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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper:—

From A. H. L. FRASER, Esq., c.s.i., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Medical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 31st May 1899, No. 951.

It is observed from the Public Department notification of the Government of Madras, No. 509, dated the 31st October 1898, that the Governor in Council has granted the honorary rank of Assistant Surgeon to first-class Hospital Assistant R. Jagannayakulu Raju on his retirement from the public service.

2. I am directed to state for the information of the Governor in Council that the question of Local Governments conferring honorary rank on subordinate Medical officers has before been under the consideration of the Government of India, and that the Governor-General in Council decided that it is inexpedient that they should confer such rank. In the first place honorary rank is of the character of an honour which should be conferred by His Excellency the Viceroy alone. Secondly, the grant of the honorary rank of Assistant Surgeon is a specially inappropriate means of rewarding a hospital assistant. The title of Assistant Surgeon in such a case implies the possession of professional qualifications which the recipient does not, as a matter of fact, possess. The qualifications required for a Civil Assistant Surgeon are much higher than those which a hospital assistant must possess, and he must pass through a longer and more elaborate training. In the opinion of the Government of India there are more suitable ways of rewarding an exceptionally good hospital assistant than giving him a title which must be to some extent misleading.

3. On the above grounds I am to suggest, for the consideration of the Governor in Council, that the practice of conferring the honorary rank of Assistant Surgeon on specially deserving hospital assistants should be discontinued.

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G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General.

Ext. A. F. Eccleston.

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From

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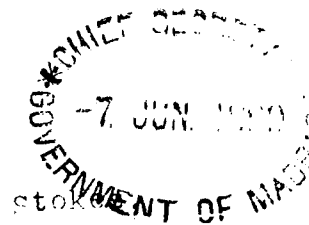
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Simla, the 31st May 1899.



My dear Stokes

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In compliance with the request in your letter of the 12th instant, I am sending an official letter stating the views of the Government of India regarding the grant of the honorary rank of Assistant Surgeon to Hospital Assistants

Yours sincerely,

A. A. Fraser

The Hon'ble Mr. G. Stokes, I.C.S.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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