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Government of Madras.

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G.O. No.	619	Press Mis.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

20th June 1866.

No. 120. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 14th June 1866, No. 2017.

Passing orders on the proposal to recognize the services rendered by Dresser Allagiah during the late mutiny. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 14th June 1866, Nos. 313—315.)

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1866, No. 619.
Communicated to the Collector of Malabar.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Chief Secretary to Government,... Here enter 14th April 1866.
„ the Adjutant General,..... „ 21st May „ No. 169.

From the Collector of Malabar, Calicut, 3rd April 1866, No. 39; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor respectfully to submit the enclosed petition and its enclosures for the orders of Government.
From Allagiah, dated 28th ultimo.

Allagiah. My Dresser was sent to Bengal in the Mutinies, and has succeeded in obtaining testimonials which speak to his no ordinary usefulness.

And there is a distinct assurance from the Adjutant General of Madras, by order of His Excellency Sir Patrick Grant, to the Adjutant General of the Bengal Army, for the information of the Right Honorable the Commander-in-Chief of India, that this Dresser's services "shall be carefully noted and duly rewarded."

2. Application was made through his own department, strongly supported by his immediate superiors, for some token of reward, but it only resulted in an offer to the Dresser to be allowed to go up to an examination,—a privilege which I believe is practically open to all subordinates in the service, but of which this Dresser does not desire to avail himself now, whilst he points out that such permission is hardly such a reward as his general testimonials, and the express pledge of the Commander-in-Chief might reasonably lead him to expect.

3. As the Dresser is attached to my office, and the matter is disposed of as far as the Medical Department is concerned, I venture to bring it to the notice of Government, as I cannot but think they would desire that the expressed wishes of the Commander-in-Chief in India, regarding this Dresser may be carried out, and perhaps sanction a pecuniary donation or some other extra departmental recognition.

From ALLAGIAH, 1st Dresser attached to the Collector's Department of Malabar, Calicut, 28th March 1866; to the Collector and Magistrate of Malabar, Calicut.

I beg leave respectfully to submit herewith copies of the correspondence marginally noted. I

From Doctor Pearse, to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Mysore Division, under date the 29th June and 2nd September 1865, and their enclosures and order. I feel deeply grieved at the summary way in which my application for a consideration of my services which have been so favorably noticed by the Commander-in-Chief, as well as my more immediate superiors, has been disposed of by the Principal

Inspector General Medical Department, as will be seen by his Secretary's communication to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, dated 5th October, No. 1840. I will not now venture to trespass on your valuable time by entering into particulars, as the papers speak for themselves, and I therefore humbly and respectfully solicit the favor of your being graciously pleased to submit, with your favorable recommendation, the whole correspondence to Government, in view to the same being brought before the Commander-in-Chief, for such orders as His Excellency may deem fit to pass in this matter.

From R. E. PEARSE, Civil Surgeon, Malabar, Calicut, 16th September 1865, No. 104; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Mysore Division, Bangalore.

In returning the letter, No. 3132, from the Secretary Principal Inspector General, on the

Dated 2nd September 1865.

subject of 1st Dresser Allagiah of the Collector's Department here, I have the honor to enclose a letter from that Subordinate, declining to submit to further examination, and praying for a reconsideration of his case.

2. I am induced to forward this second communication of his on the subject, as viewing the case from the point in which it has been laid before me, there appears to be much reason in the objections he submits; viz., that 1st, a preferment open to all his class on passing the required examination, cannot be regarded as special reward to one; and 2nd, that the precedent established in the promotion of six other subordinates without examination for services neither so long nor so arduous as his own (I believe) leads him fairly to hope that a similar indulgence and reward may be conferred upon himself.

3. As 1st Dresser Allagiah, is not only a very old servant of Government, (30 years' service) but always a most painstaking and useful one, as his numerous certificates, and my own observations of him lead me to conclude, I trust you will kindly support this appeal to the Head of the Department to obtain for him some such substantial recognition of his services as has been already accorded to others, and for which he now prays.

From the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 2nd September 1865, No. 3132; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Mysore Division.

