Surgeon General

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To

The Secretary

Medical Board

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 1st. which came to hand on the 4th Instant and for the information of the Medical Board in obedience thereto I arrived at Pondicherry Yesterday and Reported myself to the Surgeon in charge of the Sick from H.M. Ships Sterling Castle

Surgeon

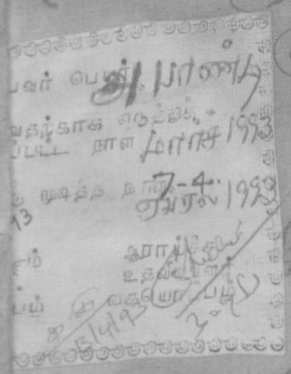
Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Serv.t

(Signed) Jas. Ross

Sub Assist.t Surgeon

Pondicherry
4th January 1804.



To The President and Members
of the
Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honor to submit for your consideration, Musters of Hospital Cloathing made up from those, furnished to me by your Board and which I trust will be approved by you, as of at least equally substantial cloth, and good work. The charge for

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for the whole Amounts to Pagodas 29.37—

Fort St. George
10th January 1814

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
your Most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Med.l Storekeeper

To
The Medical Storekeeper
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date together with Musters of Hospital Clothing Requires for the Surgeons Superintending Divisions.—

The Medical Board have directed me at the same time to desire that you will with as little delay as possible further make up fifteen double Sets 1st & 2d Size of Clothing corresponding with those you have already sent for the purpose of supplying respectively all the Surgeons of European corps with Musters.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t S.t
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secy Med.l Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
10th January 1814

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To
The Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under date the 3d Instant, and to acquaint you that the execution of the alterations at the General Hospital recommended by the Med.l Board will be postponed until the receipt of the plan for the more general improvement of the General Hospital alluded to in the last paragraph of your letter.

I have the honor &c. &c.
Sir
your Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
Town Major

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
10th January 1814

To the Acting Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Med.l Board dated the 7th & 10th Instant No. 1 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief Nos. 2, 3, & 4 for the consideration of His Excellency the Government.

I have the honor &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secy Med.l Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
10th January 1814

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Fort St. George 13th January 1814

To the Acting Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board dated the 10th Instant, for the consideration of His Excellency in Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) A Stewart
Secry Md Bd

Fort St George
Med Bd Office
13th January 1814

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Med. Board of Yesterday date No. 182 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & No. 3 for the consideration of His Excellency in Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your Most Obed. Servt
(Signed) A Stewart
Secry Md Bd

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
18th January 1814

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To
The Secretary to the Medical Board
Madras

Sir,

In my letter of the 23d. ultimo, I had the honor to state to the Board, my situation with regard to native assistance in the Medical duties of the Flank Corps and Details, and the probability of being deprived the only help I then derived from the Second Dresser to the 1st Battn 4th Regt Native Infantry, in case of separation, as the sick of his own Corps [illegible] numerous – My letter of the 6th Inst. will have informed the Board of the appointment of Mr Asst Surgeon Sharman to the Flank Corps and as the services of this Dresser were essential to this charge and were not immediately required with his Battalion, it was deemed requisite to direct that he remain with that Detachement.

In the discharge of the duties still resting with me, I beg leave further to state, that Mr Asst Surgeon Dean has since afforded me the aid of a lad, a private apprentice of his own, whose education & character are set forth in the accompanying Certificate – From the experience I have had of him he appears to answer the description there given of him, to be perfectly qualified for a Dresser, & is deserving to be admitted on the Establishment – circumstanced as I now am without any native assistance whatever, the Board may consider the

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the present opportunity favorable for proceeding in a more efficient, immediate, and certain help of this description, and of securing to the service a useful Officer, for which situation he seems fully competent, I beg leave to recommend him.

I beg to add that the Monthly Medical Returns, and passes from the Corps in camp, are now in my professional, awaiting that disposal which I request the Board would be pleased to direct in my letter of the 21st Instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed Servant
(signed) John Meddy
Staff Surgeon

Camp near Meerdan
January 19th 1814

To
Mr. Staff Surgeon Steddy

Sir,

Paid 1.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Instant and to intimate to you that the Medical Board entirely accord in sentiment with you on the expediency of employing James Delany as first Dresser with the Flank Companies.

2. I am further directed to observe that the Medical Board, in consideration of the high character given

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James Delany, are well disposed to admit him upon the Establishment and that they will embrace the earliest opportunity in which may offer of recommending him to a more permanent appointment than that which it is now proposed to give him.

3. With reference to the last Para of your Letter on the subject of Medical Returns you are directed when on the Battary Division to transmit them thro' the Superintending Surgeon but should the Force to which you are attached be removed beyond the limits of his Division you will forward them direct to this Board.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed Servt
(Signed) A Stewart
Secry Med Bd

Fort St. George
Med Bd Office
17th January 1814

To Mr Surgeon Wm Mackintosh

Sir,

I am directed by the Med Bd to transmit for your information & guidance the accompanying Extract from the Resolutions of the Honble the Governor in Council bearing date the 11th Inst. relative to your application to proceed to Europe on Furlough for three years.

I have the honor &c &c
(Signed) A Stewart
Secry Med Bd

20th January
1814

Fort St. George 22d. January 1814

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the
Proceedings of the Medical under date the 17th. Instant
for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander
in Chief and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed
Signed A. Stewar
Secy. to Govt.

Fort St. George
Medical Bd. Office
22d. January 1814

Circular

To Superintending Surgeons

Sir,

Para 1.

The Medical Board, fully aware of the
additional labor imposed by their Circular Letter of the 29th.
November, are well disposed to render you every assistance which
circumstances permit in discharging the important duties conn
ed with it.

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I am in consequence desired to direct tha

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Fort St. George 24th. January 1814

You will instruct the Staff Surgeons in your Division to examine
and report upon the cases of the Medical Officers of the Forces to
which they are attached previously to their being submitted to you for
such further remarks as you may deem necessary, before they are
finally forwarded to this Board.

3

As many Regiments and Corps are so divided
as not to leave at Head Quarters, and under the immediate charge
of the Medical Officer, a sufficient number of Men to afford the
required cases the Medical Board have desired me to convey to
you the following modification of Para 8th. their Circular Letter.

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That in the event of any European Regt. or Corps
being very Weak or much divided a detailed case shall be given
on the proportion of one to every thirty Europeans and every hundred
and twenty Natives but that the number shall in no instance be
required to exceed the original numbers laid down.

5.

The Medical Board on this occasion desire me
to express their entire reliance that the Zeal of Medical Officers
will induce them gratuitously to forward any interesting cases
that may occur in Detachments under the number provided for.

6.

The Medical Board further direct that the
General Returns of Sick be forwarded to this Office at the usual
periods. With the view however of affording the time which is
required for a careful perusal and examination of the detailed cases
it is not conceived necessary that you transmit them to the Board
earlier

Fort St. George 24th January 1814

Commercial Department

To E. Smalley Esqr.
Acting Secretary
Board of Trade

Sir

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Trade to transmit for your information the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Purser of Honorable Company's Ship Marquis of Wellington.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) E. Smalley
Actg Secretary

Board of Trade Office
24th January 1814

To
The Secretary to the
Medical Board

Sir

I am desired by the Board of Trade to acquaint you that a small Box marked Mela. Trianthema for Medical Board has been received by the Honble Company's Ship Marquis of Wellington from the Medical Board on Bengal and now lays at the Custom House, you will be pleased to order the same to be taken in charge by the proper Officer of the Department it belongs to.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) E. Smalley
Actg Secy

Fort St. George 24th January 1814

Post St. George
Med. Bd. Office
24th January 1814

Sir

I am directed by the Medical Board to acquaint you that a small Box marked Mela. Trianthema for Medical Board has been received by the Honble Company's Ship Marquis of Wellington from the Medical Board on Bengal and now lays at the Custom House, you will be pleased to order the same to be taken in charge by the proper Officer of the Department it belongs to.

Madras 24th Jany 1814

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) W. Mallman
Purser

A True Copy
(Signed) E. Smalley
Actg Secy

Fort St. George 27th January 1814

To
The Acting Secretary to the
Board of Trade

Sir

I am desired by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d Inst and to acquaint you for the information of the President & Members of the Board of Trade that the Medical Storekeeper has received the Box marked Mela. Trianthema and sent from Bengal by the H. C. Ship Marquis Wellington.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedt Servt
(Signed) J. Stewart
Secy Md Bd

27th January 1814

Fort St. George 25th January 1814

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date No. 1 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief No. 2 & 3 for the consideration of His Excellency & Council

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secy Med.l Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e Office
28th January 1814.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

The Medical Board having deemed it expedient that all the Ointments, with the exception of Mercurial, shall in future be procured ready prepared from England. I am in consequence desired to direct that you will add to the accompanying Indent a quantity of the undermentioned Ointments corresponding with the Annual Expenditure of these Articles from your Stores.

