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No. 697.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

With reference to his letter No. 55, dated 23rd January 1895, and G.O. (Public), No. 776, dated 17th October 1894, the Surgeon-General is requested to report, for the information of Government, at a very early date, how many of the appointments in list II (*vide* appendix to latter Government Order) are now held by commissioned medical officers and whether there is any prospect of his being able to fill the whole of them with uncovenanted medical officers.

(By order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
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(Signed) D. J. S. McLEOD, Colonel,
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Of these appointments only Cochin is now held by a commissioned medical officer.

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4. It will be seen from the above that no commissioned medical officers are available who could be withdrawn from list II appointments to meet the exigencies referred to in this office letter No. 55, dated the 23rd January 1895, which proposition presumably underlies the present reference.

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6. With reference to the appointment of Second Medical officer, Ootacamund, I enclose, for your information, copy of my letter No. 67 of the 30th January 1895, to the Honorable the Chief Secretary to Government. Under the circumstances represented therein it will be very undesirable to post other than a commissioned officer to that appointment.

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From Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government; dated Madras, 30th January 1895, No. 67.

Regarding the appointment of an additional commissioned medical officer to Ootacamund from April to the end of September, I note that, prior to 1886, there were two medical officers sanctioned for Ootacamund—*vide* G.O., No. 1336 (Public), dated 8th June 1885.

2. In 1886, the Finance Committee suggested, on the score of economy, that one of these should be dispensed with, but, on the representation of the then Surgeon-General (*vide* para. 12 of his letter No. 428 of 21st December 1886 to your address), the Madras Government ruled that a second medical officer was absolutely necessary for six months in the year (*vide* G.O., No. 313, Financial, dated 9th March 1887); from that time it has been usual to post a second medical officer from the 1st April to the 30th September each year.

3. In 1891, the duties of the two medical officers were definitely laid down as may be seen in G.O., No. 893, Public, dated 21st October 1891.

4. In G.O., No. 776, Public, dated 17th October 1894, the appointment of the second medical officer was relegated to list II under the heading "for uncovenanted medical officers" when no commissioned officer is available.

5. In my letter No. 689, dated the 20th December 1894, I have proposed that this appointment should be transferred to Madras and be filled by an uncovenanted medical officer.

6. In para. 8 of the resolution of the Government of India recorded in G.O., No. 1, Public, dated 2nd January 1895, it is distinctly stated that assistant surgeons should not be placed in charge of stations when commissioned medical officers are available, and it is further urged that, in dealing with such appointment, the desirability of having European commissioned medical officers at stations, especially at those where there is a considerable European community, should not be lost sight of. Ootacamund is essentially such a station, and the work during the season is too much for one officer.

7. I consider it most necessary that a medical officer continued to be appointed to Ootacamund for the six months each year and would suggest that his appointment on the plains if he is in civil employ should be temporarily filled by an uncovenanted civil surgeon.

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1895, No. 1054.

The Government of India will be addressed.

2. Pending receipt of its orders the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras will be desired to recommend, for the sanction of Government, applications for furlough to such extent only as the number of officers at his disposal will permit, the principle being kept in view that the applicant to whom the most furlough is due has the first claim and that of two applicants to whom the same amount is due that one with the most service in India since last return from furlough has the prior claim.

No. 237. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department;
dated 21st February 1895, No. 1055.

(True Extract.)

D. S. Pereira

Colonel,

Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

„ Public Department.

„ Adjutant-General,

„ Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, } for information.

No. 1055.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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From

THE OFFG. SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 6049-D., dated 31st December 1894, stating that the Government of India regrets its inability at present to recommend to Her Majesty's Government an increase of the strength of the Indian Medical Service, Madras, to provide for the six military appointments for which this Government has shown that commissioned medical officers are essential.

2. In view of this decision it becomes necessary for the Government of Madras to consider what *ad interim* arrangements can be made to carry out in a suitable manner the administration of the Medical department of this Presidency pending the unification of the three Presidential Medical Services when officers of the unified service will be available for duty in whatever part of India they may be required.

3. The annexed statements contain a forecast of the position of matters in the Madras Medical Service as they may be expected to stand from the 1st April until 1st October next and with the letters *

* Recorded in Proceedings of Government No. 1054, dated 21st February 1895, copy attached.

from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras will make it obvious that, unless furlough is almost closed now and entirely closed a few

months hence, or a sufficient number of officers from other presidencies is temporarily placed at the disposal of this Government, adequate arrangements for the medical administration of the Presidency cannot be made throughout that period.

4. Having due regard to the reasonable claims of medical officers to leave earned and well deserved, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council finds himself compelled to support the recommendation of the Surgeon-General that the Government of India may be moved to place at the disposal of this Government, from the 1st April next, the services of at least five junior medical officers.

5. In most strongly urging this measure for favorable consideration, I am to observe that, as the Government of India now has in its employment * two Madras medical officers extra to the number which the establishment of this Presidency is required to provide, the proposal now made is reduced to a request for the return to their own Presidency of these two officers and for the loan of the services of only three officers.

	Sanc- tioned.	Em- ploy- ed.
* Foreign and Finance Department	6	8
Burma, Civil ..	8	10
Central Provinces ..	7	5
Hyderabad Contingent	10	9
Berars ..	2	3
Total ..	33	35 or 2 extra.