I am desired by the Principal Inspector General to acknowledge the receipt of correspondence forwarded under your docket, No. 1503 of the 28th instant, and to inform you that the claim of 1st Dresser Allagiah, No. 141, to an Indian Medal, having already been transferred to the Adjutant General for disposal, the papers now received have been recorded in this office.

2. I am however directed to state that the letter of the Adjutant General of the Bengal Army, stated by Dr. Pearse* to be sent with the papers under acknowledgment, has not been received.

*In letter No. 101, dated 24th August 1865.

3. In furtherance of the Commander-in-Chief's statement† that the "good conduct of 1st Dresser Allagiah, No. 141, of this establishment will be carefully noted and duly rewarded when an opportunity offers," the Principal Inspector General will be prepared to admit the Dresser to an examination for the grade of Assistant Apothecary before the next final Examination Committee at the Medical College; should the Dresser be willing to submit to the test, you will be so good as to ascertain and report to this office, the Dresser's wish in the matter.

No. 1577.

Assistant Surgeon Pearse, M. D., for communication to 1st Dresser Allagiah and return with information as to his wishes.

BANGALORE, 4th September 1865.

(Signed) E. BALFOUR,
Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals,
Ceded Districts, Actg. in Mysore Division.

From ALLAGIAH, 1st Dresser, Calicut, 11th September 1865; to Assistant Surgeon R. E. PEARSE, Civil Surgeon.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter‡ to the address of the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Mysore Division, from the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, kindly given to me for perusal, I beg to state that I am not now prepared to go up for the examination for the grade of Assistant Apothecary.

2. I would, however, beg leave respectfully to submit, for the kind consideration of my superiors, whether my admission to the abovesaid examination can in any way be considered as fulfilment of the promise made by the Commander-in-Chief, Madras, viz., "that my good conduct would be carefully noted and duly rewarded when an opportunity offers." The rules allow every Medical Subordinate in the service to go up for this examination, consequently my admission to it would be no fulfilment of the Commander-in-Chief's promise above quoted.

3. What I pray for is the "reward" promised me for my "good conduct" in the field throughout the late Mutiny.

4. On reference to G. O. dated 17th June and 12th October 1859, Nos. 242 and 397, published respectively at pages 1220 and 683 of the Fort Saint George Gazettes, dated 17th June and 12th October 1859, it appears that six Medical Subordinates have been rewarded for their meritorious services on the same occasion by promotion to higher grades. The nature of their services is exactly similar to mine as will be seen by the papers sent on my behalf by the Adjutant General of the Bengal Army to the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, on various occasions.

An extract from the statement of my services shewing my services in Bengal is enclosed.

Copies of a few of my testimonials are enclosed.

I have had to attend to my duties in the field single handed.* I am therefore humbly of opinion that I have an equal claim with them to receive some recognition at the hands of Government, for my meritorious services which have been testified to by my Commanding Officers, my Medical superiors, and every other Officer and Gentleman I have had any thing to do with.

5. I therefore humbly solicit you will be pleased to have my case laid once more before the Principal Inspector General, for favorable consideration and orders.

From 1st Dresser ALLAGIAH, Calicut, 28th June 1865; to R. E. PEARSE, Esq., M. D., Civil Surgeon, Malabar.

I beg leave most respectfully to submit copy of a letter from the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, to the Adjutant General of Bengal, dated 2nd March 1859, stating that my services in Bengal during the mutiny of 1857-58, would be duly rewarded, but nothing has as yet been done. I understand now that the scale of pay of the Subordinates in the Medical Department is to be increased, I therefore humbly pray you will be pleased to lay my case before Dr. Mackenzie, the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, accompanied by your recommendation, for which favor I shall ever retain a deep sense of gratitude.

From the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 2nd March 1859, No. 1058; to the Adjutant General of the Bengal Army.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, dated the 5th instant, number and subject as per margin, I have the honor, by order of Lieutenant General Sir Patrick Grant, K. C. B., to state, for the information of the Right Honorable the Commander-in-Chief in India, that the good conduct of 1st Dresser Allagiah, No. 141, of this Establishment will be carefully noted and duly rewarded when an opportunity offers.

No. 1053.

Forwarded by desire of the Commander-in-Chief to the Officer Commanding Oudh Division, for communication to the Officer Commanding 54th Foot, with reference to his letter, No. 32 of the 27th January last.