Ungt. Resinae
Chat Elatini Balam:
Cerat Alb.

Fort St. George 25th January 1814

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Sr.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secy Med.l Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e Office
27th January 1814.

To
Messrs Ord & Read

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acquaint you that the Medical Storekeeper has been instructed to furnish you with ½ a Pound of the Melee Cyanthemaran Insect which has entirely superseded in the Military Hospitals of Bengal the use of the Lytta Vesicatoria.

As the quantity now sent to you is for experimental trial in order to determine the relative powers of the European & Indian Insects as Vesicatories I am desired to request that you will communicate the result of your Experiments on this subject for the information of the Medical Board.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secy Med.l Bd.

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To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.

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Med. Bd. Office
1st February 1814

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Sts.
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary M.B.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Med.l Board under date the 31st Ultimo & No.s for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & No. 2 & 3 for the consideration of His Excellency & Govt.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
1st February 1814

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secy M.B.

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To

The President and Members
of the
Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honor to submit for your consideration, a letter from the Superintendent of the Dispensary, and to recommend that, such description of Medical Officers, as shall be authorized to send their Prescriptions to the Dispensary, may be specified by you, in such a manner, as to leave no future doubt in the mind of Mr. Underwood.

On the subject of Medical Gentlemen occasionally prescribing larger quantities, than are usually required, in that way - as it appears to be the best manner in which Patients going to Sea, or proceeding on a Journey, can be properly supplied - and as it is, on such emergencies, always in the power of Mr. Underwood to make out, and to forward an Extra Indent, to be approved by you, it appears to me advisable that no alteration should take place, in that respect.

With regard to the Superintendent of the Dispensary, sending a Circular Letter to the Medical Officers at the Presidency, that is a subject on which, I would now decline offering an opinion, being as far as I have

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Whatever orders the Medical Board may be pleased to send on the subject submitted, I propose with their permission, to send in a Circular Letter to the Medical Officers at the Presidency for their guidance.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir,

Your Obed. Servant

(Signed) Jno. Underwood

Supt. Dispensary.

To

The Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d. Instant giving information from the Superintendent of the Dispensary on the subject of issuing of Medicines from that Institution.

In reply I am instructed to inform you that the Medical Board desire it to be understood that the Dispensary be exclusively considered as an Office of Prescription & that no demand for Medicine be made on it beyond what may be required for immediate prescription and actual consumption for the Individual under Cure: that when demands beyond this limitation are made, the Superintendent shall use a discretionary power as to the supply, and in case of any doubt regarding the extent, that he shall

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shall submit the Indent to the Medical Storekeeper to be laid if necessary before the Board. That in the event however of Patients going to Sea, or Proceeding on a long Journey, and of requiring from the Dispensary larger supplies of Medicines, the Medical Board direct that on such occasions the name of the persons requiring this indulgence shall be stated - as well as the Journey or voyage on which they are proceeding.-

It is to be understood that Officers receiving Quarterly Supplies of Medicine from the Stores - shall be on no occasion transmit to the Dispensary Prescriptions for the use of the Military Detail under their charge.-

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
7th. February 1814.

To

The President and Members
of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honor to submit, for your consideration a letter from the Superintendent of the Dispensary, dated the 2d. Instant together with the

lately

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lately invented Oyster Machine which he has therein recommended.

Fort St. George
31st. January 1814.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obdt. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I beg to submit the accompanying Lavement Machine to your notice, and request you will be pleased to recommend it to the Medical Board, as I am very desirous of having it for the use of the Dispensary — The Price is Ten Pagodas & three Quarters. I believe two others might be procured at the same rate, if immediate application were made for them.

To
W. Horsman M.D.
24th. January 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your Obed. Servant
(Signed) Jno. Underwood
Supt. Dispensary

To

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To
The Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31st. ultimo together with one from the Superintendent of the Dispensary on the subject of a Patent Lavement Machine —

In reply I am desired to inform you that the Board approve much of the construction of the Machine in question — as being better suited to the purpose for which it is intended than any in use render this impression and adverting to the convenience the use of such an Instrument must on many occasions afford to numerous Patients about the Presidency the Medical Board have instructed me to desire that you will purchase the three Lavement Machines mentioned by Mr. Underwood.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your Most Obdt. Servt.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secy. Med. Bd.

To

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Med. Bd. Office
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To

The Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

The Medical Board wish to see the Medicine Chests No. 1 & 2 fitted up and completed in every respect conformably to the mode in which it is proposed to form them to the Surgeons of the Army. I am therefore desired to direct that you will with as little delay as possible fit up the two Chests with Bottles, Instruments, Medicines, &c.a - and, as practicable, to be in readiness for inspection at the next Meeting of the Board - You will at the same time be pleased to accompany the Chests with a Statement of the expences (as far as) incurred by the complete equipment &c.a &c.a of two Chests -

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your Most Obed.t Serv.t

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart

Secry Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
7th. February 1814.

To

Fort St. George 9th. February 1814

To

Mr. G. M. Knox

Attorney to Mr. Surgeon John James

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 29th. Dec.r last I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish for your information the accompanying Extract from the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council bearing date the 25th. January 1814.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your Most Obed.t Serv.t

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart

Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
7th. February 1814.

To the Military Secretary

to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board dated the 7th. Inst.o No. 162 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government.

I have the honor &c.a

(Signed) A. Stewart

Secry Md. Bd.

9th. February 1814.

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To

W. Ord Esqr.

Surgeon

Sir,

General Hospital

The Medical Board have desired me to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this 6th Instant, on the subject of the encreased expenses which will necessarily be incurred by carrying into effect the proposed alterations connected with the Female Hospital under your care.

Before the Board proceed to recommend to the consideration of Government the means of enabling you to meet these expenses I am directed to request that you will furnish them with a specific List of the additional number of Servants & attendants you conceive the new arrangements will render necessary.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) Alexr Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
9th February 1814.

To Henry Harris Esqr. M.D. & Member Medical Board
and Superintending Surgeon Presidency Division

Sir,

I have the honor to request you to lay the accompanying Letter before the Medical Board with such remarks

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as the subject may suggest. I trust the justice of my representation will be such as the subject may suggest. I trust the justice of my representation will be such as to ensure your support of my expectation that some means may be adopted to ensure your support of my expectation that some means may be adopted to enable me to defray the expence of the increased number of Hospital Servants enable me to defray the expence of the increased number of Hospital Servants that will become necessary by the measure now in progress of completely that will become necessary by the measure now in progress of completely separating the apartments of the Male from those occupied by the Female separating the apartments of the Male from those occupied by the Female Patients. The entrance to the latter is so far from the Hospital Cook Room Patients. The entrance to the latter is so far from the Hospital Cook Room & Godowns that a complete Establishment in the Victualling Department & Godowns that a complete Establishment in the Victualling Department becomes indispensible. For this no Provision has as yet been made and as becomes indispensible. For this no Provision has as yet been made and as the proposed arrangement does not at all encrease my Monthly Receipts the proposed arrangement does not at all encrease my Monthly Receipts it will be evident that I must lose considerably by being obliged to keep it will be evident that I must lose considerably by being obliged to keep up two Establishments on the allowances calculated for the support of up two Establishments on the allowances calculated for the support of one.

These considerations will however no doubt suggest themselves to you as how experience in the management of Hospitals have been so great as to induce you to give my representations every support which in your opinion they may appear to deserve.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servant
(Signed) Wm. Ord Surgeon
General Hospital

Madras
General Hospital
6th February 1814.

To Alexander Watson Esqr. M.D.
Resident and Members of the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

As the arrangement now making for the disposition of the apartments in the General Hospital will divide the Sick into two quite separate departments & entailing those expences not to be taken into account when the

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the contract for Clothing Victualling &c. was established - I have to request that the Board will recommend to the consideration of Govt. some means of enabling me to meet them. The expence of the establishment of Servants generally kept in the Hospitals amounts to nearly Ten p.Cent on the gross monthly receipts, but it is such as would enable me by merely increasing the number of Ward Coolies to furnish due attendance & accomodation to any number of Patients which might on an Emergency be sent in. As the new arrangement will require a certain increase in the number of these Servants without making the smallest addition to any means of defraying the expence of keeping them it will be evident to the Board that some measures must be adopted to prevent me from sustaining a loss which it certainly can not be the intention of Govt. or the Medical Board that I should do.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) Wm. Brd. Surgeon

General Hospital

Madras
General Hospt.
9th. February 1814.

