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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
19th June 1867.*

No. 183. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 4th June 1867, No. 2038.

Declining to sanction promotions to be made to the grade of 2nd Apothecary in the room of Messrs. Wood and Wilkins, who were lately promoted to Sub-Assistant Surgeon. (Vide Proceedings, Military Department, dated 4th June 1867, Nos. 80—84).

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1867, No. 706.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

<i>Proceedings of Government Public Department...</i>	Here enter 18th March 1867, No. 287.
<i>From the Adjutant General</i>	" 29th " " " 244.
<i>Report from the Controller of Mily. Accts</i>	" 11th April " B.
<i>From the Inspector Genl. Indian Medical Dept...</i>	" 10th May " No. 182.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Public Department.

Sanctioning the promotion of 2nd
Apothecaries Wood and Wilkins and
Assistant Apothecary Harvey, Medi-
cal Department, to the grade of
Sub-Assistant Surgeons, 2nd Class. } Here enter 18th March 1867, No. 287.

Referred, with advertence to the concluding paragraph, to His Excellency the
Commander-in-Chief, (Adjutant General's Department) for remark, to be submitted
through the Controller of Military Accounts. 26th March 1867.

From the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 29th March 1867, No. 244; to the
Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to the correspondence as per margin, referred to the Com-
mander-in-Chief, under date the 26th
March 1867, I have the honor, by order,
to state for the information of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council, with
advertence to paragraph 3 of the Order
of Government in the Public Department of the 18th March 1867, No. 287, that
His Excellency concurs in the recommendation of Dr. Shaw that promotions be
made in the room of 2nd Apothecaries Wood and Wilkins.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 11th April 1867, B.

Referred, with the previous correspondence, to the Inspector General Medical
Department, for report. 24th April 1867.

From the Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George, 10th May
1867, No. 182; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

In returning the letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, referred with
your docket of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to report, for the information of
Government, that the number of 2nd Apothecaries for this establishment, sanc-
tioned by Government in their Proceedings in the Military Department, No. 555 of
11th February 1861, is twenty-eight exclusive of two for the Ganjam Survey Depart-
ment. As there are no 2nd Apothecaries now in connection with the latter Depart-
ment, the establishment is, conformably to the Order of Government, maintained
at twenty-eight.

2. Mr. Shaw's recommendation that promotions be made in the room of 2nd
Apothecaries Wood and Wilkins, advanced to the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon,
is based on the draft G. O. approved by Government and printed with their Pro-
ceedings above adverted to. On page 11 clause III it is laid down that, "on the

"appointment of an individual from the Apothecary grades as Sub-Assistant Surgeon, *promotion will be made in his room*; but with the view of regulating his pension, he will continue to be borne in the same relative position in the General List of the Apothecary grades, and his claim to pension, and that of his widow to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund, will be governed by his standing in that "list."

3. The principle involved in the above extract, and in Mr. Shaw's recommendation is, to preserve undisturbed the proportion established by Government between the superior and inferior grade of Apothecaries, as a measure adapted to facilitate promotion, and thus remove one of the sources of discontent of the Assistant Apothecary, whose average term of service in the inferior grade was found to be from sixteen to seventeen years. Government have on more than one occasion recognized the propriety of maintaining the relative proportion between the grades as a matter of simple justice to those of the lower grades.

4. In conclusion, I have the honor to bring to notice of Government that under the new organization, submitted for the sanction of the Supreme Government, with the Proceedings of the Madras Government marginally noted, the establishment of 2nd Apothecaries has been proposed to be raised from twenty-eight to thirty-four, and that the exclusive employment of the 2nd Apothecary with "European Corps" is not contemplated, as appears to be supposed by the Controller of Military Accounts.

5. Since the advancement of Messrs. Wood and Wilkins to the rank of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, two other vacancies having occurred, promotion in whose stead is held in abeyance pending the decision of Government on the question under reference, I have the honor to solicit the early orders of Government as to whether promotions should be made in the room of Messrs. Wood and Wilkins.

6. Should Government be pleased to decide in the affirmative, I beg to solicit instructions whether 2nd Apothecary Wood should not be formally promoted to Apothecary, *vice* Wilson pensioned, and seconded in the Army List for the reason indicated in paragraph 2.

ORDER, No. 2038, 4th June 1867.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is unable to accede to the proposal that promotions to the grade of 2nd Apothecary should be made in the room of Messrs. Wood and Wilkins, promoted to Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

2. It is observed that the advancement of these individuals did not occasion any diminution of the number of 2nd Apothecaries available for Civil or Military duties, inasmuch as the Sub-Assistant Surgeons continued in the offices they held as 2nd Apothecaries.

3. Further, the Sub-Medical Department being presently in a transition state, it is expedient that all changes which are not absolutely necessary on public grounds should be deferred, until the question of the future organization of the establishment is finally decided.

4. With reference to the concluding paragraph of the Inspector General's letter No. 182 above recorded, there is no objection to 2nd Apothecary (Sub-Assistant Surgeon) Wood being formally promoted to Apothecary, *vice* Wilson pensioned. Indeed, this is necessary to secure to him his position on the General List, to regulate his pension—and, in the event of his death, that of his widow.

5. It will also be necessary to second Mr. Wood on promotion to the Apothecary grade and to advance a 2nd Apothecary in his room. These arrangements are accordingly sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department

Adjutant General

Controller of Military Accounts

Inspector General Indian Medical Department.

Ed. J. E. Cashart.

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