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 correspondence marginally noted, 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.

Letter from Captain T. Weldon, Police Magistrate, dated 10th July 1872.
Letter No. 325, dated 12th July 1872, from Government Solicitor.

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. R. Bantleman.

No 2233

Office of Inspector General of Mus.
Fort Saint Georges 22nd July 1872.

Sir,

The Inspector General of Mus.
Fort Saint George

Sir

The Secretary to Government
Public Department

I have the honor to request
for the consideration and orders of the
Honorable the Governor in Council
the Code provisionally noted,
from article 2 to 11 inclusive. Herewith that
the form of alteration now in use
for the substitution of Quadrilateral
for the old double Medical Certificate,
which is rendered necessary
in virtue of the operation of the Stamp
Act XVIII of 1869, and thereby requires
a 2 stamp of the value of 1 Rupee.
The present form of alteration
were drawn up prior to the date
on which the Stamp Act comes
into force, but it does not seem
possible

Letter from Captain J. Wilton Police Magistrate dated 10th July 1872.
Letter No 325 dated 12th July 1872 from Government Solicitor.

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possible to make in them any change which would avoid the necessity for the stamp, without completely destroying their value as articles of subsistence. It seems also undesirable, as many of the lads are very poor, to insist on the candidates paying one penny each the value of the stamp.

2. Under these circumstances I beg to suggest either that Government defray the cost of the stamps 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 think further the board 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, many of their attestation papers have

have been stamped. Copies of the various forms now in use are attached for ready reference.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

Edward Statham Surgeon
Inspector General of Hospitals
Indian Medical Staff

W.A.

Rec.d 1872. 4 Sept.
From No 2436
The Insp.r Genl of Hosp.ls
Indian Medl Deptt
Fort Saint George

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Department

Dated 22.d July
Rec.d 24. — —

No 233 Genl Dept.
No 1160 — 3 August 1872

Submits for orders, that the form of Attestation now in use for the enlistment of Candidates for the Subordinate Medl Deptt being an Affidavit, may be exempted from the operations of the Stamp Act of 1869.

With order.

No hesitation with the proposal of the Insp.r Genl as Government Servants are frequently required to make Affidavits, and a consequent reduction in the Public Expenditure would ensue. The declaration is in the Servants presence and is attested in like manner as the Oath of Allegiance &c. &c.

F. Mackay 7/9/72

No 3114 — 35

C. 31 — Dr Fuller 2 1st Augt

2 Do his Excellency and Hon.ble Members of Council 8 Augt 1872.

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