To

Fort St. George 10th. February 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board under date the 7th. Instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
10th. February 1814.

To
The Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am desired by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Yesterdays date accompanying the account & particulars of your Disbursements during the Month of January.

In looking over the list of Medicines which it was necessary to purchase for the use of the Stores the Medical Board perceive that many of the Articles are among the Medical Stores

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stores sent out for sale, I am in consequence instructed to direct that in future you will, on all similar occasions, in the first instance purchase from the Stores sent out for sale in whatever proportion they can afford of the Extra supply that may be required not only with the view of saving the heavy expense incurred by purchasing Medicines out of the Bazaar but to ensure their being of a superior Quality to any that can be procured from such a source.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
(Signed) Alexr Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Medl Bd. Office
10th February 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 10th Instt
No 182 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and the latter for the consideration of His Excellency and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
(Signed) Alexr Stewart
Secretary Medl Bd

Fort St. George
Medl Bd. Office
11th February 1814.

Fort St. George 11th February 1814.

To the Secretary to the
Medical Board
at Madras

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you for the information of the Medical Board at Madras, the accompanying List of Medicines &c. supplied from the Medical Store department at Bombay for the use of the Troops serving in the Provinces of Malabar and Canara, together with a Statement of those Articles applied for in the Commanding Indents, and which have only been issued in part, and also of such Medicines as could not be spared from this Presidency.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
(Signed) J. Inverarity
Secretary Medical Board

Bombay
Medl Bd. Office
31st January 1814.

To
The Secretary to the
Medical Board
Bombay

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo, accompanying List of Medicines &c. furnished from the Medical Store department at Bombay to Troops

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Troops serving in the provinces of Malabar & Canara, together with a Statement of those Articles of Stores for use the Canara Detachment and which have only been issued in part, and also of such Medicines as could not be spared from your Presidency.—

Fort St. George
Medical Board Office
14th. February 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your Most Obedient & Humble
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

A B

Circular

To Superintending Surgeons and
Staff Surgeons

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish you with the accompanying Pamphlets on the subject of an Alumen rosum & Chalybeate Water recently discovered in the Isle of Wight.

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
14th. February 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

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Fort St. George 15th. February 1814.

To the 3d. Member of the Medical Board
Superintending the Centre Division.

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge your Letter of the 3. Instant, and in reply to furnish you with the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
14th. February 1814.

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Mysore Division

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a Letter received from the Adjutant Generals Office dated 20th. Ultimo and to request that you will take the earliest opportunity of informing them whether Dr. Dresser Mac Kenzie is yet in the Mysore Division or if he has proceeded to join the Battn. to which he stands appointed.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secry Med.l Bd.s
To

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
15th. February 1814.

Fort St. George 15th. February 1814.

To

The Secretary to the

Medical Board

Sir,

The Officer Commanding the 1st Batt. 10th Regt. N. I. having represented the inconvenience resulting to that Battalion from their being only one Dooley with it, and having stated that a 1st Dooley [McKenzie] appointed in August last, has not yet joined the Corps, I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to request that the Medical Board will afford such information as may be practicable respecting McKenzie who it appears was sick at Seringapatam in October last.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obed. Servant

(Signed) John Scott

A. A. Genl.

Adjt. Generals Office
Fort Saint George
26th January 1814.

To

The President and Members

of the

Gentlemen,

Medical Board

I have herewith the honor to submit for your approbation an Annual Indent from the Deputy Medical Storekeeper at Seringapatam for European Medicines, Instruments &c. required for

Fort St. George 17th. February 1814.

for the use of the Troops in the Mysore Division for the year 1815.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your Most Obed. Servant

(Signed) Wm. Horsman

Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George
17th. February 1814.

To

The Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date enclosing an Annual Indent from the Deputy Medical Storekeeper at Seringapatam and in reply I am instructed to desire that, in consequence of the great degree of Sickness which is found to prevail in that Division & the numerous complaints that have on different occasions been made regarding the insufficiency of Medicine supplies there from, You will as far as circumstances permit fully comply with the Indent of the Deputy Medical Storekeeper at Seringapatam.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed. Servant

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
17th. February 1814.

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To the Surgeon of the General Hospital

Sir

I am directed to furnish you with the accompanying Model of a tent and musters of Hospital Clothing &c which His Excellency the Commander in Chief has determined shall in future be adopted in the Sick and Regimental Hospitals of this Presidency; you will receive further instructions regarding the time at which the proposed alterations shall be carried into effect.

The accompanying copy of a Letter from the Deputy Commissary General will serve to guide you in the construction of the Hospital tents.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

The same to the Surgeons of the 89th Regt.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
17th. February 1814.

List of the accompanying Articles of Hospital Clothing &c.
A Model of the Hospital tent
One Shirt of 1st. Size
One do. 2d. Size
One pair Trowsers 1st. Size
One do. do. 2d. do.
One Gown 1st. Size
One do. 2d. do.
One bottoms Quilt 1st. do. For the Troops on Bengal & Coast Establishment
One Blanket do. 2d. do.
One Blue Mat Cover
One large Yellow do.
Four Small do. do.

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Commissary Generals Office

To the Secretary of the Military Board

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 17th. of December last and to its enclosure, I have the honor to send twelve models of tents, which will equally answer as forms Hospital or as Regimental tents, the only difference being that when intended to be used as the latter, they should be made to unscrew, in order that the sides and ends may be packed together for carriage.

The models have been prepared on a scale of three Inches to one foot; but with a view to obviate any misconception on the part of Tailors I annex a Memorandum of the dimensions, according to which the tents should be constructed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedt Servt
(Signed) W. Macaulay
Comy Genl

Fort St. George
11th. February 1814.

Dimensions of an Hospital tent.

		Feet	Inches
Length		8	6
Width		3	.
Height		1	6
Legs	Length	1	9
	Square		5½
	Breadth		3½
Side Ends	Thickness		2½
	Height in the centre	1	6½
Head Board	Height at the extremities		5
	Thickness		1
	Height in the centre		6.
Foot Board	Height at the extremities		3
	Thickness		1
	Length	1	6
Pieces	Length		2
	Breadth		¾
	Thickness		1

(A True Copy)
(Signed) Henry A. Pinckas
Dy. Comy. General

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To

The Secretary to the Medical Board

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate to the instructions of His Excellency the Commander in Chief by which you are requested to lay before the Medical Board, that a Matross of the Artillery of the name of Abraham Bailey may be examined by the Medical Board as soon as possible for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not he be deranged in intellect and a fit subject for admission into the Lunatic Hospital here.

The above Artillery Man is now at Fort St. George, and will be sent for examination when the Board is prepared to look at him.

Enclosed I also transmit for the farther information and guidance of the Board a Statement from the Surgeon of the Battalion Matross Bailey belongs to, detailing the circumstances of his disorder & the Medical treatment he has undergone.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) John Scott
A.t Adj.t Gen.l

Adj.t Gen.ls Office
Fort St. George
18th February 1814.

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Matross Abraham Bailie of the 1st Battn Artillery recommended by a Medical Committee lately ordered to examine and report upon his case, to be sent to the Lunatic Hospital at Madras labours under a deficiency rather than a derangement of Intellect consequently there is less chance of any Medical treatment being of permanent advantage.

At the first Meeting of the Medical Committee ordered to assemble at the Mount, it was determined to try the effect of solitary confinement for some time, the nature of Military Hospital would admit, and at the same time to put him on a Strait Waistcoat course of Mercury to shave his head, and afterwards a succession of Volitation and certainly with some benefit.

Since he was first sent to the Mount he has shewn the Man on many occasions that he was unfit to be trusted as a Soldier, from a natural deficiency of mind and the benefit was derived from the treatment he lately underwent, tho' he might perhaps recover to a certain degree by a continuance of it, I still think he is not now, nor ever will be fit for a Soldier.

Mount
17th February
1814.

David Scott
Surgeon 1st Bn Artillery

To

Fort St. George 21st. February 1814.

To

The Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from the Assistant Adjutant General of the 18th Instant desiring that the Medical Board would by order of His Excellency the Commander in Chief examine and report upon the state of Matross Abraham Baily for the purpose of ascertaining whether he could be entitled and admitted subject for admission into the Lunatic Asylum.

