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[Despatch Abstract.]

SUBORDINATE BRANCHES OF THE INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Recording Proceedings, Military Department, communicating letter from the Government of India stating that the views of this Government on the proposed unification of the---will be laid before the Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT.

From

The mil^y dept

No. 1954

Dated 29.3.95

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SUBJECT.

Subm^d copy of letter from Gov^t mil^y stating that the views of this Gov^t are: the question of organization of the subordinate branches of the Indian med^l dept on the abolition of the Presidential army system: will be referred to the respective State.

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WITH ORDER

Medical Department.

Subordinate.

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No. 1954

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Fort Saint George the 29. March 1895.

Read the following

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, No. 1460 D, dated 21st March 1895.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5512, dated the 6th September 1894, furnishing the Government of India with an expression of opinion of the Government of Madras on the draft-General Order provisionally drawn up to give effect to the changes considered necessary in the Administration of the subordinate branches of the Indian Medical Department on the abolition of the Presidential Army System.

2. With reference thereto, I am to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the views of the Government of Madras

will

will be laid before the Right
Honorable the Secretary of State
for India.

Order:—Communicated to His
Excellency the Commander in Chief
and Departments Concerned, with
reference to P. G. No. 5511, dated 6th
September 1894.

(True Extract)

D. J. S. McLeod Colonel.
Offg. Secy. to Govt.

To The Principal and Officer,
Madras Army
Surge General with the Govt of Madras.
Public Department.
Adjutant General
for information.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 6TH SEPTEMBER 1894, No. 5511.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Medical Department—Subordinate.

Read the following papers:—

No. 46. From Lieut.-Col. P. J. MAITLAND, for Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Colonel D. J. S. McLEOD, Offg. Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, the 5th July 1894, No. 3036-D.

Medical Department—Subordinate.

In continuation of Military Department letter No. 284-G., dated the 31st March 1894, relating to the amalgamation of the three Indian Medical services and the revision of the existing system of civil medical administration, I am now directed to address the Government of Madras on the subject of the unification of the subordinate branches of the Indian Medical Department.

2. There are three subordinate branches of this department, viz.,—

- (i) The Civil Assistant Surgeon branch;
- (ii) The Military Assistant Surgeon branch; and
- (iii) The Military Hospital Assistant branch.

3. The first is wholly employed on civil medical duties. Each province has its own local service, which in the Madras and Bombay presidencies is administered in the same manner as by the local Governments of Bengal, Punjab and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

4. The Military Assistant Surgeon branch is altogether a military service. In the Bengal presidency all details connected with the education, training, promotion, pay, pension, dismissals and disposal for duty are regulated by the Surgeon-General with the Government of India under the orders of the Government of India in the Military Department. Similarly, the branches of this service in the Madras and Bombay presidencies should also be under the control of the Government of India, the Surgeons-General with the Governments of Madras and Bombay acting under instructions from the Surgeon-General with the Government of India in all matters connected therewith.

5. Candidates for employment in the Military Assistant Surgeon branch of the Subordinate Medical Department will be trained in the Medical Colleges at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay under the same conditions in all respects, as at present, except that the numbers at each college will be fixed by the Government of India as may appear most convenient in the interests of the public service; and that orders will be issued through the Surgeon-General with the Government of India, who will be directly held responsible for their recruitment in the same manner and to the same extent as he is at present, in the case of those recruited for the Bengal medical establishment.

6. The promotions will continue to be made on separate presidential lists as at present, and although the assistant surgeons would ordinarily be allowed to serve in their own presidencies, on occasions of grave emergency they will be held to be at the disposal of the Government of India for service in any part of India and its dependencies, as is the case with commissioned medical officers.

7. Following the practice now obtaining with regard to the provinces of Bengal, Punjab and North-Western Provinces, individual military assistant surgeons will from time to time be allotted by the Government of India to Madras and Bombay to fill such appointments in the Civil Medical Department as may be sanctioned for officers of this branch, in the same way and subject to the same conditions as are commissioned medical officers. While so employed, the assistant surgeons will be under the orders of the local Governments, except as regards promotions, pensions, dismissals and recall for general service on emergency, in respect of all of which they will come under the orders of the Surgeon-General with the Government of India, acting under the authority of the Government of India.

