

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

19 May 1884, No. 2384.

Medical Department-Subordinates.

Read the following papers :—

No. . From C. D. MADDEN, Esq., Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 1st May 1884, No. 24-O.

I have the honor to request the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council as to whether the appointment of an Assistant Apothecary to the army head-quarters at Ootacamund under G.O., Military Department, No. 1687, of 8th April 1884, is to be considered a military or civil one.

2. As the emoluments of the office will apparently be a military charge, as the duties will be solely connected with military staff and establishments, and as the corresponding appointment in Bengal * is under the control of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, in that

* See para. 4, page 30, regulations for the Medical Department, Bengal, 1882. presidency, it was presumed by me that the appointment is purely military. Accordingly, in consultation with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I selected a subordinate and directed him to join from Secunderabad.

3. From the enclosed letter, however, it will be seen that Surgeon-General Cornish regards the appointment as a civil one, and considers that the nomination by this office to the appointment, "in communication with the Commander-in-Chief, would render the subordinate independent of the medical officers under whose control the Government intended that he should serve."

4. With reference to the latter portion of the above remarks, it has to be stated that similar arrangements to those now objected to exist in the hospital of the Body Guard of His Excellency the Governor and in the Fort dispensary. In both these institutions military subordinates nominated by, and under the control of, this office work under civil medical officers, and I am not aware that any of the inconvenience anticipated at Ootacamund has ever been experienced in Madras.

5. On the contrary, I am of opinion that there are strong reasons that the subordinate should be under the control of this office, as otherwise it would be impossible for me to exercise the necessary discipline in the interests of the army head-quarter's staff and establishments.

6. Dr. Cornish states that he has chosen a warrant officer possessing special claims and qualifications for the appointment, and it need hardly be said that similar considerations have not been overlooked by this office in the selection made.

From Surgeon R. E. S. DAVIS, Officiating Secretary to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces; dated Madras, 28th April 1884, No. 2901.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 804,* of the 23rd April, I have the honor, by order, to observe that the object of appointing

* Herewith returned as requested.

an Assistant Apothecary to Ootacamund is declared in G.O., No. 1687, of 8th April 1884, Military Department, to be "to assist the medical officers in visiting Government servants while sick at their own quarters," and that the direct nomination by your office to the appointment, in communication with the Commander-in-Chief, would render the subordinate independent of the medical officers under whose control the Government intended that he should serve.

2. The Surgeon-General would suggest that the posting made by your office be cancelled, and that an Assistant Apothecary be placed at his disposal, to be by him placed under the orders of the medical officers, Ootacamund, as intended by Government. Dr. Cornish has already chosen a warrant medical officer possessing special claims and qualifications for the hill appointment, and the subordinate whom you may place at his disposal will be employed in lieu of the other.

No. From Brigadier-General GODFREY CLERK, Adjutant-General, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 9th May 1884, No. 236.

In forwarding the letter, No. 24-O., dated the 1st instant, from the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, having reference to the appointment of an Assistant Apothecary to the army head-quarters, I am desired to say that the Commander-in-Chief agrees with Dr. Madden's views, as expressed in the letter in question, and considers that, for the reasons given in the 2nd and 5th paras. thereof, it is very desirable that the practice which obtains in the Bengal presidency, with regard to a similar appointment, should be followed, and that the Assistant Apothecary in question should be appointed under the orders of the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces.

No. ORDER THEREON, 19 May 1884, No. 2384.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to decide that the nomination of the Assistant Apothecary sanctioned for Ootacamund in Proceedings of Government, No. 1687, dated 8th April 1884, shall rest with the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces.

2. The warrant officer will, as stated in the above-quoted proceedings, "assist the (local) medical officers in visiting Government servants while sick at their quarters," and not be restricted to duties "solely connected with military staff and establishments."

(True Extract.)

A. Kenney-Herbert Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

- " Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces.
- " Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
- " Public, &c., Departments.
- " Revenue Department.
- " Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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