HEAD QUARTERS, CAMP GRINOUNDIAH,
14th April 1859.

(Signed) _____,
Dy. Asst. Adjutant General.

EXTRACT from the statement of Field Service of 1st Dresser ALLAGIAH, throughout the late Mutiny in Bengal.

On the 24th January 1858, I embarked in the Peninsular and Oriental Steamer *Nubia* to Calcutta, on the 18th February, I was ordered to do duty at the Mint there, on the 26th February I was removed and posted to Her Majesty's 54th Regiment to act as Apothecary and Steward to proceed to upper provinces as far as Allahabad, on the 11th March, I was ordered to accompany and do duty in the above capacity with Detachments of my Regiment and 4th Company 14th Battalion Artillery, Detachments of volunteer, Ferozepore Regiment, 6th Regiment Madras Light Cavalry and 2nd Regiment Oudh Military Police, with Dr. W. Armstrong and under the Command of Colonel Whistler and also to proceed with Magistrates Elliot, Mayne and Johnson for scouring the country from Gopeegunge to Soram. From 21st March 1858 to 20th September 1859, I did Field duty with Soram Field Force under Lord Clive and Brigadiers Berkely and Pickering, with Drs. J. M. Grant, M. D., W. S. Playfair, M. D., T. T. Sherlock, B. A., J. Yovell, T. N. Hogsted,

W. Sharpe, A Reid and one Inspector General, A. Gordon Esq., c. b. I did also Field duty, during the above period, with the undermentioned Corps and Detachments Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment, 79th Highlanders, 1st Madras Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion Artillery, 5th and 13th Royal Artillery, E Company Royal Artillery, 7th Punjaub Cavalry, Punjaub Infantry, Lahore Light Horse, a Detachment of Captain Johnson's Battery, 1st Cavalry Oudh Military Police and 1st Regiment Oudh Military Police. I was also for four months during the same period in Medical charge, under Commissioner A. McAndrew of his Office Department, Jail and Dispensary at Sultanpore, Oudh, and then returned by steamer *Simlu* to Madras on the 29th November 1859, and was posted to Collector's Department, Malabar, on the 8th June 1860, where I am now serving.

From R. E. PEARSE, Civil Surgeon, Calicut, 24th August 1865; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Mysore Division, Bangalore.

Under date of the 29th June 1865, No. 89, I had the honor to submit for your approval a letter and certain enclosures from 1st Dresser Allagiah of the Collector's Department, Malabar, establishing his right to a Medal for War services during the mutiny, and praying further that his claims must might be considered in the changes about to be effected in the Subordinate Department. I now find that a letter from the Adjutant General of the Bengal Army, recognizing his services, was omitted from the enclosure. I therefore have the honor now to submit the same, for the purpose of being attached to the previously supplied documents.

2. For facility of reference, copies of 1st Dresser Allagiah and my own original letters are also herewith annexed and marked "Duplicate."

From Assistant Surgeon R. E. PEARSE, Civil Surgeon, Calicut, 29th June 1865, No. 89; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Mysore Division, Bangalore.

I have the honor herewith to forward a letter and enclosures received from 1st Dresser Allagiah (laying claim to a medal) for submission, and in so doing, I beg also at his request to add my testimony to his zeal and efficiency, he is highly regarded, I am aware, by his immediate superior, the Collector of Malabar, and on all occasions in which I have required his services, I have had every reason to be pleased with his conduct and intelligence.

I should add that Dr. Mackenzie to whom he requests his letter, &c., to be forwarded, investigated the case at his last official visit, and is fully acquainted with his claims.

This is to certify that Allagiah, Madras Medical Subordinate, attached to Her Majesty's 54th Regiment, left Allahabad with two Companies under my command on the 11th March 1858, scouring the country from Gopeegunge to Soram, under the orders of Magistrates Elliott and Mayne of the Bengal Presidency. He was present at an attack on the Rebel Forts at Teyagum and at Tiroul, and performed the active duties of Apothecary and Hospital Steward to my entire satisfaction to the 19th July 1858, and I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his character and capabilities, and I always found him zealous and sober in the performance of his duties, and he gave great satisfaction both to me and the Detachment under my command, by his kindness and attention.

