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Public DEPARTMENT.

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3rd September 1867.*

No. 23. Read the following letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Courtallum, 23rd August 1867, No. 44.

I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a letter* from Mr. A. E. M. Ross, the Surgeon attached to this Residency, and to

* No. 19, dated 21st August 1867.

express the hope that the explanation therein entered into may induce the Government to re-consider the position in which the Residency Surgeon should be placed.

2. The representation itself (of which I have no reason to question the correctness) shows that, under the Order of Government, No. 963, dated 7th instant, placing the Residency Surgeon in the 2nd Class, the appointment will be virtually less paid than any other in the Medical service, and thus a status assigned to that Officer different from what was formerly considered suitable to the dignity that should be upheld at this Court.

3. I may be permitted to submit, for consideration, whether, under the circumstances of the recent enhancement of the dignity of this Native State by the honors conferred upon His Highness the Maharajah and his Minister, it is desirable that any step should be taken which may appear, even indirectly, to detract from the dignity of the position of the British representative at this Court; and with regard to the duties of the Residency Surgeon I may observe, that they are not confined to the charge of the Residency Staff and the Company of Sepoys forming the escort and guards, for he invariably lays himself out for the relief of the sick and suffering in the constant tours of the Resident, and is thus the means of conferring great benefit and saving life in numerous cases (as has come under my observation), which were beyond Native skill and the reach of any European or other superior medical aid.

4. This is the only Political Residency in the Madras Presidency, and as no inconvenient precedent can arise in the matter, I submit my recommendation under the circumstances described with the more confidence for the favorable consideration of the Government.

From Assistant Surgeon A. E. M. ROSS, Residency Surgeon, to the British Resident of Travancore and Cochin; dated Courtallum, 21st August 1867, No. 19.

I have the honor, with reference to the Order of Government (copy of which I enclose) regarding the pay of the appointment I at present hold, to request that you will be good enough to forward to Government my respectful appeal for a re-consideration of the subject, as it appears to me that all the facts bearing on the question were not before Government at the time the decision, to which I refer, was arrived at.

2. The appointment of Residency Surgeon, Travancore, has always hitherto been reckoned one of the prizes of the service open to Assistant Surgeons. While the pay of an Assistant Surgeon in charge of a Regiment was Rupees 421 per mensem, and that of an Assistant Surgeon in charge of a Civil station Rupees 410 per mensem, that of the Residency Surgeon, Travancore (like that of the Residency Surgeon, Hyderabad) was Rupees 515, or Rupees 94 more than the charge of a Regiment, and Rupees 105 more than the charge of a Civil station.

3. The Order of Government to which I refer reverses the position altogether, so that from being one of the best paid, the Residency Surgeoncy of Travancore is now absolutely the worst

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paid appointment open to the Medical service; for although the same pay is allowed as for 2nd Class Civil Surgeons, yet, in almost every case, the administrative charge of a Jail, with an additional pay of Rupees 100 per mensem, is given to the Civil Surgeons, and they have at any rate the opportunity of adding considerably to their income by private practice, while they are free from the numerous contingent expenses to which the Residency Surgeon is liable.

4. The reasons which led in former days to the pay of the Residency Surgeon being fixed on so much higher a scale than that of Regimental or Civil charges, are doubtless still in existence, and are probably known to Government.

5. I may here notice the fact that the Residency Surgeoncy of Hyderabad, which was formerly paid on the same scale as this Residency Surgeoncy, is included in the 1st Class, and has other emoluments attached to it also.

6. It is not in my own interests alone that I beg of Government a re-consideration of their decision, but for the public interests also, as it would doubtless be no easy matter to fill an appointment efficiently, the emoluments of which are less, and the expenses and inconveniences greater than those of Civil and Military charges.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1867, No. 1081.

The Governor in Council sees no reason to question the propriety of the decision contained in the Order of Government, dated 7th August 1867, No. 963, by which the appointment of Residency Surgeon at Travancore was placed in the 2nd Class of Civil Surgeons.

2. It is observed that, under the former rules, Dr. Ross drew as Residency Surgeon, Travancore, a salary of Rupees 515-4-0 per mensem, whereas he is now entitled under the new rules, as an Assistant Surgeon of more than five years' standing holding this appointment, to Rupees 550 per mensem.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

Memorandum for the record.

*I propose the enclosed order
and would refer to the
order of Dr. Mackenzie,
who I am writing of.
He drew his pay under
the stipulation of his
appointment of which
he complains that he
did before. It appears*

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Residence Inspector
at Louisiana State

Public Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following
letter from the Resident in
Tanjavore and Cuddalore.

(Here enter 23. August 1867)

Order thereon - 3rd September 1867 N^o 1081

The Government in
Council see no reason to
question the propriety of the
decision contained in the
order of Government dated
7th August 1867 N^o 963 by which
the appointment of Resident
Surgeon at Tanjavore
was placed in the II class
of Civil Surgeons. —

2. It is observed that
under

No 1487/67 N^o 571053

Received
from
The Resident in
Tanjavore & Cuddalore

To
The My Chief Secretary
Government

Mr J. H. George

Dated 23rd August 1867
N^o 1487
Enclosure - One

N^o 1363

submit for the favorable consideration
of the Government a letter from Mr A. E. W. Ross
the Res. Surgeon praying for a reconsideration
of the order of Govt placing
him in the 2nd class of Civil Surgeons.

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under the former Rules Dr.
Ross drew as Resident Sur-
geon, Truanmore, a salary
of Rupees 575-14 per mensem,
whereas he is now entitled
under the new Rules as an
Assistant Surgeon of more
than 5 years standing hold-
ing this appointment to
Rupees 530 per mensem.

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To
The Resident in Truanmore
- Inspect Medical Dept -

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Justice 1867. Department.
No. 1001.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 3^d September 1867.