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Genl. letter from the Comd.
Chief Officer Madras Comd.
Submitting his reasons for
having posted two new
arrived officers of the
Medical Service to military
instead of to civil duties
and remarking that effect
cannot be given to the
order in the Public Dept.
regarding the posting of
such officers to the civil
dept. till it has been
conferred by the Govt. of
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To THE SURGEON-GENERAL
WITH THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 18th.

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G.O., 18th June 1894, No. 3739.

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Nos. 148—150.

Medical Department—Officers.

Indian Medical Service.—Letter from the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, submitting his reasons for having posted two newly-arrived officers of the — to military instead of to civil duties, communicated to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras; and the order in the Public Department directing the posting of such newly-arrived officers to the Civil Department, ordered to be held in abeyance, pending the confirmation of the Government of India.

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WITH ORDER

they would only be doing duty in the hospitals in the Presidency town, and not be available for any appointments.

5. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief takes this opportunity of suggesting for the consideration of Government that, before effect be given to the order of Government referred to in the concluding portion of para. 3 of this letter, enquiry may be made whether the Government of India is prepared to modify para. 21 of Army Regulations, India, Volume VI., as was requested in this office letter No. 816 (Medical Department—Officers), dated 7th May 1894.

No. 150. ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1894, No. 3739.

The foregoing letter from the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, will be communicated, through the Public Department, to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

2. As the proposal approved in G.O. (Public) No. 239, dated 10th April 1894, involves a change in the procedure laid down in para. 21, Army Regulations, India, Volume VI., *Medical*, effect cannot be given to it until the confirmation of the Government of India is obtained to the proposed arrangement.

Vide P.G. (Military), No. 3193, dated 24th May 1894.

(True Extract.)

D. J. S. McLeod
Colonel,

Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras,
through Public Department.

„ Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army.
„ Adjutant-General, for information.
„ Public Department. *SS/c*

No. 2942.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favour of very early remarks.

(By order.)

Ootacamund,
15th May 1894.

(Signed) D. J. S. McLEOD, Colonel,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army.

No. 149. From Surgeon-Major-General T. WALSH, Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, to Colonel D. J. S. McLEOD, Offg. Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 18th May 1894, No. 910.

In returning the papers referred under your endorsement No. 2942, dated 15th May 1894, I am directed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to submit the following remarks.

2. The postings of Surgeon-Lieutenants Berry and Fraser were issued, as has been the practice in this office, immediately on receipt of the first intimation that they were taken on the Madras establishment (*vide* G.O.G. No. 168 of 20th March 1894), and consequently before the receipt of Proceedings of Madras Government, Military Department, No. 2645, dated 30th April 1894. These officers reported their arrival for military duty on the 30th April 1894 and arrangements were immediately made to send one of them to Burma where he was urgently required, and the other to Trichinopoly. The Proceedings of Madras Government above referred to was only received on the 5th May 1894. It will therefore be apparent that the Surgeon-General with Government is entirely incorrect in stating that the order of Government has been disregarded; on the contrary, this office stated in a communication to the Surgeon-General with Government on the subject its preparedness, though at very great inconvenience, to hand over these two young officers to the Civil Department, but was prevented doing so by the refusal of Surgeon-Major-General deFabeck to provide substitutes. It may here be observed that, when the Surgeon-General with Government applied for the services of two of the officers recently transferred to the Civil Department, my Secretary in a conversation with him informed him that they could only be spared, because the Military Department shortly expected the two young officers—the subjects of this correspondence—from England. Surgeon-Major-General deFabeck must assuredly have forgotten this when his letter under reply was penned.

3. The statement of the Surgeon-Major-General that the “Military Department has now at its disposal the full complement of officers allotted for military duty irrespective of the two officers newly arrived” is not understood, as this department is entitled * to 52 Medical officers, whereas there are at present only 45 available for duty. In this connection I am directed to invite attention to the concluding portion of para. 11 of Surgeon-Major-General deFabeck’s letter No. 144 of 14th February 1894, from which it will be seen that the arrangement sanctioned by Government in the Public Department in its Order No. 239, dated 10th April 1894, was conditionally that “the Military Department would not be deprived of the services of a single Medical officer, but would still have its authorized complement.”

* P.M.G., Military Department, No. 8350 of 26th December 1892.

4. In the concluding portion of para. 5 of Surgeon-Major-General deFabeck’s letter No. 69-O., dated 12th May 1894, he alludes to the dearth of commissioned Medical officers, in consequence of which some of the appointments held by officers of this grade are at present in charge of subordinate officers of the department. It may be here observed that the Military Department is not responsible for the dearth, and it is difficult to understand how the accession of these two newly-arrived officers could have relieved it, as under the recent order of Government,

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Medical Department—Officers.

Read the following papers:—

No. 148. *From Surgeon-Major-Genl. W. F. DEFABECK, M.D., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to Colonel D. J. S. McLEOD, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department (through the Chief Secretary to Government); dated Ootacamund, 12th May 1894, No. 69-O.*

I have the honor to state that in G.O. No. 239, Public, dated the 10th April 1894, Government ruled that officers of the Indian Medical Service on their first arrival in India should be attached to the Government civil hospitals at the Presidency town for a period of six months before being detailed for military duty. This order was passed in consultation with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as will be seen from the letter of the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, recorded in it.

2. According to this G.O., the two officers who arrived in Madras on the 30th April should have been directed to report themselves at this office for orders, but the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, posted them to military duty in Burma and Trichinopoly, respectively, on his own responsibility and without any communication to this office.

3. I did not hear of this information until the 4th May, when a communication was at once addressed to the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, drawing his attention to the new ruling and requesting him to send the Medical officers to this office for orders. This the Principal Medical Officer refused to do, and states that they came under the orders of the Military Department previous to the 10th April 1894,—the date of the G.O. sanctioning the new arrangement.

4. This remark is beyond my comprehension, as the two young officers did not arrive in India until about the end of April, and it is not therefore understood how they could have come under the orders of the Military Department before their arrival in the country.

This was pointed out to the Principal Medical Officer, but he declines to reconsider his decision without, however, assigning any reasons for the same.

5. It will be seen from the above facts that an attempt has been made to disregard the orders of Government on the subject without any apparent excuse, as the Military Department has now at its disposal the full complement of officers allotted for military duty irrespective of the two officers newly arrived, whereas in the Civil Department there is a dearth of commissioned officers in consequence of which some of the appointments reserved for officers of this grade are at present held by subordinate officers of the department.

6. Under these circumstances I request Government will be pleased to direct the Principal Medical Officer to recall the two officers with a view to carry out the arrangement sanctioned in the G.O. of 10th April 1894.

No. 951.

Forwarded to the Military Department.

OOTACAMUND,
12th May 1894.

(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
for Chief Secretary.