CAMP SORAM, }
18th August 1858. } (Signed) J. N. GILLUM, Major,
H. M.'s 54th Regiment.

First Dresser Allagiah has been attached to Her Majesty's 54th Regiment since February 1858, and has served both a Detachment of that Corps on active service in the Field.

I have invariably found him a most respectable, attentive and trust worthy public servant, most attentive to the sick, and possessing a very considerable Medical and Surgical knowledge. I shall always be glad to hear of his advancement in the service, or of his general welfare.

SULTANPORE, OUDE, }
19th August 1859. } (Signed) J. M. GRANT, M. D., Surgeon,
H. M.'s 84th Regt. late H. M.'s 54th Regt.

P. S.—Allagiah has been employed as Steward or Apothecary since he joined the 54th Regiment, frequently in both capacities, and has only received the pay of a Dresser on the Bengal Establishment, which is less than that of a Hospital apprentice.

CAMP SCRAM, 26th July 1858.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the character and capabilities of Allagiah, Madras Native Doctor. He performed the duties of Apothecary and Hospital Steward under me, while in charge of Captain Johnson's Battery of Artillery, and Detachment of Her Majesty's 54th Regiment during the months of June and July 1858. I always found him active in the discharge of his duties, and he gave great satisfaction both to me and the patients under my charge by his kindness and attention.

(Signed) THOMAS FRANCIS SHERLOCK, B. A., Asst. Surgn.

I have known 1st Class Madras Dresser Allagiah for the last year, during which time he was daily under my notice in the performance of his duties. I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his zeal and ability, and the attentive and praiseworthy manner in which he has always conducted every duty committed to his care.

He leaves this Regiment to proceed to Madras on account of ill-health and he bears with him the good wishes, not only of the Medical Officers, but of all the Officers of the Regiment to whom he was known.

(Signed) ALEXANDER REID, M. D., Surgeon,
H. M.'s 54th Regiment.
SULTANPORE, }
20th Sept. 1859. }

I give this certificate with greater pleasure than any one I have before ever written to Native Madras Doctor "Allagiah," whom I have known and who has done duty under me for a period of six months with the Soram Field Force. His general efficiency on all subjects connected with his department, I cannot too highly speak of. I have known him as Native Doctor, Apothecary and Hospital Steward, in each of which capacity no one could have acted better, or to my more entire satisfaction. He is very kind and attentive to sick men, and most obliging in rendering any assistance or in imparting any knowledge he may possess consequent upon his knowledge of the country &c. In fact he is a very deserving man, and I should be very glad to hear if any promotion were given that he would obtain it. He speaks English fluently.

(Signed) T. HOGSTED, M. D., Asst. Surgn.,
H. M.'s 77th Regt. attached to H. M.'s 54th Regt.
CAMP SULTANPORE, }
20th February 1859. }

Apothecary Allagiah served under me with Colonel Whistler's force at Soram for several weeks during this period he showed himself most zealous and attentive, and I had every reason to be well satisfied with him.

(Signed) WILLIAM S. PLAYFAIR, M. D.,
Asst. Surgeon in Medical charge
Colonel Whistler's force.
CAMP SORAM, }
11th June 1858. }

From the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Ceded Districts, Acting in Mysore Division, Bangalore, 25th September 1865, No. 1763; to Assistant Surgeon R. E. PEARSE, Civil Surgeon, Calicut.

I have the honor to mention that the original letter of 1st Dresser Allagiah, should have been forwarded.

2. I think that a calmer style than that adopted would be advantageous—the character of the communication being more exacting than need be: and I suggest it be re-written.

3. The whole of the information being before the head of the Department, alike as regards this applicant and others referred to, the simple transmission (or non-transmission) by yourself would seem indicated.

4. If the present application be adhered to, I beg you will explain as in paragraph 2 before re-transmission.

From 1st Dresser ALLAGIAH, Calicut, 14th September 1865; to Assistant Surgeon R. E. PEARSE, M. D., Civil Surgeon, Calicut.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter to the address of the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Mysore Division, from the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, kindly given to me for perusal, I beg leave very respectfully to

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Exhibit Order

The Collector of
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