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FROM

A. P. MACDONNELL, Esq., C.S.I.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
MADRAS.

Home Department.
Medical.

Simla, the 27th June 1888.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 132, Public, dated the 3rd February last, on the subject of the proposed reservation of the offices of Inspector General of Jails and Superintendents of Central Prisons for medical officers, in view to provide, during peace, employment for medical men, who might be withdrawn to meet military necessities in time of war.

2. In regard to the objections raised by the Government of Madras against the proposal, I am to observe that the Central Jails in some Provinces already are, and in others are in process of being reserved for Commissioned Medical Officers. Medical Officers are found to make most efficient Superintendents of Central Jails. When to these considerations is added the financial reason that it is incumbent on the Government of India to provide for the employment in time of peace of the reserve of Commissioned Medical Officers necessary for the Army in time of war, the reservation of the Superintendentships of Central Jails for Commissioned Medical Officers becomes, in the opinion of the Governor General in Council, virtually imperative. The Governor General in Council regrets that, under these circumstances, he is unable to meet the views of His Excellency the Governor in Council on this question, but the Government of India will be prepared to consider on its merits any case in which a departure from the rule now laid down is dictated by circumstances of a special or exceptional character.

3. In conclusion, I am to add that, in the opinion of the Government of India, it is also necessary that the Inspector Generalship of Jails should, as a rule, be reserved for Commissioned Medical Officers, who, in the management of District or Central jails, have shewn special administrative ability, and I am to request that it may in future be so reserved.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. P. MACDONNELL,

Secretary to the Government of India.