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No. 75. Read the following letter from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated 16th January 1866, No. 15.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Extract from Inspector General J. Shaw's Report on the General Hospital, and to recommend that Surgeon Paul be allowed to vacate his quarters,

Paragraphs 28 to 33.

immediately, with a view to their being used, temporarily, as a Hospital for female patients.

2. It is very desirable that, when possible, one or more Assistant Surgeons should, on first arrival in the country, be appointed to do duty at the General Hospital. I therefore strongly recommend that Government will be pleased to sanction the quarters now occupied by Mr. Chipperfield being, as a temporary measure, reserved for these Officers, and that they be given free of rent, as Assistant Surgeons so employed will not be entitled to any Staff salary, or to the consolidated allowance now given to Officers of their rank in charge of a Regiment. Should Government approve of this arrangement, Mr. Chipperfield may, with their sanction, be permitted to vacate as soon as he conveniently can, or on being informed that the quarters are required for a Resident Medical Officer.

Extract.

28. "Government has ordered that the Medical Officers of the General Hospital shall vacate their present quarters when they can suit themselves with houses elsewhere, and that the building vacated by them be used, as a temporary measure, as a Female Hospital."

29. "Before these gentlemen vacate their houses, it will be absolutely necessary to have a Resident Medical Officer or Officers. This fortunately can now be done by the Principal Inspector General appointing one or two of the recently arrived Staff Assistant Surgeons to do duty at the General Hospital. The quarter at present occupied by Mr. Chipperfield will be available for these young Officers, as I find, from a rough calculation, that Dr. Paul's quarters can contain 26 patients, allowing each patient more than 1500 cubic feet and 105 superficial area; this space is irrespective of the verandahs. Twenty is the average number of female patients."

30. "The duties of the Resident Medical Officer would be similar to those performed by the Resident House Surgeon in the large London Hospitals, which are, to have a general charge of all the patients during the absence of the Medical Officers, to receive all applicants for admission or advice, and to prescribe for them, but, in all cases of great importance, more especially in those requiring serious operations, to send for the Senior Medical Officer."

31. "I need not point out the advantage the young Medical Officer, recently arrived from England, would derive from this arrangement; it would be even an improvement upon the admirable system of probationary duties, which, until within the last few years, all young Medical Officers went through."

32. "The removal of all Indian Medical Officers from British Regiments now renders it even more necessary than formerly that the young Medical Officer should have the advantage of seeing the practice of men experienced in the diseases of India, previous to his being trusted with an independent charge."

33. "I beg respectfully to suggest that the quarter (not a very good one) should be rent free."

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No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1866, No. 186.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the arrangements recommended in the foregoing letter, but on the distinct understanding that they are to be merely temporary.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

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