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[Despatch Abstract.]

Directing that the
officer holding the
appointment of Sanitary Commission
be exempted from the
operation of § 501 Aug 92
to § 532 requiring a medical
and Civil employ
to pass a vernacular
test so long as he
continues in that
post—

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
18, No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

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Order

On reconsideration, H.C. the
Gov. in Council is pleased to
exempt Surgeon-Lt-Col. J. A.
Laird, M.D., from the operation
of 40. 7. 1. August 1892. No 532.

(From Orders in
Council)

Surgeon Genl 24/1
Sanitary Commr. 25/1
Asst. Genl 13
Lohn. Dept. IN
Presb. B. of Examiners. MS

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City
1 Feb

I exempt him on the grounds that
it is more useful to him to
pass in one exam than to
revisit & test him to pass
in self-examination.

I agree with the hon. Mr. Gordon. The original
order was founded on the grounds that medical
officers in the treatment of their patients shd.
be able to converse with them in their own
language. This cannot apply to the Sanitary
Commissioner - & I wd. exempt him as long as he
holds that appointment.

The Sanitary Commr.

For Orders. 1892 | so long as he holds
his present appointment
I think this order is
necessary. The exemption is
granted because it is ex-
pected that the two ex-
aminers in charge of Civil
Examinations, & the Sanitary
Commr. do not come within
the scope of the order.
25/1

I agree to Mr. Laird's exemption on the
grounds of his appointment and of
his term as Sanitary Commr. But
I don't agree that the Sanitary
Commr. ought not to pass

W. G.
26 Jan

I shd. audit by Gordon
so that the Sanitary
Commr. is not, which
he is not. But I think
it will be found in
one or more examinations
by him in the future.
Sanitary Commr. 27. 53

Sanitary Commissioner's appointment
is a seven years one and my time
will be up in a little over 2 years. I
am also induced to make again this
request as Surgeon-Lt-Colonel Price
has just informed me that he has
been exempted from passing
this examination -

Believe me
Yours Sincerely
D. S. Anderson Raining

dispensaries who have to deal with with people whose vernacular I will
patients - The Pres^{ts} & D^s B^s & have to pass in -
Chairman of Municipalities know On my letter Gov^t on 20th Nov^r 92 stated
English and a knowledge of a that it saw no reason to modify the
Hindu language is in no way orders already passed -
necessary for me to carry on my I then wrote again on 7th Dec^r 92 to
duties - Gov^t asking which language I was
4. That my appointment is an interim to pass in and requested permission to
-ating one and that I am on tour stay at some Head Quarters Station for
generally from 5 to 6 months in the 3 or more months to enable me to get
year - It will therefore be impossible a Munshee & learn the language I am
for me to learn any language - to pass in -
unless to the detriment of my no answer has come to this letter
legitimate duties - I remain at and so I would again request
some Head Quarters Station for that I be exempted from passing
months to enable me to obtain an examination in a Hindu language
the services of a Munshee & also as long as I retain the appoint
th. 11. Have opportunities of conversing - ment of Sanitary Commission

from passing an examination as long as I retained the appointment of Sanitary Commissioner for the following reasons: -

1. That the examination was instituted for medical officers in charge of Civil Stations with a view to making Hospitals and dispensaries more popular. That the order did not therefore apply to me and in support of this the Sanitary Commissioner has passed an order never asked to pass this examination - In 1877 when I was appointed to act as Surgeon of the 2nd District Madras, I began to study Tamil but on joining the Sanitary Dep^t that same year as Inspector of Vaccination & D^y Sanitary Commissioner gave it up as I would that the rule of 1874 only applied to Medical Officers in charge of Civil Stations -

2. That the standard of the test

of this examination is "ability of the officer concerned to express himself clearly and to understand what is said to him on some topic concerned with the duties he has to perform, sufficient to afford proof that he is competent to conduct such duties without the aid of an interpreter" - In this Res^l 5 Hindu languages (Tamil, Telugu, Oriya, Malayalam, (Guzerat) are spoken and as I have to travel and conduct my duties all over the Presidency the object of the examination would not be gained by my passing in any one language -

3. That my duties are entirely different from those of Medical Officers in charge of Hospitals

examination in the language spoken civil employ mentioned in the enclosure
by the people amongst whom he is re. to the Surgeon. General's letter dated
-siding. The object of this examination 31st May 92 should be required to pass
was to make Hospitals and dispensaries the examination within a year. My
popular as Surgeon General E. Ballou name was not mentioned in this list -
thought that for a "Medical Officer in
charge of a civil station, not to know General wrote to Gov^t asking if the
the language of its people is a very provisions of the G.O. of 1874 should
great bar to the progress of the Madras apply to me as the Board of Examiners
civil dispensaries." had informed him that I had not

This rule had however been relaxed passed the examination. In reply Gov^t
in the case of several officers who had stated that it saw no reason to exempt
been moved from district to district, me from passing the examination -
but on 1st Augst 92 Gov^t stated this The papers connected with this
relaxation should not have been per. subject were then sent to me for the
mitted and directed that all first time at the end of Oct^r and I
the Medical Officers in permanent at once wrote praying that I be exm.

Sanitary Commissioner's Office,

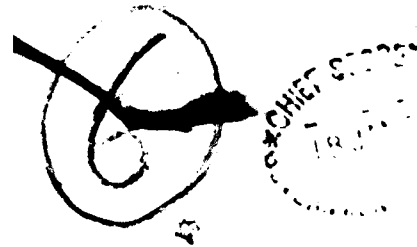
Madras, 14th Jan^y 1893.

Fort St. George.

My dear MacCurtie.

Will you kindly let
me know if H. S. The Governor will grant
me a private interview. My object in
asking for an interview is that I may
explain fully to His Excellency my
reasons for requesting that I be exempted
from passing an examination in one
of the Hindustani languages.

In 1874 it was ruled on the recom-
mendation of Surg. General E. Balfour
that a Medical Officer in charge of a
Civil Station must pass a colloquial



GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
18.1.43 MADRAS.

My dear Galt

Reverend the Bishop's case

please bring up next Council.

Yours
C. H. Galt