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[Despatch Abstract.]

Copy to the S.G. letter from the G.O. forwarding
Remarks of the Commander in Chief in
India on the indiscrete conduct of Surg.
Lieut. Col. W. B. Hume in having entered
into negotiations on behalf of Surgeon
Lieut. Wall in connection with the
latter's conduct towards Col. J. S. Poleson
of the 4th Madras Infantry.

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Government of India.

Military Department.

Simla, the 25th August 1897.

Copy of a letter from the Adjutant General in India, to the Secy: to the Govt of India, Milg: Dept: No. 3469-A. dated Simla, the 5th August 1897.

I have the honor, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to request that, under the orders of the Government of India, Surgeon Lieutenant F. Wall, Indian Medical Service, late in Medical Charge of the 4th Madras Infantry, and at present on famine duty at Bharthun, may be informed that his action in placing Colonel J.E. Porteous, 4th Madras Infantry, on the sick list was justified but that his subsequent proceedings in the matter, which were not in accordance with the regulations on the subject, do not meet with His Excellency's approval.

2. Surgeon Lieutenant Wall's action in ordering Colonel Porteous away from the mess to his quarters was irregular and contrary to Regulations, as was also his action in changing that Officer's disease from Ague to Chronic Mania which resulted in the assembly.

assembly of a medical board, the opinion of which was to the effect that Colonel Porteus was not suffering from any mental failure

3. Had Surgeon Lieutenant Wall acted in accordance with Regulations, this occurrence would not have taken place, and I am therefore to request that the Commander-in-Chief's censure may be conveyed to that officer for his disregard of Regulations with which he ought to have been fully acquainted.

4. In this connection I am also to request that Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. O'Hara, Indian Medical Service, District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Trichinopoly, may be informed that His Excellency considers that he acted most indiscreetly in having appealed to Colonel Porteus to "overlook the mistake" committed by Surgeon-Lieutenant Wall, when he appealed to that Officer's "magnanimous and generous hearted feelings". Such action on the part of such a Senior Officer was to say the least ~~was~~ injudicious and Sir George White is of opinion that the proper course for Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel O'Hara to have adopted on the occasion

Army Regulations,
India, Vol VI, para
1471-1474.

carry out the duty he had to perform as a member of the Medical Board on Colonel Porteus, and not have entered into embarrassing and futile negotiations with the Sikh Officer as to whether he would, or would not forgive the action taken by the officer in charge of the case.

5. I am therefore to request that Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel O'Hara may be informed and warned to exercise a greater discretion in future, should such a case come before him.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Home Department for favour of useful action.

By order,
(sd) E. G. Barron.
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

(True copy)

V. Miller.

Regd. Home Department.

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FROM

L. M. Thornton, Esq.,

By: Secretary to the Government of India.

TO

The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

Simla, the 20th Sept. 1897.

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
26-SEP-1897

Home Department.
(Medical)

SIR,

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Adjutant General in India, No. 3469-A., dated the 5th ultimo, communicating the opinion recorded by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief on the action taken by Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. O'Hara, District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Trichinopoly, in connection with Surgeon-Lieutenant Wall's recent conduct towards Colonel J. E. Porteous of the 4th Madras Infantry, and to request that, with the permission of the Governor in Council, the remarks contained in paragraph 4 of the letter may be communicated to Dr. O'Hara who should at the same time be warned to exercise greater discretion in dealing with such cases in future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. M. Thornton

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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The Singapore Consul should be asked to state
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this matter has been in accordance with
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 Surgeon General (replied)
 12/11/97