In reply I am directed to inform you that the Medical Board find on examination that Matross Baily is in such state of Mental derangement as to unfit him entirely for the duty of a Soldier - and as he has derived partial benefit from the course of Medicine which he has already undergone - The Medical Board recommend that he be sent the mean time to the Lunatic Hospital, - with the view of giving a further trial under the most favorable circumstances, to a Mode of treatment which has proved of service -

I am however desired to state that as Matross Baily is not quite harmless and inoffensive in his conduct and is only afflicted with an under degree of insanity - they would recommend that - unless he should recover in a few Months he be divided

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Advantage from the trial proposed he be transferred to the Pensioner Establishment on the expediency of which the Board will furnish due information for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Kinnaird
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
21st. February 1814

To

The Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

1. The Medical Board have entirely approved of the Masters of Clothing for the Army - made under your instructions - I am desired to return them stamped with the seal of this Board and to direct that a complete set of each may be sent with as little delay as possible to every Superintending Surgeon of Division and to each Surgeon of an European Regiment -

I am also desired to furnish you with eleven

2. Models of Coats, together with the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Commissary General - It is the desire of the Board that one of the Models shall accompany each set of Master Clothing sent to the Superintending Surgeons of Division - As soon as a sufficient number of Models can be procured one shall also be furnished for the guidance of the Surgeon of a European

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European Regiments.

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Superintending Surgeon of European Regiments will receive further instructions regarding the Rules at which the regulations connected with the Hospital Clothing shall be carried into effect.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Bd

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
21st. February 1814.

P.S.

The Surgeons of the General Hospital and of His Majesty's 89th Regt have already been furnished with the Models of Coats and the Masters of Clothing

To
The Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date No 172 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and the latter for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief
I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secy Med.l Bd

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
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To
The Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of the 21st. Instant for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexander Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort Saint George
Medical Board Office
23d. February 1814.

To the Secretary of the
Medical Board

Sir

With reference to the Resolutions of Council of the 3d. December last on the Proceedings of the Medical Board of the 22d. November I have the honor to transmit a Copy of a Letter from the Commissary General together with the 12 Models therein referred to.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) W. Bromley
Secy Military Board

Military Bd. Office
Fort St. George
11th. February 1814.

Fort St. George 24th. February 1814

To

The Secretary of the Military Board

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 17th. of December last and to its enclosure I have the honor to send twelve Models of Hospital Cots which will equally answer as fixed Hospital or as regimental Cots. the only difference being that when intended to be used as the latter they should be made to unscrew in order that the Side and ends may be packed together for Carriage.

The Models have been prepared on a scale of 1 inch to one foot but with a view to obviate any misconception in this respect I annex a Memorandum of the dimensions according to which the Cots should be constructed.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant
(Signed) H. Morrison
Commg. Genl. Hospl.

Fort St. George
11th. February 1814

Dimensions of new Hospital Cots

		Feet	Inches
Length		6	
Breadth		3	
Height		1	6
Legs	Length	1	9
	Square		3
Sides & Ends	Breadth		5
	Thickness		2½
Head & Foot	Height in the centre		9
	at the Extremities		6
Foot do	Height in the centre		6
	at the Extremities		3
	Thick		1
Bottom	Length	1	6
	Breadth		3
	Thickness		½

True Copies
(Signed) H. Ormsby
Deputy Medl. Bd.

(Signed) H. Morrison
Commg. Genl. Hospl.

Fort St. George 25th. February 1814

To

The Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with enclosure dated the 11th. instant to which accompanied the 24 Models of Hospital Cots.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Bd.

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
24th. February 1814

To

The Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Alexander Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
25th. February 1814

Fort St. George 1st March 1814

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of yesterdays date for the consideration of His Excellency and Council

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Hble Servt
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secy Med. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
1st March 1814.

To the Paymaster
of Extraordinaries

Sir

Agreeably to the instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Wood's letters of the 3d. November 1813 and 10th Ult.
I have the honor to transmit to you 3 Bills for Furniture &c
Matts & Seals made up for the use of the Medical Board
together with the 2 Indents for the same supplied by Govt

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Hble Servt
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Bd.

1st Bill — Pay. Carpenters — 62 —
2d. Bill.
Rattan Mats 23 — 36 —
3d. Bill
Smith — 6 22 40

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Med. Bd. Office
24th February 1814.

Fort St. George 3d. March 1814

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of the 20th Ultimo for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Hble Servt
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secy Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
3d. March 1814.

To
The President & Members
of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Stewart's Letter of the 21st Ultimo, I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to express to you his wish that Matross Abraham Baily of Artillery, may as therein recommended, be placed in the Lunatic Hospl.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obed. Hble Servt
(Signed) P. Vans Agnew
Dy. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Adjt. Genl. Office
Fort St. George
4th March 1814.

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Fort St. George 4th March 1814.

To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

His Excellency the Commander in Chief having deemed it necessary to desire that the Officer of the Day at Fort St. George, that the Medical Board would examine and report upon Mathews Thackeray Esq. who was supposed to be deranged in Intellect. I am directed to intimate to you that the Medical Board have met and have entirely for the duty of a Soldier and that they have in consequence recommended him as unfit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintendant of the Lunatic Asylum for a few Months.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed Servant
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Med. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
4th March 1814.

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To the Senr. Member of the Medical Board
Superintending Surgeon of the
Centre Division

Sir,

I am directed by the Med. Board to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Letter from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander in Chief on the subject of leave for Mr. Surgeon Edwards to visit the Presidency which you will be pleased to communicate to that Officer.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secy Med. Board.

Vide Letter of the 28th February

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
4th March 1814.

To The Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Letter received from the Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital respecting an European named John Dogherty, supposed to be labouring under a Mental Derangement and to request that the Board may be apprized of

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of the circumstance with a View to his examination.

The Man has been directed to be sent to the Medical Board's Office at 11 O'Clock on the forenoon of Monday next.

Town Mayor's Office
Fort Saint George
5th March 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
Town Mayor.

To
The Town Mayor of
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have to request that Directions may be given to have an enquiry into the situation of John Dogharty a Patient in the General Hospital who has a case is in my opinion such as renders it necessary that he should be admitted into the Lunatic Hospital.

Madras
General Hospital
5th March 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) W. Ure M.D.
Surgeon General Hospl.

To

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To the Town Mayor of
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 5th Instant & with its enclosure from the Surgeon of the General Hospital & relative to an European named John Dogherty I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Certificate from the Medical Board.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort, St. George
Med. Bd. Office
7th March 1814

Fort St. George, Med. Bd. Office
5th March 1814.

This is to Certify that I have this day duly and carefully examined an European named John Dogharty referred to the Medical Board by the Town Mayor of Fort Saint George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labour under Mental derangement or otherwise.

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me, that the above person is completely deranged in his intellects, & accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.

(Signed) Alex. Watson M.D.
President Med. Bd.
" Alex. Boswell
3d Member Med. Bd.

(Signed) Henry Harris M.D.
2d Member Med. Bd.

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Fort St. George 9th. March 1814.

To the Senr. Member of the
Medical Board
superintending the Medical Duties of the Presidency

Sir,

I am instructed by the Medical Board to furnish you with the accompanying Copy of a Letter this moment received from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander in Chief & to desire that you will without delay comply with the instructions therein contained.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Bd.

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
9th. March 1814.
8 o'Clock P.M.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

The Medical Board having been called upon by His Excellency the Commander in Chief to account for a delay which has lately taken place in complying with the Indents for Medicines from H.M. 89th. Regiment. I am desired to require from you an explanation of the Extra-

Emergent

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Emergent Indent of date the 4th. Instant did not reach this office until the 7th.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Camp 3d. March 1814

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
10th. March 1814.

To Alexander Watson Esqr. M.D.
President and Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

On receiving early in February the Medical Returns of Mr. Paterson, Surgeon of the 1st. Battn. 13th. Regt. N.I. encamped at Bobbly I was under the necessity of returning them for Correction on account of their containing one positive Error, and appearing to me in another instance incorrect. The Error I pointed out was accordingly rectified, but Mr. Paterson asserts that the part I consider incorrect is not so, and declines making any alteration therein, it is as follows;

In the Columns of the Register in which the date of the discharges of Patients from the Hospital is entered, it appears that 26 Men were discharged in the Month of January of which number 21 were so discharged on the same day of the Month

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Month the 4th

On calling Mr Paterson's attention to this pa
a second time, he did not appear to understand what
I wished should be done; I therefore addressed him me
particularly in a third letter, requesting him to refer to
his Hospital Books, and review the following questions
to which I have this day received his reply purporting
that it is correct in its present shape.

If it is so, the great improbability of
circumstances will I trust justify me to the Board for
having hitherto declined granting the Certificates requ
by the Regulations to be attached to the Abstract of
Medical Allowances, and I will continue to withhold
it until I am favoured with the Instructions of the
Board for my guidance on this occasion.

The Returns in question, I have the hono
to transmit herewith and to remain Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Wm Fallowfield
Staff Surgeon Field Force

Fort St. George 14th March 1814.