6. As it may be remarked that no account seems to have been taken of the six officers to be recruited for this Presidency at the examination in London in the current month, I am to point out that these officers are not due in this country until October, and, judging from past experience, cannot be expected to be available for duty until the middle of November.

7. In its letter under reply the Government of India remarks that 5 per cent. of the authorized reserve (25 per cent. on the number of appointments) provides for anticipated retirements, but reference to the statements referred to in para. 3 will show that this percentage will not be adequate to provide for the known retirements alone of this year and that consequently the proportion of the reserve for unforeseen casualties and for leave will be reduced from 20 per cent. to below 10 per cent. at one time in the year—a proportion which is quite insufficient for these purposes.

I have the honor to be,
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FORT ST. GEORGE,
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I.—Statement of strength of Madras Medical Service.

1st April—Effective	...	...	...	154 or 5 deficient.
Recruits received in month	...	...	...	2
				156
Retirements in month	...	...	...	2
1st May —Effective	...	...	...	154 or 5 deficient.
Retirements in month	...	...	...	1
				153
1st June —Effective	...	...	...	153 or 6 deficient.
1st July —Effective	...	...	...	2
Retirements in month	...	...	...	2
				151 or 8 deficient.
1st Aug.—Effective	...	...	...	2
Retirements in month	...	...	...	2
				149 or 10 deficient.
1st Sept.—Effective	...	...	...	1
Retirements in September	...	...	...	1
				148 or 11 deficient.
1st Oct. —Effective	...	...	...	...

II.—Statement of employment of reserve, 32 officers.

	1st April.	1st May.	1st June.	1st July.	1st August.	1st September.	1st October.
Filling deficiencies in establishment as in statement I.	5	5	6	6	8	10	11
Extra officers now employed by Government of India.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Filling essential appointments not recruited for	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	13	13	14	14	16	18	19
Available for unforeseen casualties and furlough	(a) 19	(b) 19	(c) 18	(d) 18	(e) 16	(f) 14	(g) 13
Total	32	32	32	32	32	32	32

III.—Statement of furlough.

1st April—Absent on furlough	...	...	...	18
Available	...	...	...	1
				19
Join from furlough during month.	...	...	...	3
				16
1st May —Absent on furlough	...	...	...	3
Available	...	...	...	1
				19
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				17
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				18
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				16
1st July —Absent on furlough	...	...	...	2
Available	...	...	...	1
				18
Join from furlough during month.	...	...	...	1

See (a) statement II.

See (b) statement II.

See (c) statement II.

See (d) statement II.

III.—Statement of furlough—cont.				
1st Aug. —Absent on furlough	...	...	17	
Available	...	...	...	
			17	See (e) statement II;
Join from furlough during month.	1			one more absent than
				reserve can meet.
1st Sept.—Absent on furlough	...	...	16	
Available	...	...	...	
			16	See (f) statement II;
Join from furlough during month.	1			two more absent than
				reserve can meet.
1st Oct. —Absent on furlough	...	...	15	See (g) statement II;
				two more absent on
				furlough than reserve
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N.B.—These statements assume that no unforeseen casualties will take place; if there are any such casualties the deficiencies in statements I and II will be increased and the numbers available from reserve to meet unforeseen casualties and leave in statement II will be decreased, a corresponding decrease being made in the numbers of furlough available in statement III.

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2. In 1886, the Finance Committee suggested, on the score of economy, that one of these should be dispensed with, but, on the representation of the then Surgeon-General (*vide* para. 12 of his letter No. 423 of 21st December 1886 to your address), the Madras Government ruled that a second medical officer was absolutely necessary for six months in the year (*vide* G.O., No. 313, Financial, dated 9th March 1887); from that time it has been usual to post a second medical officer from the 1st April to the 30th September each year.

3. In 1891, the duties of the two medical officers were definitely laid down as may be seen in G.O., No. 893, Public, dated 21st October 1891.

4. In G.O., No. 776, Public, dated 17th October 1894, the appointment of the second medical officer was relegated to list II under the heading "for uncovenanted medical officers" when no commissioned officer is available.

5. In my letter No. 689, dated the 20th December 1894, I have proposed that this appointment should be transferred to Madras and be filled by an uncovenanted medical officer.

6. In para. 8 of the resolution of the Government of India recorded in G.O., No. 1, Public, dated 2nd January 1895, it is distinctly stated that assistant surgeons should not be placed in charge of stations when commissioned medical officers are available, and it is further urged that, in dealing with such appointment, the desirability of having European commissioned medical officers at stations, especially at those where there is a considerable European community, should not be lost sight of. Ootacamund is essentially such a station, and the work during the season is too much for one officer.

7. I consider it most necessary that a medical officer continued to be appointed to Ootacamund for the six months each year and would suggest that his appointment on the plains if he is in civil employ should be temporarily filled by an uncovenanted civil surgeon.

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1895, No. 1054.

The Government of India will be addressed.

2. Pending receipt of its orders the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras will be desired to recommend, for the sanction of Government, applications for furlough to such extent only as the number of officers at his disposal will permit, the principle being kept in view that the applicant to whom the most furlough is due has the first claim and that of two applicants to whom the same amount is due that one with the most service in India since last return from furlough has the prior claim.

No. 237. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department;
dated 21st February 1895, No. 1055.

(True Copies.)

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

To the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
,, Public Department.
,, Adjutant-General,
,, Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, } for information.

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