8. The military assistant surgeons allotted for military duty will be placed by the Surgeon-General with the Government of India at the disposal of the Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Forces in India, on the same conditions. Supernumerary military assistant surgeons not required for the Army will be lent to the Civil Governments on the same conditions as commissioned medical officers. Unemployed supernumerary officers will be at the disposal of the Surgeon-General with the Government of India.

9. Lastly, the Hospital Assistant branch is also a military service, and in the Bengal presidency it is recruited and administered by the Surgeon-General with the Government of India, under the orders of the Government of India. With regard to the branches of the service in the Madras and Bombay presidencies, the Surgeons-General with the Governments of Madras and Bombay will act under instructions of the Surgeon-General with the Government of India in all matters connected with this subject. Promotions and recruitments will continue to be made on separate presidential lists as at present.

10. In conclusion, I am to enclose a draft G.O., which has been drawn up with a view to give effect to the changes set forth above, and to request that you will be so good as to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to favour the Government of India with an early expression of his opinion thereon.

DRAFT GENERAL ORDER.

(1) In view of improving the mobility and general efficiency of the Military Assistant Surgeon and Military Hospital Assistant branches of the Indian Medical Service in the presidencies of Madras and Bombay, the Government of India consider it desirable to transfer the administration of those branches from the Governments of those presidencies to the Surgeon-General with the Government of India, acting under the orders of the Government of India.

(2) The Surgeon-General with the Government of India, acting under the orders of the Government of India, will dispose of all questions concerning recruitment, education, training, pay, pensions, promotions, resignations, dismissals, disposal for duty with the Army or the local Governments. Furloughs, up to the recognized proportion, will be granted to medical subordinates serving in each command by Lieutenant-Generals Commanding; and to those in civil employment, by the local Governments and Administrations under which they may be serving.

(3) While making every effort to detail military assistant surgeons and military hospital assistants for employment in their own presidencies as hitherto, it must be understood that, on occasions of emergency, the Government of India reserve to themselves the right to employ them in any part of India and its dependencies as the interest of the public service may demand.

(4) They shall be educated as heretofore at the Medical Colleges of Madras and Bombay, in such numbers at each college as the Government of India may from time to time decide. The Surgeon-General with the Government of India will communicate the orders on this subject direct to the Principals of the respective colleges.

(5) The Surgeon-General with the Government of India will be responsible for the recruitment and efficient education and training of the military pupils of both branches in the colleges of Madras and Bombay, in the same way and to the same extent as he is in the case of those educated at the colleges and schools in the Bengal presidency.

(6) The recruitments and promotions of military assistant surgeons and military hospital assistants will be made on separate presidential lists as at present.

(7) The existing rights and privileges of military assistant surgeons and military hospital assistants already in the service shall be preserved intact, provided they are not inconsistent with the foregoing orders.

No. 4421.

Referred to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras for favour of remarks.

2. It is requested that the reply may be forwarded through the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army.

(By order.)

OOTACAMUND,
18th July 1894.

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

To the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

No. 47. From Surgeon-Major-General O. SIBTHORPE, F.R.C.P.S., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to Colonel D. J. S. McLEOD, Offg. Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1894, No. 186-Tour.

With reference to your endorsement No. 4421, dated 18th July 1894, herewith returned, will you kindly furnish me with a printed copy of letter No. 3036-D., of the 5th July 1894, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, for record in my office?

2. In para. 4 of the Military Secretary's letter above alluded to, I note it is proposed that the branch of the service in the Madras presidency should be under the control of the Government of India, the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras to act under instructions from the Surgeon-General with the Government of India in all matters connected therewith. I do not apprehend there would be any difficulty in working this proposal.

3. Regarding the proposed General Order, I submit the following remarks:—

(a) Para. (1)—appears necessary in connection with the proposed changes in the medical services of the Indian Army.

