Grace the

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Governor in Council that I do not think it would be consistent with established policy or fair to duly qualified Apothecaries to admit the eight unqualified subordinates of the Madras Railway to a modified and insufficient examination so as to permit them to compete with men who have been regularly trained and duly licensed.

No. 233.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

1st February 1877.

No. 293.

ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1877, No. 467.

RAILWAY, No. 22-A.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council
concurs with the Surgeon-General, Indian
Medical Department, that it would be

inexpedient to admit the Railway Apothecaries in question to a modified and insufficient examination. But Dr. Smith will be requested, in the Public Department, to report whether there are any objections to an examination being held with a view to test the capabilities of the men and their qualifications for the posts they at present hold. Such a course seems necessary for the protection of the public. It will be understood, however, that this examination should carry with it no privilege and no certificate.

(True Extract.)

W. H. H. H.

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Public Department.

Exd. E.-C. Shunker.
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 an objection of the Railway
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 information of the
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 with a view to their
 being made aware of
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Railway Apothecaries

Letter from the Surgeon General
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forming that there is no
objection to the — being
subjected to a practical
examination to test their
qualification for the posts
they now hold. Comd^r the
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of the Railway Authorities

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