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18th May 1881, No. 2695.

Medical Department—Subordinate.

Read the following paper :—

No. 278. From Lieutenant-Colonel O. R. NEWMARCH, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Madras; dated Simla, 30th April 1881, No. 190-S.O.

Medical Department—Subordinate.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter,* No. 647 (Medical Department—Subordinate), dated 3rd February 1881, in which you state that

* Enclosures — From Adjutant-General, Madras, No. 634, dated 31st December 1880, and enclosures.

the Government of Madras deprecate any immediate attempt to apply the Resolu-

tion of the Government of India, in the Military Department, No. 1893, dated 2nd October 1880, to the Subordinate Medical Department of Madras. It is further stated that the Government of Madras do not see how a complete separation between the civil and military branches of the Medical Subordinate establishment can be effected so long as the Government of India require all subordinates, whether in the civil or military branch, to be available for military duty whenever their services are required.

2. In reply I am to explain, for the information of the Governor in Council, that the liabilities of civil medical subordinates are not in the Bengal Presidency, and need not in the Madras Presidency, be precisely as stated in your letter.

3. Under the orders† of the Government of India, the Hospital Assistant class of the Subordinate Medical Department was divided into two distinct branches—one for military and one for civil employ.

† Resolution in Home Department (Medical), No. 16, dated 9th January 1878.

The military branch was to consist of so many of the Hospital Assistants as were required for military hospitals, with a reserve of 25 per cent. on that strength. Such of the reserve as were not immediately required for military duty were to be considered available for employment under the civil authorities,—their services being merely lent for the time being; and I am to explain that these Assistants ~~alone~~ among those employed in the civil department are liable at any moment to recall to military duty. The other, that is, the civil Hospital Assistants, were to constitute a separate class in each Province sufficient for the entire medical work of that Province. The conditions of service were, that such civil Hospital Assistants would not be asked to serve out of their own province, and that they would be liable for military duty with regiments serving in the Province to which they belonged, should any emergency arise necessitating the withdrawal of military Hospital Assistants from such regiments.

4. As regards the Apothecary Class, I am to explain that this class was primarily intended‡ for military duty, but the requirements of the civil depart-

‡ G.G.O., No. 550 of 1868.

ments are to a limited extent supplied from it. All those who are selected for civil duty are seconded, and are extra to the regular establishment kept up for military purposes and are not liable to recall to military duty except in very exceptional circumstances indeed.

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5. The Government of India see no reason why a similar arrangement should not be made in the Madras Presidency, but are of opinion that, if the civil requirements are at all excessive, they should be met, as far as possible, from sources other than the military Apothecary class.

6. As regards the Hospital Assistant class, it is thought that steps should be taken, at an early date, to separate the civil and military requirements, under the orders of 1878, explained in the third paragraph of this letter. The Government of India are aware that this separation cannot be completed for some time, but they do not see any reason why it should not be commenced at once as contemplated in

No. 471, dated 22nd October 1880.

paras. 5 and 6 of Dr. Cornish's letter to the Adjutant-General, Madras. Nor

does it appear that the process of separation would interfere in any way with the changes of administration proposed by the Government of India, as the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, would practically have nothing to say to those Apothecaries and Hospital Assistants now in civil employ.

7. The abolition of the pre-collegiate training of medical subordinates is, I am to add, under the immediate consideration of the Government of India, and as soon as it is accomplished, most of the objections raised by Surgeon-General Sir A. Home will disappear.

8. The Government of India trust that, under this explanation, the Government of Madras will have no difficulty in separating the civil and military requirements of the Presidency, or in carrying into effect, at an early date, the system of administration laid down in the Resolution of the Government of India, in the Military Department, No. 1893, dated 2nd October 1880.

Copy forwarded to the Surgeon-General with the Government of India.

No. 279.

ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1881, No. 2695.

Communicated for the information of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, and the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, in continuation of Proceedings of Government, No. 646, dated 3rd February 1881, and for guidance with reference to the concluding paragraph.

(True Extract.)

 Captain, R.E.,

For Ag. Secretary to Government,
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To the Adjutant-General.

„ Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces
„ Surgeon-General with the Government
„ Public Department. 7165-4/10.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.

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Communicating the instructions of the Government of India regarding the separation of the civil and military branches of the Madras Subordinate Medical Department, and the introduction of the system of administration laid down in Resolution of that Government, No. 1893 of 1880.

B. Order 1st June 1881

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