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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd August 1872.*

No. 34. Read the following letter from the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated Fort St. George, 22nd July 1872, No. 233 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the consideration and orders of the Honourable the Governor in Council, the Letter from Captain T. Weldon, Police Magistrate, dated 10th July 1872. correspondence marginally noted, from Letter No. 325, dated 12th July 1872, from which it will be observed that the form of Attestation now in use for the enlistment of candidates for the Subordinate Medical Department, being an *Affidavit*, comes within the operation of the Stamp Act XVIII. of 1869, and thereby requires a stamp of the value of 1 Rupee. The present forms of Attestation were drawn up prior to the date on which the Stamp Act came into force, but it does not seem possible to make in them any change which would avoid the necessity for the stamp, without completely destroying their value as Articles of enlistment. It seems also undesirable, as many of the lads are very poor, to insist on the candidates paying 1 Rupee each, the value of the stamp.

2. Under these circumstances I beg to suggest either that Government defray the cost of the stamp in each case, or that measures be taken, under Clause 16, Chapter II. of the Act, for the exemption of these documents from the payment of Stamp-duty.

3. I have further the honour to mention that it will be necessary to adopt similar measures as regards the attestations of lads who have entered the Subordinate Medical Department since the 1st January 1870, as, in ignorance of the requirements of the Stamp Act, none of their Attestation-papers have been stamped. Copies of the various forms now in use are attached for ready reference.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1872, No. 1,160.

Separate Revenue, No. 4.

Stamps.

THE papers will be forwarded to the Supreme Government with a recommendation that Affidavits made under Government Rules, as a condition of

admission to the public service, be exempted from Stamp-duty.

2. The "declarations" referred to in the present instance are identical in form with those prescribed for use, on enlistment, in the Mutiny Act.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. F. B. Bantleman.

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The Office of Inspector General Mus.
Fort Saint George 22nd July 1872
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The Secretary to Government
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Letter from Captain
J. Willson & Philip Mayne
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Letter 1323 dated 12th
July 1872 from Hon.
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Yours Most Obedt Servt

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Inspector General of Hospitals
Indian Medical Service

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