To

Wm Fallowfield Esqr.
Staff Surgeon Field Force

Sir,

1. I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5. Instant and to inform you that the Board conceive the circumstances which induced you to withhold your Certificate from Mr Paterson fully justify such a measure.

2. As the Medical Board entirely concur with you in the improbability of [illegible] Men being in a state to be discharged on the same day, yet as such may possibly have taken place, I am desired to direct that you will apply to the Officer Commanding the Force for the daily Report of the Sick of the 1st Batt. 13th Regiment during the Month of January in order that Mr Paterson may be entirely absolved from the suspicion which such an unusual occurrence unavoidably attaches to him. The Medical Board must withhold any further opinion on the subject until they can be furnished with Authenticated Copy of this necessary Document.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt
(Signed) Alexr Stewart
Secry Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
14th March 1814.

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To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterdays date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
11th. March 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med. Bd.

To the President and Members
of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

The great number of Surgical Instruments that are so corroded with rust in this Country as to be entirely unfit for use, and the difficulty of keeping any in a state fit for the purposes of the Surgeon, must be known and deplored by the Medical Board.

No apology therefore can be necessary

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in submitting to them Specimens of different Instruments that have been so completely gilded as to be no longer in danger of being injured by the unavoidable exposure to the influence of the atmosphere, which is acquired in the course of practice.

The Medical Board will observe that the Specimens of gilding are of various degrees. One case of Scalpels when it was nearly in a perfect state when submitted to the process, are perfectly covered with Gold; other instruments that have been partially corroded and rusty, and which are considered unserviceable in the Medical Store department, are not so completely coated, but nevertheless it will be found that the edge has been preserved unimpaired. More Scalpels particularly to the Lancets & Scalpels, which are rendered by the gilding not only fit for use, but may with due care be long applicable to their several purposes.

The grand objects of the gilding is to preserve in an efficient state, until required for use, any cutting Instruments that arrive perfect from Europe, but which would otherwise become more or less damaged shortly after they were taken into Store, notwithstanding every precaution hitherto used, and also to keep them by ordinary care in a state of efficiency after

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after being delivered out to the Medical Officers, till they may require to be reset for actual use, is not from the effects of corrosion. Another, is to prevent further mischief to such as may either have been damaged on emergencies by use in this Country. In cleaning the rust off from these or the Razes, the polish is necessarily partially removed, and it has hitherto been almost impossible by any diligence to keep such unpolished surface free from rust. If gilt, however, the Instruments will be preserved from further decay and being again restored to use.

The utility of any cutting Instrument depends on the perfection of its edge, and the proofs to which the accompanying samples have been submitted neither alter the temper of the Steel nor destroy the edge. The accompanying case of new Scalpels, and some Lancets for Vaccination, were left for trial some days ago with the Surgeon of the general Hospital, & his report on their efficiency, which I have the honor to submit herewith, will, it is hoped, be satisfactory on that subject. Of the perfection of the Lancet he speaks decidedly, & his test of the goodness of the edge of the Scalpels would seem to be nearly as conclusive, as if the Instruments had been used on a living animal.

I beg it to be understood that

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Instruments now transmitted, as the as perfect as my limited means admit of, and by no means equal to what could produce, if I received the aid of the Medical Board and of Government.

In the course of the experiments I have made with a view of preserving surgical Instruments, I have used a lacquer varnish, which, I have every hope, will keep every species of steel Instruments from corrosion by rust. The Medical Board may perhaps be disposed to think that this composition will supersede the necessity of submitting cutting Instruments to the gilding process. As, however, Lancets and scalpels are frequently required in a hurry, and as it will take some time, although not attended with other difficulty, to remove the lacquer entirely from the Instrument, it would seem, that the process which would preserve such in a state of readiness for use, were entitled to the preference.

I send an amputation Knife, a lancet, and a Gum Lancet, which have been several days covered with the lacquer varnish, and during the whole of that period exposed on a Table in a room open to the sea. The Instruments are of polished steel, & have not been gilded but lacquered. I also forward an amputation Knife which was in as perfect condition as the other, but which has been exposed with the lacquered one on the Table during

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during the same period, and it will be observed that the oxygen of the Atmosphere has begun to act upon the Metal, and to form the Oxyd of Iron, whilst the Lacquered instruments have not, in the slightest degree become rusty; indeed, the composition does not appear to be soluble in Water, or affected by dampness.

The gilded instruments (except two of the new Scalpels) are slightly varnished with a composition which may be taken off in a few moments. So securely from rust complete, I can scarcely be said to form an impediment to their ready use. At all events, this varnish may be kept on the Instruments whilst they remain in Store. When issued from them, the Medical Officer can keep them varnished or not, according to the necessity he may have for their use.

I have not the means of ascertaining the loss sustained at this Presidency by the corrosion of Instruments, but it must be considerable, and at Calcutta Bombay and Islands to the Eastward, the Surgical Instruments are liable to the same injury and destruction. To prevent this loss would be an act of very considerable importance; but the Medical Board will be aware, that independently of that consideration, there would be attached

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a higher meret to that measure, which by preserving the Instruments in a perfect state, secures the patient from that intensity of pain which a blunted Instrument always inflicts, to say nothing of the difficulty the Surgeon experiences to use it at all; as well as avoids the consequences of using an Instrument even partially corroded with rust.

If the successful accomplishment of the object I have had in view be deemed deserving of any attention by the Medical Board, I request they will do me the honor to submit the subject to the consideration of Government.

In conclusion, I beg leave to state, that if honored with the commands of the Medical Board and Government, I shall be prepared to submit a detailed report of the process of Gilding & Lacquering for the purpose of being submitted to the Honble Court of Directors, with a view to their application to Instruments previously to their despatch to this Country.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Very Obedient Servant

(Signed) John Underwood

Assistant Surgeon.

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Fort St. George
14th March 1814.

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To

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Underwood

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date together with Specimens of Instruments Lacquered and gilded and an amputating Knife which has been exposed in circumstances similar to the two former in order to ensure the preservative powers of the mode you have suggested for guarding Surgical Instruments against the destructive Effects of a hot and Moist Atmosphere.—

The Medical Board have desired me to inform you that they feel every favorable disposition to give a full trial to measures calculated so materially to benefit the public Service with the view however of enabling them to form a correct opinion of the Merits of the improvement proposed I am desired to direct that you will gild a set of Lancets Scalpels Amputating & Tooth Instruments in a state of perfect preservation—and an equal number of the like Instruments that have been partially deteriorated by rust & your them thus prepared to the Medical Board when you will be instructed to make the necessary report regarding them as the gilding promises to preserve the Instruments

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Instruments from the Action of the Air consequently from rust & can in no way interfere with the ~~immediate~~ efficiency of the Instrument to which it is applied the Medical Board conceive it unnecessary to offer any remarks regarding the Lacquer—

The various Instruments Gilded Lacquered

& are herewith returned

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Alexr Stewart

Secy Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
14th March 1814.

To the Military Secretary

to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of the 14th instant for the consideration of His Excellency and Government.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Alexr Stewart

Secretary Med. Board

To

Fort St George
Med. Bd. Office
15th March 1814.

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Fort St. George 15th March 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of the 14th & 17th Inst. Nos 82 the former for the consideration of His Excellency in Council & the latter for that of His Excellency the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servt
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secy Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
15th March 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servt
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secy Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
22d March 1814.

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Fort St. George 22d March 1814.

To
The Secretary to the
Medical Board

Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of the Management of the Native Pension Fund to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 14th May last and to transmit to you the accompany Certificate No. 643 of a Pension of 4 Pagodas per Month which has been granted by Govern.t to the Widow and Children of the late Annadaumy Native Chymist in the Medical Store Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) F.W. Russell
Secretary

Fort St. George
Native Pension Fund Office
21st March 1814.

To the President and Members
of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honor to forward an Application for a Pension from the Native Fund, for the Family of Annadaumy deceased who had been employed for about 10 Years, as Chymist in the Medical Store Department, and who regularly subscribed.

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subscribed towards the support of the Fund since its
institution.

Fort St George
14th May 1816.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medical Storekeeper

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 14th May last
I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Certificate
No. 443 of a Pension of 4 Pagodas pr Mensem granted by
Government to the Widow and Children of the late
Sarang Native Hospt in the Medical Store Depart.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. St.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secry Med. Bd.

Fort St George
Med. Bd. Office
22d March 1816.

Circular

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Fort St. George 22d March 1816.

