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FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am desired to forward, for the consideration of the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, the annexed letter from the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department, pointing out the

scarcity of Medical Officers on the Establishment of this Presidency, and the difficulty which this Government will have in complying with the requisition conveyed in Mr. Under Secretary Howell's Endorsement, of the 3rd ultimo, No. 2448, for a Medical Officer at Prome.

2. The only Medical Officer available for such duty is Assistant Surgeon Spence, an Officer who has not passed in Hindoostanee, and is therefore, under the ruling contained in the letter marginal-

ly noted, restricted to the unemployed pay of his rank. At Prome the opportunities for studying Hindoostanee are few, and therefore to send Mr. Spence to that place is to condemn him for a long period to allowances far below those which he is entitled to expect.

3. I am further desired to express the concurrence of the Madras Government in the remarks of the Principal Inspector General, as to the advisability of reconsidering the order above quoted, at least in so far as it applies to Officers on this Establishment. Hindoostanee is a foreign language in this Presidency, and at many of the smaller stations an Officer cannot rely upon obtaining instruction in it. Were Madras Officers allowed the option of passing in Tamil, Telugu, and Hindoostanee, the penalty for failing to pass would not bear so heavily upon them as in some cases it does under the present system.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
 14th August 1866.

Chief Secretary.

From the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 23rd July 1866, No. 269.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of a letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, requesting that a Medical Officer may

be made available for employment as Civil Surgeon of Prome in the room of Dr. Suffrein.

Proceedings of Government, No. 2378, 11th July 1866,
Military Department.

2. The Government is aware of the
scarcity of Commissioned Medical Officers
which at present exists.

3. The only available Officer for this duty is Assistant Surgeon Spence, now
doing duty with the 26th Regiment at Rangoon. This Officer only joined the Service
on the 18th of November last, and cannot have the experience required from a
Medical Officer placed in an isolated station such as Prome.

4. It is also my duty to point out that sending young Officers to stations
where they have no opportunity of learning Hindoostanee is very hard upon them,

* Assistant Surgeon Spence's letter in Proceedings of
Government, No. 2333, 7th July 1866, Military Depart-
ment.

as until an Assistant Surgeon has passed
in that language he draws a lower rate of
pay than he would have been entitled to
had he passed in Hindoostanee.*

5. If the services of Assistant Surgeon Spence are placed at the disposal of the
Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, he will be unable to qualify for the higher
rate of pay; and it is impossible, in the present state of the Department, to say when
another Officer will be available to relieve him.

6. If it be resolved to place Dr. Spence's services at the disposal of the Chief
Commissioner of British Burmah, I respectfully solicit the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council will move the Government of India to reconsider their rul-
ing, as conveyed in Order, No. 2160, 25th June 1866.

7. When on this subject, I trust it will not be considered out of place my
bringing to the notice of Government the difference in the facilities for acquiring
a knowledge of Hindoostanee which exists in this Presidency, and that of Bengal.
There, it is the language of the people; here, it is a foreign language, and it is only
at the Presidency that young Medical Officers can have the advantage of Moonshees
to learn Hindoostanee. Formerly, when the Department was fully officered, an Assis-
tant Surgeon was rarely removed from doing duty at the Presidency until he had
a fair opportunity of acquiring the language; but, owing to the scarcity of Medical
Officers, it has been necessary to detach every one of the Assistant Surgeons who
have lately joined. One of these Officers, Assistant Surgeon Thomas, has passed the
highest test in Tamil, the Vernacular language of Madras, but the Examiner, Pay
Department, has given it as his opinion that this will not entitle him to the higher
rate of pay. The same rule will, I fancy, obtain, should Mr. Spence pass in Burmese.

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