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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
18th March 1867.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 117. From Surgeon S. J. WYNDOWE, M. D., Chemical Examiner, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 29th December 1866, No. 238.

The duties pertaining to the office of Chemical Examiner to Government have increased so greatly within the last three years, that, during the past twelve months, I have been unable to avail myself of a single public holiday, or of privilege leave, and now, at the close of the year, while other public servants are able to enjoy the Government holidays granted at Christmas, I am compelled to remain at work.

Formerly, the Chemical Examiner's duty was almost entirely confined to Judicial cases, cases of suspected poisoning, and these were much fewer in number than at present. The establishment of a new Police Force, and consequent more frequent detection of crime; the appointment of a Sanitary Commissioner, and more general attention to sanitary matters, particularly as regards the water-supply; the more general requirement from me of late of a quantitative determination of the poison, instead of a mere detection of its presence, in substances submitted for examination; the assay of substances from the Ordnance Department; the micro-chemical examination of medical comforts, &c., supplied to European Hospitals—all these increasing, and many of them new, duties will readily account for this increased work, and will, I trust, be accepted by Government as affording reasonable grounds for this application for assistance.

2. To enable Government to judge that these statements are not exaggerated, I have the honor to submit the following detail of the cases which have been sent to me for analysis and report during the present month.

1. Stomach and vomited matters from Colar District, Mysore—Arsenic poisoning.
2. Stomach, &c., in a case of suspected poisoning, Cuddapah.
3. Stomach and suspected substance in a case of poisoning at Madura—Arsenic.
4. Five samples of Arrowroot and five samples of Sago for micro-chemical examination and report, from the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
5. A case of suspected poisoning from Bellary.
6. Contents of stomach and various substances, six in number, in a case of suspected poisoning at Mominabad, Hyderabad Assigned Districts—Arsenic.
7. Case of suspected poisoning from Tripattur.
8. A liniment and stomach, &c., in a case of suspected poisoning in Madras—Corrosive Sublimate.
9. Stomach and portions of intestine from Cuddapah.
10. A case of suspected poisoning at Bangalore from Hospital, Sappers and Miners.
11. Cloth forwarded for examination, as regards blood stains, and also for determination of nature of soil adhering, two specimens of soil being sent for analysis and comparison, from Rajahmundry.

12. Case of Arsenic poisoning from Colar District, Mysore.
13. Sample bottle of sherry, for analysis and report, from Commissariat Department.
14. Three samples of fish liver oil, for analysis and report, especially upon cause of rankness of fish oil made at Government Factory, Calicut.
15. Six samples of water from proposed site of Cholera encamping grounds, Bangalore, for analysis.
16. Water from site of a proposed Rest-house, Bellary District, for analysis.
17. Water from Cannanore, for analysis and report, sent by the Deputy Quarter Master General.
18. Suspected poisonous substance from the Deputy Superintendent, Bangalore.
19. Stomach and contents in a case of suspected poisoning, Rajahmundry.
20. Twenty bottles of water from experimental wells, 18th Hussars' Barracks, Secunderabad, for analysis.
21. Cholum flour, suspected to contain poison, and to have caused the death of two persons, Mysore District—Arsenic.
22. Water from Ulsoor Tank, Bangalore, sent for analysis, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.
23. Stomachs and their contents of two persons suspected to have been poisoned by Arsenic, from Tinnevely.
24. Some substances suspected to be poisonous, from Bellary.

Fifteen cases of suspected poisoning alone, of which 12 have been examined and reported upon—cases which require the greatest care, involving, as they do, serious responsibility; the analytical work itself, being of a trying and unhealthy nature, and occupying generally 2 to 3 days in execution.

It is, in fact, only by carrying on 3 or 4 different examinations at the same time, that I am at all enabled to prevent myself falling into considerable arrears of work.

3. I would also beg permission to draw the attention of Government to the fact that this work is additional to my duties as Professor in the Medical College—duties requiring the preparation and delivery of a daily lecture, with periodical examinations, and other College duties.

My duties also being of a special nature, nobody at present in Madras is available to undertake them, so that I am debarred from privilege leave. This will also, I trust, weigh with Government in considering my application.

4. I do not at present ask Government to appoint another Medical Officer as Assistant to the Chemical Examiner, as has been done in Calcutta; but I would respectfully solicit that the arrangement which was temporarily sanctioned by Government last year may be made a permanent one, and that Mr. Assistant Apothecary Robert Harvey be appointed, not only my Assistant as Professor of Chemistry, but also Assistant to me as Chemical Examiner, being entirely relieved from other duties in the Medical College. This will confine his work to the Laboratory, where he can render me most valuable assistance, and enable me, I trust, to work off the cases as they arrive, and thus avoid arrears, as well as to allow of my availing myself of the occasional relaxation from work permitted other public servants.

No. 118. From E. B. POWELL, Esq., c. s. i., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 8th February 1867, No. 234.