Circular
To Superintending Surgeons and
Staff Surgeons

Sir,

1. His Excellency the Commander in Chief deeming it expedient to be furnished with Reports of the Services of the Medical Officers at present doing duty with Civil Stations it is required that Superintending Surgeons do call upon the Medical Officers of this description in their respective Divisions and those of the Staff for returns corresponding with the enclosed Instructions and that they may at as early a Period as may be convenient be forwarded to this Board for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and for eventual transmission to Head Quarters at Calcutta.—

2. In order to put the Medical Board in full possession of every Claim of zealous and meritorious Medical Officers it is further directed that the Regimental Medical Officers who have already reported thro the Officer commanding Corps will furnish Superintending Surgeons with Duplicates of such Reports for the information of the Medical Board.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servant
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secry Medl Board

Fort St George
Medl Bd Office
19th March 1816.

Fort St. George 25th March 1814

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Report of the Medical Board dated the 24th instant No. 182 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the latter for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Medical Board Office
25th March 1814.

To
The Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am desired by the Medical Board to furnish you with the accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Superintending Surgeon of the Southern Division of the Army, and to express their regret that circumstances of the nature contained in the last Para should have been brought to their notice.

I am at the same time instructed to direct that

Fort St. George 25th March 1814.

that you will in future at all times communicate to Medical Officers indenting upon your Stores the extent to which their Indents can be complied with.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medl Board

Fort St. George
Medl Board Office
25th March 1814.

Extract of a letter from the Superintending Surgeon of the Southern Division of the Army dated 14th March 1814. 34

I have to request, that if it can possibly be done, the supplies of Medicine for the Southern Division may be made more ample than they have lately been. Mr Longhill is often disappointed, with regard to the quantity sent from Madras, and Mr Colhoun complains, that the Troops in Travancore, are, in his opinion, inadequately supplied with several articles, altho' it has been my particular study to allot for the force there, its full proportion, from the Medical Stores at Trichinopoly; In particular I could wish, we were more amply furnished with Sarsaparilla, & Guaiac wood, of which articles Mr Colhoun the Staff Surgeon of Travancore, is much in want of.—

Mr Longhill complains, that when he sends his Indents to Mr Foreman for Medicines wanted for the Division he frequently has no reply from that Gentleman, and therefore knows not when to expect, or whether at all to expect the articles required.—

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(Signd) A Stewart
Secy M Bd

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Fort St. George 25th. March 1814.

To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

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I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Report of the, Medical Board dated the 24th. instant No. 182. the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and the latter for the consideration of His Excellency & Council

Fort St. George
Medical B. Office
25th. March 1814.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Hble.
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
25th. March 1814.

To
The President and Members
of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter, of the 25th. Instant, accompanied with Extract of one, from the Superintending Surgeon of the Southern Division, of the Army.

In reply to which, I beg leave to submit to your Board, how far it has been considered the practice of this Office, to acknowledge the receipt of Indents, until such time as they shall have been sanctioned by your Approbation - and until which time, how far it is in my power to say, to what extent, any Indent can be complied with.

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the Indents are generally complied with in turn, and as quickly, as the number of them on hand, will admit of - and if Mr. Longdill is of opinion that, he has at any time been long in receiving his supplies, it has probably proceeded from the late period at which his Indents have reached the Presidency.—

When supplies of Medicines are dispatched, for the Divisions of the Army, authentic lists of the different Articles, accompany the Packages. and on these days, letters of advice, with Duplicate lists, are usually dispatched by the Post. I am not aware that, any omission in this respect, has hitherto taken place with regard to the Medical supplies, for the Southern Division of the Army - If however, it shall be found that such has happened, it will be my care to prevent in future, the occurrence of similar Mistakes.

Fort St. George
20th March 1814.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George 25th March 1814

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Mysore Division of the Army
Bengalore

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish for your information and guidance the enclosed copy of a Letter, No. 1 from the Military Secty to His Excellency the Commander in Chief on the subject of Hospital Clothing now remaining in charge of the Committee at Bangalore together with the Proceedings of a Committee of Officers assembled to report upon the state of the Clothing in question.

I am at the same time instructed to desire that you will be pleased to order the Deputy Medical Storekeeper in the Mysore Division to take charge of the Clothing having previously adopted such Measures as may seem to you necessary in order to ascertain the state in which that Officer receives it.—

It would appear by the Report of the Committee that part of the Clothing - the Trowsers and Waistcoats is too small and is thereby rendered generally inapplicable to the use of European Troops - The Medical Board request to be informed how far these articles of European Hospital Clothing are likely to be acceptable and serviceable to the Native Sick in the Mysore Division.

With

Fort St. George 28th. March 1814.

With regard to the Quills you will direct the Deputy Medical Storekeeper to issue them to the Sick in your Division as the exigencies of the Service may require.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
25th. March 1814.

To
The Medical Storekeeper
Sir,

The Medical Board being anxious to ascertain whether the Melos trianthema or any Insect of this Class possessing the qualities of a Vesicatory can be procured in this Establishment are well disposed to give Encouragement to those who are in the habits of collecting this description of Animals. they have in consequence determined to purchase the accompanying Specimens of insects with the view of inducing the Bearer to bring a further supply the characters of which he has been furnished with.

The Price of the Insects is here pagodas.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
28th. March 1814

Fort St. George 28th. March 1814.

To the Medical Storekeeper
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am instructed by the Medical Board to direct that you will send to the Surgeon of each Battalion of Artillery, To the Surgeon of His Majesty's 56th. Regiment, and to the Assistant Surgeon Stewart of the 14th. Regt. respectively three Ounces of the Melos Trianthema for the purpose of Experimental Trial. and in order to ascertain its relative virtues as a Vesicatory to the Lytta Vesicatoria.

The Medical Board will also be glad to be informed whether experience authorizes the internal use of the Melos Trianthema in cases where the Lytta Vesicatoria has been deemed inadmissible.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
28th. March 1814.

To

Fort St. George 29th March 1814

To

The Secretary to the Medical Board

Sir,

I request that a Native Man named Syed Dou
supposed to be labouring under Mental derangement may be
examined by a Member of the Medical Board.

He has been directed to attend at the
Medical Board Office this day at 11 O'Clock.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) J.S. Fraser
T. M.

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
29th March 1814.

To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of Yesterdays date
relative to a Native Man named Syed Dou I am directed to
transmit to you the enclosed Certificate from the Medical
Board.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secty Med.l Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
29th March 1814.

Fort St. George 29th March 1814

To

The Secretary of the
Medical Board

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt
of the Medical Board's Proceedings of the 14th Instant
enclosing a Petition from Michael Stephen, Head Writer
in their Office, and recommending in consideration of
his long and faithful services, that the Petitioner be
pensioned on his full pay.

The Commander in Chief cannot sustain
with his support, the extent of this application. The
instances in which pensions on full pay have been
granted to persons of this description are rare indeed, and
have only occurred under circumstances of the most
particular nature. Pensions of any sort indeed to this
class of servants are a special indulgence, which the
Commander in Chief would confine to the narrowest
practicable limits; these generally extend, only to the
Amount of half, or at most two thirds, of the original
Salary, and are moreover in some degree guided by its
Amount.

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His Excellency accordingly directs me to request, that the Medical Board will state the Monthly amount of Mr Stephens's effective receipts, in order that he may form a judgment on which to recommend the case to the notice of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servt

Commrin Chief's Office
Fort St. George
25th March 1814.

(Signed) Hugh Scott
M. S.

To

Fort St. George 29th March 1814

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd. Ultimo, and I am directed to request that you will be pleased to convey to His Excellency the Commander in Chief the sincere regret of the Medical Board that it was not deemed expedient to sustain, with the support of His Excellency, the application of Head Writer Stephen.—

2. The Medical Board in recommending the Petition of Mr Stephens to the favorable consideration of His Excellency in Council were fully aware of the extent of the special indulgence claimed. As similar instances of favor have occasionally been shewn to old and meritorious servants, they were of opinion that no one in the same walk of life could urge stronger claims to the indulgent consideration of Government than a servant who has been in the Office since its first Establishment in 1796, and who during that long period had

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had uniformly conducted himself to entire satisfaction of his Superiors. Under this explanation the Medical Board feel assured that His Excellency will be pleased to accord such degree of support to Stephen's Petition as the very peculiar circumstances of the case seem to merit.

The Monthly amount of Mr Stephen's effective receipts is Thirty Pagodas and the Medical Board trust that His Excellency will not deem it incompatible with a due attention to public Economy to recommend that he be pensioned on two thirds of that Sum.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
14th April 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obd. Servt.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

This

Fort St. George 29th March 1814.

Fort St. George, Med. Board Office
29th March 1814.

This is to certify that I have this day duly and carefully examined a Native named Syed Dowd referred by the Medical Board by the Town Major of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labour under Mental derangement or otherwise.

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me, that the above person is completely deranged in his intellects, and accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.

