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[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to entertain the application
of the Surgeon General for a change
in the conditions of the appt. of Secy
in his office so as to admit of a
senior officer holding it

1893

Military Department

No:

From

The Surgeon General
with list of medals

To

The Secy of War

Wing Dept

thru: Chief Secy
Pub Dept

Dated 18th } Aug 93
Recd

No: C/89



Encs: nil

Recommending strongly for
the consideration of the medals
sent to the Govt of India
that the conditions of the
appt of Secy to the Surgeon Genl
with list should be changed
so as to admit of a senior
Officer holding it

Recd. 29 Sept 1893, No 743
order

The Govt: is unable
to entertain this
application.

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J.B.
5/9.

AD 6/9/93

By the Surg. Genl.

X. 13/9.

WITH ORDER

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26-8-94

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

ENCLOSURES

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DETAIL

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DETAIL.

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upon to conduct from his own knowledge and experience not only the ordinary duties of the office during the absence from Head Quarters of the Surgeon General (who as an inspecting Officer is required to be away from his Office on tour for several weeks, from time to time, when this can be managed with due regard to his duties in Madras) but he should also be competent to deal with questions of importance that may arise and have to be dealt with, without delay, during the Surgeon General's absence.

4. The Secretary in this Office conducts on behalf of the Surgeon General all correspondence with Executive Medical Officers - amongst these are many very senior Officers holding the rank of Brigade Surgeon, Lieut Colonel and Surgeon, Lieut Colonel, and also with Executive officers of other Departments of higher relative rank. It is essentially necessary therefore for the satisfactory and harmonious administration of the Department

that the Secretary in this Office should not be a junior Officer - and it is certainly not advisable that a comparatively junior Officer should conduct, or even be entrusted with correspondence on subjects often of a Confidential and delicate character, or that a junior Officer should even be acquainted with the many matters affecting the interests and position of Officers greatly his seniors in the Department.

5. Government is aware that no restriction is observed in regard to the appointment of Secretary to the P. M. O. Madras Army. The present incumbent of that appointment is a Surgeon Lieut Colonel, and never in my experience has the appointment been held by an Officer of the rank of Surgeon Captain. There is no necessary distinction between the two appointments and I fail to realize on what grounds this exists. The Secretary P. M. O. Madras Army conducts all correspondence in the Medical, and with other Departments on subjects certainly not more important

of the rank of the Officer holding it.

2. It is essentially necessary, both in the interests of the Office and of the Service generally, that the Medical Officer holding this important appointment should be, not only an energetic and able officer, but a man possessing tact, temper and experience, and that he should have acquired a thorough knowledge of the Regulations and usages of the Service. Unless an officer has served in various appointments in the Civil Medical Branch, and obtained thorough insight into the Constitution and working of the Department he is certainly not fitted to hold the appointment of Secretary in this Office, in which capacity he is not only required to assist the Surgeon General in the disposal of both departmental and administrative questions, but his opinion should also carry weight with it.

3. It often happens that an officer who has been long enough in the Office to make himself acquainted with the

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With the exception
of one Officer who officiated
all these were either
Surgeon Major or within
a few months of
promotion to that grade

rules and records of the Office and with the procedure and general working of the Department, finds it in his interest to vacate his appointment in this Office on promotion to Surgeon Major, and this is just at a time when his services are becoming more valuable and useful. This necessarily causes extreme inconvenience and is prejudicial to the efficient administration of the Department. During the time I have held the Office of Surgeon General with Government there have been no less than 6 changes in the appointment of the Secretary, and this certainly is not conducive to the good working of the Office or of the Department or fair to myself. In the interests of the public Service therefore I consider it absolutely necessary that the officer holding the appointment of Secretary should be able to look forward to enhanced pay on promotion to a higher rank. By this arrangement alone can the services of an experienced officer be secured who can be depended

there and no previous complaint is remembered here. Some surgeons here require more competent & experienced secretaries than others.

Dr. de Fabock has addressed his letter to the Milly. Dept, thro' the Pub. Dept. It is subd. that it should be disposed of by the latter.

35B. I submit that the S. G. has shown 24/8. no sufficient grounds for his application. If he looked after matters more than he does things would not be left in the hands of his Secretary to the extent that they at present are.

AD 25/8/93

How does the pay of the Secretary compare with that of Civil Station Assistants?

Wls 20 Aug.

3H. Please see the following statement:-

	Surg. Major	Surg. Major	Surg. Major	Surg. Major
	above 20 yrs service	above 12 & below 20 yrs service	above 6 & below 12 yrs service	under 6 yrs service
Madras Districts	1050	850	650	500
1st class Civil Station	1050	850	650	500
2nd " "	950	750	550	400

35B. 28/8.

C. C.

I think that the Secy to the Surg. Gen. is quite adequately paid. Dr. de Fabock's remarks point to his being ~~de facto~~ ^{de jure} Surgeon General a position which, though he sometimes does, he ought not to occupy. I would refuse to entertain the application.

Wls

Wls 30 Aug.

Lapre 24/8

Dr. de Fabock's letter regarding rank to which he is entitled is not worth arguing. The letter is not worth arguing. L. F.

23/9/93

I do not either think that the application should be entertained. If he did not it is - I do not think India would listen to it - and I certainly do not see that he could urge any very valid reasons in support of it.

AD 29/8/93

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Med. Dept. Appointments

Thru. the Honble the Chief Secy. to Govt. Pub. Dept.

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No. 9/89

Office of the Surgeon General with the Govt of Madras

Maungabau Road, 18th August

From,

Surgeon General W. F. de Fabock

Surgeon General with Govt of Madras

To,

The Secretary to Government Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor to address you regarding the rank of the Medical Officer who should hold the appointment of Secretary in this office.

By the Correspondence which led to the promulgation of the Royal Warrant of 1880 and the separation of the Military and Civil branches of the Medical Administration it was decided that the appointment of Secretary to the Surgeon General with the Government in this Presidency, should carry with it a consolidated salary of Rs. 800 per mensem. I am not aware, and there is nothing in the Correspondence to show why it was considered necessary to fix the pay of the appointment irrespective

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