I have the honor to submit a letter, No. 206, of the 6th instant, from the Principal of the Medical College, giving cover to one from the Professor of Chemistry at that Institution.

2. In previous cases, Government have been pleased to sanction a course similar to that now proposed in reference to Mr. Harvey, and it is evident that the grounds for such a procedure are decidedly stronger in the instance of the Chemical Assistant than in any other, Chemistry being a special pursuit followed by very few indeed in the Subordinate Medical Service.

3. I trust, therefore, that Government will sanction the retention of Mr. Harvey at the Medical College, when, some few months hence, he is promoted to the grade of 2nd Apothecary.

From Surgeon Major G. SMITH, M. D., Principal of the Medical College, to the Director of Public Institution; dated Madras, 6th February 1867, No. 206.

I have the honor to submit for your information, and for the consideration of higher authority, a letter to my address from Dr. Wyndowe*, in which he urges the necessity of retaining the

* Dated 2nd February 1867.

services of Assistant Apothecary Robert Harvey, as Assistant in the Chemical Department, on his expected promotion to the grade of 2nd Apothecary, from which grade he stands at present about sixth on the list.

2. I have very great satisfaction in endorsing all that Dr. Wyndowe urges regarding Mr. Harvey's merits, qualifications, conduct, and efficiency, and in recommending earnestly that the College shall not be deprived of his valuable and important services, on his promotion to the higher grade.

3. By industry and ability, Mr. Harvey has specially qualified himself for his present important post, and his removal from College would seriously affect the well-doing of the Chemical classes, as well as the interests of the students of the Junior Department, in which he is an approved and zealous teacher.

4. Mr. Harvey's qualifications and efficiency have been publicly recorded in the annual reports of this Institution since Session 1861-62.

From Surgeon S. J. WYNDOWE, M. D., Professor of Chemistry, to the Principal, Medical College; dated Madras, 2nd February 1867.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the promotion of my Assistant, Mr. Robert Harvey, to the 2nd Apothecary grade may be anticipated to take place within a few months, and that then, in accordance with the usual practice, his services will be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for Regimental duty.

2. Mr. Harvey has been Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry for five years. The efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of his appointment has been annually testified to by my predecessor and myself in the College reports. You are aware these duties require special qualifications;—as far as I know, there is no other Assistant Apothecary in the Subordinate Medical Department capable of undertaking them. Mr. Harvey's removal, therefore, on promotion, would be productive of great inconvenience, and would seriously affect the well-doing of the Chemistry class, particularly now that practical instruction is afforded during the summer session, the services of a well qualified Assistant being indispensable.

3. I have, therefore, the honor to solicit your support to this application, that Mr. Harvey may be permitted to retain his appointment as Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry, on promotion, a similar indulgence having been granted by Government to the other Assistants in the College, on their promotion.

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Referred to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, for his remarks.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th February 1867.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

No. 119. From J. SHAW, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 19th February 1867, No. 58.

In returning the papers referred with your docket of the 18th instant, I have the honor to report that there is no objection to Assistant Apothecary Harvey being retained in the College, on promotion.

No. 120. From J. SHAW, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 26th February 1867, No. 70.

It is with much satisfaction that I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the meritorious services of the members of the Subordinate Department named in the margin, who have for many years past been employed as Assistant Professors in the Medical College.

2nd Apothecary J. J. Wood.
" R. Wilkins.
Assistant Apothecary R. Harvey.

2. As the removal, at any future time, of these Subordinates to Military duty would be injurious to the interests of the Medical College, and bring no corresponding advantage to the Military Establishment, I would beg to suggest that, as all have labored so usefully in the course of Medical education, they may be advanced to the rank of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, and continue to be attached to the Medical College.

3. In the draft G. O., printed with Proceedings in the Military Department, No. 1019, of 17th March 1866, Government was pleased to approve of the recommendation that the strength of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon Class should be fixed at 24. At present, there are only 14 Sub-Assistant Surgeons all of the 3rd Class, and one of these having gone to Europe to compete for admission to the Commissioned ranks of the service, and another having accepted service under a Foreign Government, there are no Officers of this grade remaining, except those employed in the Vaccine Department, and only one in the Medical Department.

4. The Officers named are especially worthy of any distinction the Government may be pleased to confer upon them. I can testify, from my own knowledge—and Dr. George Smith, the present Principal, concurs with me—that they have been, for many years past, very successful teachers in the Medical College, and I believe that their advancement to a somewhat higher grade is an honor well deserved.

5. Considering the length of service in the Medical College of Messrs. Wood and Wilkins, and the good service done in the Field by Assistant Apothecary Harvey, previous to his joining the College, I beg to recommend that all of these Subordinates be promoted to the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, and advanced to the 2nd Class. Unless this be done, the two former Subordinates would be pecuniary losers by their permanent transfer to the Civil Department.

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6. Should the Government be pleased to sanction this proposal, I would further recommend that the vacancies thus left in the 2nd Apothecary grade be filled up by promotions, as 2nd Apothecaries are now required for Military duty.