(Signed) Alexr. Watson, M.D.
President & Med. Board

(Signed) Henry Harris, M.D.
2d. Member Med. Board

" Alexr. Bissell
3d. Member Med. Board

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency and Government.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
29th March 1814.

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To

The President and Members
of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter, dated the 28th. Instant and to report that, I have agreeably, - - - - - - - - to the instructions therein contained this day supplied, the Surgeon of His Majesty's 56th. Regiment, the Surgeon of each Battalion of Artillery and the Assistant Surgeon of the 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment N.I. respectively with three Ounces of the Melon Triantherum for the Experimental trials specified in Mr. Stewart's Letter.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George
30th. March 1814.

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To

Alex.r Watson Esq.re President
and Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen

I have had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 14th. Instant and beg leave to inform you that in obedience to the instructions contained therein I have forwarded an application to Lieut.t Colonel Dowse commanding the Field Force, and now residing at Goa, for the purpose of obtaining the Documents required by Para 2 of your letter.

I received from Mr. Paterson his Medical Return for February on the 12th. Instant which is herewith transmitted. This Return resembles so much that of the preceding Month in that particular Column of the Register which occasioned my reference to the Board, that I have declined granting a Certificate for it until I receive further instructions on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Willm. Fallowfield
Staff Surgeon Field Force

Camp
28th. March 1814.

To

Fort St. George 31st March 1814.

To

The Staff Surgeon
Colonel Dowse's Force

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d Instant and to intimate to you, that the Medical Board do not perceive any irregularity in the Column of discharges in Mr Paterson's register which can authorize his being denied the prescribed Certificates.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
31st March 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of this Medical Board of Yesterday's date No. 142 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and the latter for that of His Excellency Government.

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secty Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
1st April 1814.

Fort St. George 2d April 1814

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of this Medical Board under date the 31st Ultimo No. 142 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and the latter for that of His Excellency Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Md. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
2d April 1814.

To
The Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a letter received from the Superintendent of the Monegar Choultry respecting a Native Woman named Vullee supposed to be labouring under Mental Derangement and to request the Board may be apprized of the circumstances with a view to her examination.

The Woman will attend at the

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Medical Board tomorrow forenoon at 11 O'clock.-

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
3d April 1814

Shave the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient, Servt
(Signed) J.A. Fraser
Town Major

To the Town Major of
Fort St George

Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you that a Woman calle
Vullee came to the Choultry yesterday & stated that she is
born at Punnaree about ten Miles from Madras & that she
had no body to take care of her she appears to be about 40 Yea
of age and cannot give a proper account of her person and
Country, & Dr. Dalton having been present, examined her ta
and declared her to be Insane. I therefore request your auth
to send her to the Lunatic Hospital, after the usual enquiry
before the Medical Board.

Monrgar Choultry
31st March 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very Obedient, Servan
(Signed) A. G. De Niese
Superintendent
To

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To
The Town Major

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter of Yesterday's date and to intimate to you that Vullee
etty, to the Woman who is supposed to be afflicted with a
Mental derangement has been examined by the Medical Board
but that they do not conceive her to be in such a state of Insan-ity
as to recommend that she should be placed in the Lunatic
Asylum.

The poor Woman in question appears to labor
rather under a state of fatuity - than Madness & could die in all
probability by Inanition - She is consequently a most fit subject
for such a Charitable Institution as the Monrgar - On this
occasion I am instructed by the Medical Board to state that it
never can have been the intention of Government that the Lunatic
tic Hospital should be considered an Asylum for idiotism
or harmless insane beggars - or in fact for any other description
of Native Lunatics than those who are from their violence likely
to endanger the public Tranquility.

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Office
4th April 1814

Fort St. George 5th April 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e office
5th. April 1814.

To
The Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Superintendent of Police respecting a Native Man Named Mahomed Bram supposed to be labouring under Mental Derangement, and to request the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to his Examination.—

He has been directed to attend at the Medical Board office tomorrow forenoon at 11 O'Clock.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) J.d Fraser
S.M.

6th April 1814.

To

Fort St. George 7th April 1814.

To
The Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 6th Instant with its enclosure from the Superintendent of Police relative to a Native Man Named Mahomed Beeram I am directed by the Medical Board to transmit the accompanying Certificate of the Medical Board.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e office
7th. April 1814.

Fort St. George, Med.l Board Office
7th. April 1814.

This is to certify that I have this day duly and carefully examined a Native Named Mahomed Beeram referred to the Medical Board by the Town Major of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labour under Mental Derangement or otherwise.—

And I have to report upon such examination that

Fort St. George 7th. April 1814.

that it fully appears to me that the above person is completely deranged in his intellects and do accordingly recommend him as a fit subject to be committed to the Lunatic Asylum.—

(Signed) Alexr. Watson, M.D.
President Med. Board
" Alexr. Boswell
3d. Member Med. Board

(Signed) Henry Harris,
2d. Member Med. Bd.

To the President and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honor to forward an application for a Pension from the Native Fund, for the Family of Mr. William Lawrence deceased, who had been employed for the period of 7 years, as Second Servant in the Medical Store Department; and who regularly subscribed towards the support of the Fund, since its institution.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Med. Storekeeper

Fort St. George
25th. September 1813.—

Fort St. George 9th April 1814.

To the, Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 25th. of September last I am directed to transmit for your information the accompanying Copy of a Letter with its enclosure from the Secretary to the Committee for the Management of the, Native Pension Fund.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
9th. April 1814.—

, Native Pension Fund

To the Secretary
to the
Medical Board

Sir,

I am directed by the Committee for the Management of the, Native Pension Fund to return to you the claim enclosed in your Letter of the 27th. September last,

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Fort St. George 7th April 1814.

It being inadmissible under the 12th. Clause of the Regulations
Extract from the Regulation in question is trans-
mitted for your information and guidance.—

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Jno. Hodgson
for the Secretary

Fort Saint George
Native Pension Fund office
7th. April 1814.—

Extract from the Native Pension Fund
Regulations.

12th.

That in determining the extent of the
relief to be recommended, the Head of the office do have particular reference to the Laws and Customs of the Natives in
respect to the Maintenance of their Families, it being the
true Intent and Meaning of this Fund to afford relief
to the Widows and Children only of the deceased Subscribers
in cases where, in reference to such Laws and Customs, the
Widows and Children of the deceased would have been
otherwise in absolute distress.—

(A True Extract)
(Signed) Jno. Hodgson
for the Secretary

Fort St. George 7th April 1814.

Camp 31st. March 1814.—

To
Alex.r Watson Esq.r, M.D.
President and Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

In my letter of the 22d. Instant
I had the honor of stating, that I had made application to
Lieut.t Colonel Dowse, Commanding the Field Force, and now
residing at Goa for the purpose of obtaining the Document
required by your letter of the 14th. Instant relative to Mr.
Patersons Medical Returns for January.—

A Copy of the order issued by Lieut.t Colonel
Dowse on this occasion is herewith transmitted, and I yesterday
received thro' the Brigade Major of the Force the accompany-
ing document bearing the Signature of the Officer comman-
ding and of the Surgeon of the 1st. of the 13th. N.I now at
Mahy.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Fallowfield
Staff Surgeon F. Force

90 Fort St. George 11th April 1814.

To Wm. Fallowfield Esqr.
Staff Surgeon

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31st Ultimo together with a daily Report of the Sick of the 1st 12th & 13th Inst. & to inform you the Medical Board have desired me to express their satisfaction at finding that this latter document corresponds with the Journal which so far from the unusual number of Patients dismissed on the same day, you conceived it necessary to make the subject of reference you will in consequence be pleased to furnish Mr. Paterson with the usual & prescribed Monthly Certificates.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary, Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
11th April 1814.—

To

91 Fort St. George 11th April 1814.

To the Second Member of the Medical Board
Superintending the Presidency Division

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 24th. February last with its enclosures from the Surgeon of the General Hospital I am directed by the Medical Board to transmit to you for the information and guidance of that Officer the accompanying Extract from the Resolutions of Government under date 28th March 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
11th April 1814.—

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of the 7th. Instant for the consideration of His Excellency in Council.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
11th April 1814.—

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Fort St. George 14th April 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board under date the 11th Instant, for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt
Signed Alexr Stewart
Secretary Medical Bd

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
14th April 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
Signed Alexr Stewart
Secry Med. Board

Fort St. George
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To
The President and Members
of the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The Commander in Chief has directed me to request, that you will examine Lieutenant Spankie of the Madras European Regiment now sick in the General Hospital, and report for His Excellency's information your opinion of the State of his health and mind, and recommend the Measures you consider it expedient to adopt for his care and treatment

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obed. Servt
Signed T. H. S. Conway
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Adjt. Genl. Office
Fort St. George
15th April 1814.

