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Read the following papers :—

No. 209. From W. A. GREEN, Esq., Inspector General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Service, Lower Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department; dated Fort William, 16th September 1867, No. 357.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Government of India the great difficulty experienced by this office in providing Native Doctors from Bengal for despatch on service to British Burmah. The Native Doctors of this Presidency when so ordered almost invariably object to go, and make excuses, and fail to comply with orders, and when pushed hard in the matter (if of greater length of service than seven years) they claim the exercise of their privilege of discharge from the service, (and this notwithstanding that the pay when ordered to Burmah is increased 50 per cent.

2. This difficulty has been felt for years. The climate does not suit the natives of this Presidency. They very commonly fall ill after a short residence there, and are sent back to Bengal wrecked in health. I would submit, for the consideration and orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, that this branch of the Medical service, required for Hospital duties in Burmah, should be provided from Madras. The natives of that Presidency are, it is believed, less obnoxious to the hot wet atmosphere of Burmah than are the Hindoostances. The Medical Department of Madras will very probably allege their incapacity to furnish the required supply, upon the ground of paucity of numbers and inadequate fixed establishment. I would respectfully submit that the Madras Government should be authorized to entertain, on their permanent Medical establishment, a sufficient increase of Native Doctors, so as to enable them to meet the demands of the Chief Commissioner of the Government under this head. I think that the attention of the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah might be directed to the feasibility of setting up a school for the education of Native Doctors at Rangoon upon the model of those at Agra and the Central Provinces.

No. 5086.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras, with a request for an expression of opinion.

HOME DEPARTMENT, SIMLA, 2nd October 1867.	(By Order.) (Signed) A. H. HARRINGTON, <i>Offy. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.</i>
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Referred to the Inspector General, Medical Department, for any observations that he may wish to offer.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 17th October 1867.	(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT, <i>Chief Secretary.</i>
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No. 210. From the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 23rd October 1867, No. 414.

Adverting to the letter noted in the margin, forwarded to me for observations under your docket of the 17th current, I

have the honor to offer the following remarks.

No. 357 of 16th September 1867, from Inspector General of Hospitals, Indian Medical Service, Lower Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

2. The difficulty represented by Dr. Green, in providing Medical Subordinates from Bengal for service in Burmah, is experienced in an almost equal degree in this Presidency.

3. Subordinates of all grades go there, of course, when ordered; but they almost always go *unwillingly*, in consequence of the much greater cost of living, to meet which they have no increase of pay granted to them, as it appears the Bengal "Native Doctors" have.

4. The climate of Burmah, too, is not less inimical to the natives of this Presidency than to those of Bengal. Medical Subordinates, both East Indian and Native, suffer greatly from it, and very often have to be sent back to the coast in consequence.

5. But even if these difficulties did not exist, it would be impossible just now for this Department to provide the men required, nor do I see any prospect of its being feasible hereafter. The Principal of the Medical College has intimated, as stated in my letter marginally noted, that he is unable to receive more than 33 Pupils each Session; of these about one-half only can be expected to pass out of the College qualified for the grade of Hospital Assistant, the experience of the last few years having proved that an allowance of about 50 per cent. must be made for casualties, resignations, and failures, and this number is already found inadequate to meet the ordinary requirements of the Army and Civil Departments of this Presidency.

6. I would, therefore, beg to recommend that the suggestion contained in the concluding sentence of Dr. Green's letter should be acted upon, and that the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah should be requested to take the necessary steps for the establishment of a Medical school at Rangoon, to meet the requirements of the Provinces under his control.

7. In conclusion, I trust I may be permitted to take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government the claims of the Medical Subordinates of this Presidency serving in Burmah to a like consideration as is shown to those of the Bengal establishment. Within the last few days Memorials have reached me on this subject, which I am about submitting to Government. I am well aware that to all grades of Medical Subordinates it is a struggle to procure the bare necessities of life in Burmah on their present allowances, and I would most earnestly solicit for them the same increase of pay that is granted to the Bengal subordinates under the same circumstances.

No. 211. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1867, No. 1501.

The foregoing papers will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction, with a request that, in communication with the Principal of the Medical College, he will inform Government why only 33 Pupils can be received into the Junior Department of the Medical College in 1868, and what arrangements would be necessary in order to increase by about twenty the number of pupils, either from this Presidency or from Burmah, if natives of that country, capable of receiving instruction in the English language, are willing to come to the Medical College at Madras.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Inspector General, Medical Department.

Ed. J. Tulloch.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

From the Secy to Govt. of India, Home Dept. Home Cont. 2^d Oct. 1867 No. 5086
Superior med. Dept. 23 - 44.

Order thereon 28 Nov. 1867 No. 1501.

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To

The Secretary to the Government
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Home Department

Sir,

With reference to the
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 General of Hospitals, Indian
 Medical Service, Lower Pro-
 vinces, Bengal, a copy of
 which has been furnished
 to this Office with Mr. Har-
 ton's endorsement of the 2^d
 Instant No. 588, requesting
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of the same grade of Medical Subordinates from the Madras Presidency, I am directed to enclose copy of a letter on the subject from the Inspector General Medical Department, in whose ~~direction~~ this Government concurs.

2. A copy of the Proceedings referred to in the margin of paragraph 5 of Dr Mackenzie's letter is herewith sent.

3. I am to solicit the attention of the Government of India to the claims, brought to notice in paragraph 7 of that letter, of the Medical Subordinates of the Madras Presidency serving in Burmah to the same increase of pay as is now granted to native Doctors

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Dated *28th November 1897*

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