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30th September 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 224. From the Secretary to the Managing Committee of the Civil Dispensary, Combaconum, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Combaconum, 9th September 1867.

I am directed by the Committee of the Combaconum Civil Dispensary to submit for the favorable consideration of Government the accompanying Memorial, signed by most of the respectable Natives of the Town, praying that P. S. Moottoosawmy Moodelliar, Native Surgeon at Munnargoody, may be transferred to the charge of the Civil Dispensary at this station, in the room of Mr. Apothecary Watson, who has tendered his resignation, and applied for sick leave. The Committee have no doubt that the sentiments expressed by the Memorialists are shared by the great bulk of the population of Combaconum, and not only are the Vice-President and all the Members of the Committee unanimous in thinking that it is highly desirable to have a good Native Surgeon of caste at this place, but they are able to state that, in this view, they have the entire concurrence of the President, Mr. Morris, whom they have consulted on the subject. I am, therefore, directed to request that Government will be pleased to transfer P. S. Moottoosawmy Moodelliar to this town, or, should they see objection to the measure, to appoint to the charge of this Dispensary some other Native Surgeon of caste likely to make himself popular and extensively useful.

To

THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE MANAGING
COMMITTEE OF THE COMBACONUM CIVIL DISPENSARY.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Combaconum, having heard that the Medical Officer in charge of the Civil Dispensary at this station has resigned his appointment, beg to be permitted to express to you our anxious wish that, in filling the vacancy, you will endeavour to secure to this town the services of a Native Surgeon of caste.

2. We beg to submit that it is extremely undesirable that the Medical Officer at this station should be an East Indian or a Non-caste Native. Hindoos of the higher castes, especially women, feel an aversion to the treatment of persons belonging to those classes, which the most serious danger can but partially overcome; and so long as the Dispensary is under the charge of such, the benefit which it is its object to diffuse would be withheld to a great extent from a very important and numerous class of people—that class, in fact, which has contributed mainly to the endowment of the Institution. It will hardly be maintained that this aversion is altogether unreasonable; but the question of its reasonableness or otherwise is not, we beg to represent, relevant to the subject of this Memorial. The only consideration that should have weight is whether it exists, and its existence is amply proved by the notorious fact that the Apothecaries who have latterly had charge of our Dispensary have had very limited practice among the more respectable classes of Natives in this town, scarcely any compared with what Dr. Joseph had here once, and Moottoosawmy Moodelliar, the Native Surgeon of Munnargoody, has at that place.

3. We beg to represent also that so large and important a town as Combaconum—a town which is second to none in the District—ought to have a Medical Officer of higher rank than an Apothecary. A Native Surgeon is in charge of the Dispensary at Munnargoody—a place which can bear no comparison with Combaconum in respect of population or importance, and which, being situated in a far healthier locality, stands much less in need of sanitary or medical care. And, indeed, if the Dispensary at that station had been founded *after* the removal of the Zillah Surgeon from Combaconum, and only one Native Surgeon had been available for the District, there can be no doubt that the claims of Combaconum to his services would have been allowed, without a moment's hesitation, to outweigh those of Munnargoody.

Fort Saint George, 24th September 1867.

From

Ag. Sgty. Insp. General, ^{and Asst. Sgty.} Presidency Division
For Inspector General, Indian Medical Department,

Fort Saint George.

To

The Under Secretary to Government, Public Dept.

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In returning the letter and enclosure from the Secretary to the Managing Committee of the Civil Dispensary at Combaconum, referred with your docket of the 17th inst., I have the honor to inform you that Assistant Apothecary Ashworth had been appointed to the Medical charge of Combaconum before the receipt of your reference and must have joined by this time.

2. Mr. Ashworth was selected for this appointment in account of his peculiar fitness for such a charge. He is an intelligent and superior warrant Officer of ten years standing; served in the last China war and throughout the Bengal Mutinies, and has always borne a high character for intelligence and good conduct, and it is confidently expected he will give satisfaction to the people of Combaconum.

3. Their desire to have a Native Surgeon will be borne in mind however,

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4. We beg further to add that we are anxious, in preference to a new and untried person, to secure the services of P. S. Moottoosawmy Moodelliar, the Native Surgeon in charge of the Dispensary at Munnargoody, whose professional skill, as evinced by the success of his practice, and exemplary attention to the poor resorting to his hospital, have made him exceedingly popular, and point him out as a person peculiarly fitted to meet the requirements of a place like Combaconum. It is unnecessary to say that Combaconum needs such an Officer incomparably more than Munnargoody, and that the transfer we solicit would, without entailing any serious inconvenience on the latter place, produce a great surplus of public advantage, by extending the sphere of his usefulness, and turning his services to the best account.

5. We beg, in conclusion, that you will lay before the Government the above representation of our wants and wishes, and obtain the transfer to this town of P. S. Moottoosawmy Moodelliar of Munnargoody.

For which act of goodness, we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

COMBACONUM,
6th September 1867. (Signed) K. RAGHUNATHA ROW,
(„) T. YATHOONATHI ROW,
and others.

Referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department, for his remarks.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17th September 1867. (Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under Secretary.

No. 225. From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Under Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 24th September 1867, No. 376.

In returning the letter and enclosure from the Secretary to the Managing Committee of the Civil Dispensary at Combaconum, referred with your docket of the 17th instant, I have the honor to inform you that Assistant Apothecary Ashworth had been appointed to the Medical charge of Combaconum before the receipt of your reference, and must have joined by this time.

3. Mr. Ashworth was selected for this appointment on account of his peculiar fitness for such a charge. He is an intelligent and superior Warrant Officer of ten years' standing, served in the last China war and throughout the Bengal Mutinies, and has always borne a high character for intelligence and good conduct, and it is confidently expected he will give satisfaction to the people of Combaconum.

3. Their desire to have a Native Surgeon will be borne in mind, however, in case a future opportunity should occur of complying with it.

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1867, No. 1207.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter from the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, be communicated to the Managing Committee of the Civil Dispensary, Combaconum, through the Collector of Tanjore.

2. The reference made by the Secretary, on behalf of the Committee, should have been submitted through the Collector of the District.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore.
„ Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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occur of complying with it.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant
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Adj. Gen. Joseph General Ins. Genl. Dept. War, D.
For Inspector General

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His love for Liberty.

Y^r Lucretia Long

Dated 24. Sept

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