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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Medical Department—Officers.

Read the following paper :—

No. 407. *From W. J. CUNNINGHAM, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, the 31st October 1893, No. 1787-G.*

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5716 (Medical Department—Officers), dated the 30th August 1893, in which you forward, for the confirmation of the Government of India, certain Proceedings of the Government of Madras, sanctioning the retention by the Mysore Darbar of the services of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. McGann, an officer of the Madras Establishment, till the 1st April 1898, on the understanding that he foregoes all claim to promotion in the administrative grade.

2. In reply, I am to point out that the Proceedings of the Madras Government would, if confirmed, involve a departure from the rule laid down by the Government of India, which prescribes that an officer shall not be allowed to decline promotion from reasons of a personal nature, with the result that the important administrative appointments in the Medical service have to be offered to men of comparatively inferior merit. In more than one case that has arisen recently, the Government of India have been constrained to enforce this rule; and they cannot but feel, therefore, that any relaxation of it, in the present case, would be regarded as a highly invidious distinction, which nothing but strong reasons of a public nature could justify.

3. I am to say, further, that the “public grounds” adduced by the Resident in Mysore in his letter No. 9, dated the 23rd May 1893, do not appear to the Government of India to be sufficiently strong to warrant the Governor-General in Council in sanctioning a departure from the existing rule by giving up the Government’s claim to Dr. McGann’s services in the administrative ranks of his profession. They are, in fact, such as would apply in every case where an officer of high professional attainments is popular in the place where he is serving; and to accept them as sufficient, would open the door to a host of similar claims.

4. In these circumstances, the Government of India regret that they are unable to confirm the Proceedings of the Madras Government, in so far as they release Dr. McGann from a liability to be called on to serve in the administrative grades of the Medical Service. It is of course open to him, if he cares to do so, to resign the British Service; and the Governor-General in Council would not object in that case to his taking employment under the Mysore Darbar.

No. 408. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1893, No. 7876.

In supersession of G.O., No. 5714, dated 30th August 1893, the Resident in Mysore will be informed that the retention by the Mysore State of the services of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. McGann till the 1st April 1898, can only be sanctioned on the understanding that that officer continues liable to be called on to serve in the administrative grade.

2. Attention, however, is invited to the remarks in the latter portion of para. 4 of the Government of India letter.

No. 409. *To the Resident in Mysore; dated 29th November 1893, No. 7877.*

(True Extract.)



Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

- „ Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army.
- „ Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
- „ Public Department.

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