(b) Para. (2).—I concur in this, but think that the proposal in para. 2 of this letter should be clearly stated in this part of the General Order.

(c) Para. (3).—It appears desirable that this should be clearly stated, although in this presidency no difficulty, up to the present, has been found in detailing these officers for duty in any part of India; and, as a matter of fact, many of them are now serving under other Governments than that of Madras.

(d) Para. (4).—I concur in this, but think that all orders concerning these candidates should be sent through the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras in accordance with the proposal referred to in para. 2 of this letter, and as the Principal of the Medical College in Madras is, in departmental matters, under the orders of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

(e) Para. (5).—I concur in this, but consider that, to save correspondence, the examinations for recruitment in Madras should continue to be arranged for by the Surgeon-General of the Government of Madras (under instructions from the Surgeon-General with the Government of India), with the Commissioner for Civil Service Examinations.

(f) Para. (6).—I concur in this and presume the orders regarding them will be published in the Gazette of India.

(g) Para. (7).—appears necessary.

No. 48. 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, 3rd August 1894, No. 1971-A.

Forwarded.

2. I have no remarks to offer.

No. 5101.

Referred to the Public Department for any remarks that may be considered desirable.

OOTACAMUND,
18th August 1894.
To the Public Department.

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

No. 49. No. 1709, Public.

Returned to the Military Department, with the intimation that the Surgeon-General's remarks are concurred in.

2. It should be stipulated that any orders to the Principal of the Medical College should pass through the Surgeon-General.

3. It is observed that no mention is made of the educational qualifications of military hospital assistants. At present, they cannot enter the Medical College unless they have passed the Matriculation examination or the compulsory subjects of the Upper Secondary examination.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

24th August 1894.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1894, No. 5511.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

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

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

No. 51. From Colonel D. J. S. McLEOD, Offg. Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 6th September 1894, No. 5512.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3036, dated 5th July 1894, enclosing a draft General Order on the subject of the unification of the subordinate branches of the Indian Medical Service and asking for an expression of the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council thereon.

In reply, I am to state as follows, with reference to the proposed General Order:—

(a) Para. (1)—appears necessary in connection with the contemplated changes in the medical services of the Indian Army.

(b) Para. (2).—This is concurred in, but it seems desirable that the proposal in the second sentence of para. 4 of your letter under reply should be stated in this part of the General Order, so that it may be clear that the administration of the Military Assistant Surgeon branch in the Madras and Bombay presidencies is to be carried out through the Surgeons-General with the respective Governments.

(c) Para. (3).—It appears desirable that the liability of assistant surgeons and hospital assistants for service out of their own presidency should be thus clearly stated, although in this presidency no difficulty, up to the present, has been found in detailing these officers for duty in any part of India; and, as a matter of fact, many of them are now serving under other Governments than that of Madras.

(d) Para. (4).—With reference to this, the Government considers that it should be distinctly laid down that any orders to the Principal of the Medical College, Madras, should pass through the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, as the former is, in departmental matters, under the orders of the Surgeon-General.

(e) Para. (5).—This is concurred in, but it is considered advisable, in view to save correspondence, that the examinations for recruitment in Madras should continue to be arranged for by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras (under instructions from the Surgeon-General with the Government of India); in communication with the Commissioner for Civil Service Examinations. In regard to this, it is observed that no mention is made either in your letter under reply or in the draft General Order of the educational qualifications of military hospital assistants. At present, they cannot enter the Medical College unless they have passed the Matriculation examination or the compulsory subjects of the Upper Secondary examination.

(f) Para. (6).—This is concurred in. It is presumed that the orders regarding the recruitment and promotion of military assistant surgeons and military hospital assistants will be published in the Gazette of India.

(g) Para. (7).—This appears necessary.

Gobt. of {1894} Madras.
MILITARY.

From THE OFFG. SECY. TO THE
GOVT. OF FORT St. GEORGE,
Military Department,

To THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Military Department.

Dated September, 6th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

6th September 1894, No. 5512.

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Medical Department—Subordinate.

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