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2. With reference to para. 3 of the Government Order, the state of the department is very fully shown in my letters printed in G.O., Nos. 5348-9, dated 29th August 1894, and a perusal of the orders quoted in para. 2 of my first letter will clearly show that the unsatisfactory state of the department has been over and over again brought to the notice of the Government of India. Far from there having been an excessive number of officers available since 1885, it has always been the other way.

3. As the Government of India is aware our proposals for establishment submitted on the 15th of March and September of each year are founded on the authorized establishment with the authorized reserve as is always shown in such requisitions.

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No. 2. *From Surgeon-Major-General T. WALSH, Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, to Colonel D. J. S. McLEOD, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 14th November 1894, No. 2086.*

With advertence to para. 2 of Government of India letter, No. 4549-D., dated 27th September 1894, communicated with Proceedings of Madras Government,

Military Department, No. 6775, dated 31st October 1894, inquiring the circumstances under which as many as seven medical officers were posted to general duty in military districts, I am directed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to state that the marginally-named seven medical officers are shown in the Army List ending 30th June 1894 as doing duty in districts. Of these, four were employed in Burma to fill the medical charges referred to in clause (i) of list I. forwarded with Government of India letter No. 4047-D., dated 15th October 1890 (Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 987, dated 16th February 1891). Surgeon-Lieutenant R. K. Mitter, although shown in the Army List as doing duty in the Madras district, was actually holding the officiating charge of a regiment, and similarly Surgeon-Major F. C. Smith was in charge of a wing of Native infantry at Falam. Surgeon-Major F. H. Pedroza was the only officer doing duty, but the reason this officer was so employed is explained in Proceedings of Madras Government, Military Department, No. 8000, dated 5th December 1893, and he is included in the Military List in accordance with Proceedings of Madras Government, Military Department, No. 4241, dated 30th June 1893.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) FANE SEWELL, Colonel,
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To the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army.
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No. 4. *From Colonel D. J. S. McLEOD, Officiating Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 3rd December 1894, No. 7463.*

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4549-D., dated 29th September 1894, in which, after commenting on the apparently incorrect manner in which some medical officers of the Madras establishment seem to be employed, the Government of India draws the inference that the authorized establishment for the Presidency is in excess of requirements and might be reduced.

2. In reply I am to say that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council makes no doubt that this conclusion was arrived at before the Government of India had before it my letters marginally

No. 5349, dated 29th Aug. 1894.
" 5698, " 13th Sept. "

Government of India that not only is the existing establishment of medical officers not excessive but that it is not by any means large enough to satisfy the demands it is required to meet.

3. These letters and the correspondence submitted with them state the existing position so fully and distinctly that this Government does not consider it necessary now to make any further representation on the point at issue, and would merely observe that meanwhile the number of medical officers on the establishment has fallen to 155, or four below its proper strength.

4. The details given in the margin in regard to the nature of the duties performed by six out of seven of the officers remarked on as simply "doing duty" will show that they were actually employed in authorized or quasi-authorized appointments which commissioned medical officers alone are competent to fill. In fact therefore only one officer* was simply "doing duty" in a military district, and his retention in that position is unfortunately unavoidable, it being undesirable to employ him otherwise until the period placed on his service by the

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Secretary of State for India is completed, which it will not be until 6th January 1896.

5. The temporary employment of Surgeon-Lieutenant Elliot in the Educational Department was permitted in the interests of that department as a special and peculiar case because he is the only officer available under the orders of this Government possessing the requisite special qualifications for the position of Professor of Biology which His Excellency in Council considers it most desirable, in the interests of the public service, that he should be permitted to continue to fill during the absence on leave of the permanent holder.

6. As since the proposal in the communications from this office marginally

† No. 2645, dated 30th April 1894.
" 3194, " 24th May "

‡ Letter, Public Department, No. 617, dated 24th August 1894.

noted † was put forward the conclusion regarding the unification of the medical services of the three presidencies under the Government of India has been accepted by this Government,‡ while also recent conditions have distinctly shown

that, as matters stand, the services of even the latest joined medical officers must be utilized immediately they arrive in India for employment in authorized appointments, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers that the question of the retention of these officers for instruction at the Presidency for a period of six months may well stand over to be dealt with as a detail in connection with the general arrangements involved in the unification of the medical services on the abolition of the Presidential Army system.

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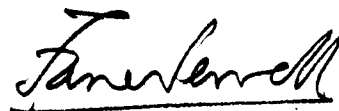
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