No. 121. From E. B. POWELL, Esq., c. s. i., Director of Public Instruction, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 25th February 1867, No. 352.

I have the honor to submit a letter, with enclosure, from the Principal of the Medical College, No. 303, of the 21st instant, and to recommend, in accordance with the wishes of Messrs. Smith and Bidie, that Mr. Wood, the Assistant to the Professor of Botany and Materia Medica, be permitted to continue attached to the College after his promotion to the grade of Apothecary, which is expected to take place shortly.

From Surgeon Major G. SMITH, M. D., Principal of the Medical College, to the Director of Public Instruction; dated Madras, 21st February 1867, No. 303.

In submitting, for your information, and for the decision of higher authority, the enclosed letter to my address from Professor Bidie, I have the honor to endorse the recommendation made by that gentleman, that Mr. Wood's services be continued to the Medical College, on his promotion—soon expected—to the grade of Apothecary.

2. Mr. Wood is a teacher of great ability, zeal, and experience, who has secured the approbation of the several Professors under whom he has done duty. As a scientific student of Materia Medica and Botany, his reputation stands high, and reflects credit upon the Institution with which he is connected, and in which he received his education. On public grounds, I join Mr. Bidie in soliciting that Mr. Wood's services be retained in connection with the Medical College.

From Assistant Surgeon G. BIDIE, M. B., Professor of Materia Medica and Botany, to the Principal, Medical College; dated Madras, 7th February 1867.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that my Assistant in the Medical College, Mr. Wood, will, in a few months, attain his promotion, when, according to a rule of the Service, it would be necessary to place his services at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. I beg, however, that in this, as in the cases of other Assistants, steps may be taken to retain Mr. Wood in his present appointment, as he is a teacher of great experience and ability, and possessed of superior scientific acquirements. He has now been attached for nearly 8 years to the College, and the records of the Institution will show that my predecessor, Dr. Montgomery, bore frequent testimony to his high qualifications.

3. Were Mr. Wood to be removed, I would not be in a position to recommend any one likely to prove an efficient successor, and I, therefore, strongly recommend, on purely public grounds, that, when promoted to the rank of Apothecary, his services may still be retained in the Medical College.

Referred to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th February 1867.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 122. From J. SHAW, Esq., M. D., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 28th February 1867, No. 74.

In returning the papers referred with docket of this date, I have the honor to state that, in letter as per margin, I have recommended to Government the advancement of the Assistant Professors of

No. 70, of 26th instant.

the Medical College to the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, which, if sanctioned, will remedy the inconvenience now felt of having these men removed from posts for which they show special fitness, on promotion in the Military Department.

2. As regards 2nd Apothecary Wood, I shall, under the circumstances, make no objection to his being retained in the Medical College.

No. 123.

MEMORANDUM.

It being understood that the promotions of Messrs. Wood, Wilkins, and Harvey to the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon are made under existing Madras rules, there is no objection in the Military Department thereto, the promotions being made in the Public Department, as in the case of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons employed in the Vaccine Department; but it is suggested, with reference to Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, No. 3797, dated 1st November 1866, that the promotions should be subject to any modification which may be found necessary on the re-organization of the Subordinate Medical Department.

2. The suggestion in the concluding paragraph of the Principal Inspector General's letter, No. 70, dated 26th February 1867, had better be referred to the Military Department for disposal.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

9th March 1867.

To the Public Department.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major Genl.,

Secretary to Government, M. D.

No. 124.

ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1867, No. 287.

The Governor in Council has much pleasure in sanctioning the promotion of Second Apothecaries Wood, and Wilkins and Assistant Apothecary Harvey, to the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon of the 2nd Class, and their retention in their present appointments as Assistant to the Professor of Botany and Materia Medica, Demonstrator of Anatomy and Curator of the Museum, and Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry, in the Medical College. These promotions will be subject to any modifications which may be found necessary on the re-organization of the Subordinate Medical Department.

2. Under the circumstances represented by the Professor of Chemistry in his letter of the 29th December last, Mr. Harvey's duties in the Medical College will be confined, from the end of the second Session, to those which he is required to discharge as Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry. The Principal will be called upon to report what other duties have hitherto been performed by Mr. Harvey in the College, and whether they are of such a nature as to require the appointment of an additional Assistant.

3. The suggestion made in the 6th paragraph of Mr. Shaw's letter of the 26th February will be referred to the Military Department, for disposal.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

" Director of Public Instruction.

" Military Department.

" Educational Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Fort Saint George,
9th March 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Chemical Examiners. Dated 29 Dec. 1866 No 238.
Director of Public Instruction. 8 Feb 1867 No 234.
Pl Insp General Medl Dep't. 19 Feb 1867 58+70.
Director P. Insp. 25 Feb 1867 252.
P. Insp Medl Dep't. 28 Feb 1867 74.
Memo Medl Dep't. 9 March 1867.
Order Union 18 March 1867 No 284.

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