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Communicating to the Surgeon-General and to the Accountant-General a resolution of the Government of India directing that, in future, the seniority of a medical officer officiating in civil employ shall be determined by the date on which he assumes charge of his first appointment.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Medical), dated Calcutta, the 24th February 1896, No. 5-Medical—155-166.

Read again—

Home Department Circular to the Local Governments and Administrations, Nos. 14-Medical—596-605, dated 26th August 1895.

Read also the following replies to the above Circular :—

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 829, dated 4th October 1895.
Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 5457, dated 14th December 1895.
Letters from the Government of Bengal, Nos. 506-T.M. and 640-T.M., dated 19th September and 5th October 1895, respectively.
Letter from the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 3105, dated 9th September 1895.
Letter from the Government of the Punjab, No. 883-S., dated 20th September 1895.
Letter from the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 7567, dated 8th October 1895.
Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Burma, No. 125-5-X.-32, dated 7th Nov. 1895.
Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Assam, No. 1282-P.S.—6835-G., dated 30th November 1895.
Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, No. 1562, dated 12th September 1895.
Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, No. 414, dated 20th November 1895.

Resolution.—In the Home Department Circular of the 26th August 1895, enquiry was made of Local Governments and Administrations as to the rules in force in the different Provinces under which the seniority of medical officers serving in civil appointments is regulated; and as to whether there would be any objection to the adoption of an uniform rule in all Provinces laying down that the seniority of an officiating medical officer should be determined according to the date on which he assumed charge of his first appointment.

2. The replies received show that a rule such as was suggested in the Circular of the 26th August last is in force in four Provinces, and is approved except by two Local Governments, *viz.*, the Governments of Bombay and Bengal. The intentions of the Government of India in proposing such a rule seem to have been to some extent misunderstood by the former Government and also by their Surgeon-General. The Government of India did not propose that relative officiating seniority in a civil appointment should be the sole determining factor in deciding the comparative claims of officers to permanent appointments. *Ceteris paribus* it is, in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council, desirable that the officer who has the longest service should be selected first for permanent appointment, but His Excellency in Council admits that it may be necessary for special reasons to depart from this rule, and understands that the Bombay Government would not object to the rule being adopted subject to exception when such special reasons are shown to exist.

3. The Government of Bengal has suggested that the fairest mode of determining the relative seniority of officiating medical officers would be to take the dates of the notifications of the Government of India placing their services at the disposal of the Local Government as the date from which service in the Province should begin to count, and that where several officers are included in the same notification, they should rank in order of military seniority. The Governor-General in Council has carefully considered this alternative proposal, but has come to the conclusion that it would not work so fairly as the one proposed by the Government of India. His Excellency in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that, in future, the seniority of a medical officer officiating in civil employ shall be determined by the date on which he assumes charge of his first appointment.

Order.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance, and to the Surgeon-General with the Government of India for information.

(Signed) J. P. HEWETT,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Government of Madras.

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(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.
" Accountant-General.

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