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To the Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

In acknowledging the Honor of your Letter of the 16th Instant, I am directed by the Medical Board to intimate to you for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief that they will proceed tomorrow to the General Hospital for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the State of the health & invalid Establishment of Lieutenant Spankie and they will lose no time in submitting to His Excellency the measures which in their opinion it may be necessary to adopt for his care and treatment

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
18th April 1814.

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Fort St. George 21st April 1814.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

1 I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish you with Enclosed Extracts of a letter from the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief, and to desire that you will with the least possible delay prepare an ample supply of Medicines and Medical Stores for the Troops in question.

2 The Medical Board have deemed it particularly to direct your attention to the supply of Colonel Park's Regiment of the two former articles you will enable the most quantity of Flannel It is desired that you will furnish 200 yards.

3 You will also without delay state with as much accuracy as possible what upon the whole of the Medical Stores are likely to be wanted.

4 The Medical Board trust that you will furnish in the most complete manner a Medicine chest after the Apposite model of that proposed by Mr. Annesley.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) A. Stewart Sec. Med. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
21st April 1814.

Fort St. George 21st. April 1814.

Extract of a letter from the Military Secretary of His Excellency the Commander in Chief to the Medical Board dated 20th April 1814.

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you, that a complete Battalion of Light Infantry & one Company of Pioneers will embark from Fort St. George on the Morning of Sunday next for the purpose of forming a Detachment in the Kennedy Zemindary - they will be landed at [illegible] as the Service on which they will be employed may be of a protracted nature, & the unhealthy season in those parts is approaching, it is His Excellency's wish that a supply of Medicines and Medical Stores should be embarked with the Troops, and deposited for immediate use, in the Garrison of Chicacole by and the Lieut. General is also desirous that a Medicine Chest of the recently approved description should be placed, in a complete State, at the disposal of the Surgeon of the Light Battalion, with a view to it's advantages being finely tried & appreciated on the present occasion. -

I am further instructed to request that you will forward, at the earliest practicable moment, a Report of the quantity of Medical Stores &c. intended to accompany the Detachment, in order that no time may

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may be lost in making the necessary application to the Marine Board for Tonnage. -

(A True Extract)
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Mysoor Division

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Public Department bearing date the 19th Instant with it's enclosure, and to desire that you will convey to the Deputy Medical Storekeeper at Seringapatam the instructions therein contained. -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
21st. April 1814. -

To

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To

The Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the copy of correspondence for the information of the Medical Board, and am directed by the Honorable the Governor to express his request that the Board will with the least practicable delay ascertain, and state their opinion, whether the state of Lieutenant Spankie's intellects is such as to render expedient his removal to the Lunatic Hospital.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) J.S. Fraser
T.M.

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
18th April 1814.—

To

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To

The Town Major
of Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th Instant with the enclosures referring to Lieutenant Spankie of the Madras European Regt. That the Officer is now in the Sick Quarters, but his state of mind is such as would render him very unfit inmate for them had it so happened that there were any Sick Officers in them.— He is perfectly insane and tho' not violent or requiring personal confinement, is so noisy both day and night that it would be quite impossible for any other person to remain in the Quarters while he is in one of them. He has scarce any intervals and is very ill attended.—

I am therefore of opinion that some steps should be taken without loss of time to remove him to a situation more adapted to the unfortunate state in which he now is. In the mean time it would be highly desirable to have two Ready Europeans sent to the Quarters to be constantly with him in case of his attempting to get out and ramble about which he has a great desire to do. The Invalid Sepoys stationed at the Quarters being unequal to this duty I shall keep the Guard that came down with him until I receive your

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your further instructions.

(Signed) William Ord
Surgeon Genl Hospl.

To

The Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of this date I am directed to state to you the Honble the Governor's opinion that Lieut. Spankie cannot be in better situations than that wherein he has been placed, unless indeed in the Melancholy event that the state of his intellects has become such as to render it necessary that he be confined in the Lunatic Asylum.—

The Medical Board will be requested to report their opinion on this point for the information of the Honble the Governor, and in the mean time two Europeans will be furnished for the purpose of attending upon Lieut. Spankie.

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13th April 1814.

(Signed) J. S. Fraser
Major.

(True copies)
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
J. M.

To

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To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 18th Instant together with the copy of a correspondence relative to the state of Lieut. Spankie's intellects — I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Certificate from the Medical Board for the information of the Honorable the Governor.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
19th April 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
22d April 1814.

Fort St. George 22d. April 1814.

Fort St. George, Medical Board Office
19th. April 1814.

This is to certify that We have this day duly and carefully examined Lieut. J.S. Spankie of the Madras European Regiment referred to us by the Town Major of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining the state of his Intellects.—

And we have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to us that Lieutenant Spankie is insane in his intellects, and accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum with the least avoidable delay.—

(Signed) Alexr. Watson, M.D.
President Medical Board
" Henry Harris. M.D
2d. Member, Medical Board
" Alexr. Bissett
3d. Member Medical Board

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To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir

I am directed to desire that you will immediately send off the Medical Stores which you have prepared for the use of the Troops embarking for Cuddalore - and directed to the care of the Officer in Medical charge of the Troops now at that Port - You will also be pleased to direct the Dispenser Mr. Gallagher, to place himself under the Orders of the same Medical Officer and until his Services shall be called for with the Force to which he is proceeding

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secy. Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
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To

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To

Alexander Watson Esqr. M.D.
President and Members of the
Medical Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I trust you will do me the Justice to believe that considerations merely selfish would not have induced me to take the Step I now do in requesting you to forward the inclosed to Government with such aids towards obtaining the Prayer of my Petition as your Individual and Collective opinions on the subject may occasion you to give it. It will not be my interests alone you promote by restoring the former system with Regard to His Majesty's Troops, if that cannot be done by inducing Government to settle a Salary on the Surgeon of the Presidency Hospital equal to the respectability of the situation and thus preserve to the Service at large one of the very few eligible situations which it now holds out to the Medical Officers of the Rank of Surgeons.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) William Ord Surgn
General Hospital

To

Madras
General Hospital
25th March 1814.

Fort St. George 25th April 1814.

To the Sr. Member of the Medical Board
superintending the Presidency

Sir,

In reply to the letter from Mr. Surgeon Ord under date the 25th Ultimo I am instructed by the Medical Board to furnish for the information of that Gentleman the accompanying Extract from the Resolutions of the Honorable the Governor in Council Dated 22d instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
25th April 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
25th April 1814.

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To the President and Members
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose you a letter from the Sub Assistant Commissary General with an Indent for Madeira Wine on Emergency service from Mr. Asst. Surgeon A. Nicoll of H. M. 80th Regiment in charge of a Detachment of H. M. 69th Regiment addressed to me from Seringapatam for the purpose of being brought to your Notice.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) W. Peyton
Superintending Surgeon

Bangalore
25th April 1814.

To
W. Peyton Esqr.
Superintending Surgeon Mysore Division.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Instant together with its enclosure and to inform you that the Duplicate emergent Indent of Mr. Nicoll was forwarded from this Office (with the official Countersignature) on the 21st of June 1813 to the Commissary General.

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I have the honor to return the emergent Indent with the Countersignature of this Board agreeable to the wish of the Sub Assistant Commissary General.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
29th April 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. office
29th April 1814.

To

Fort St. George 29th April 1814.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

With reference to my Letter of the 29th October 1813 I am instructed by the Medical Board to desire, that you will not in future prepare Tinctures for internal use with Brandy as directed in that Letter, but make them with good Arrack until the Board shall obtain the Sanction of Government to carry into effect the alteration proposed of substituting Brandy in lieu of Arrack.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Storekeepers Office
29th April 1814.

To the President and Members
of the Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

I have this day had the honor to receive your Secretary's letter dated the 28th instant, to the contents of which, the strictest attention shall be paid.—

I have

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As it however required some time, and considerable attention, to procure a quantity of good Brandy, and as I had occasion personally to mention, at one of the late meetings of your Board, that I had remaining 220 Gallons, of the most approved sample, that was then on your table; I submit to you Gentlemen, how far I may be permitted to prepare, for internal use, Tinctures with Brandy, until that remaining part of my Stock, of that article, shall be expended.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Robinson
Medl. Storekeeper.

Fort St. George
30th April 1814.—

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of the 28th Ultimo & 2nd Instant, Nos. 103 for the consideration of His Excellency and Government.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
5th May 1814.—

Fort St. George 2d. May 1814.

To the President and Members
of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

As I understand that Mr. Sub Assistant Surgeon Ross who has some Months past Ordered from this Station to assist in the Naval Hospital at Pondicherry, is likely to be soon released from that duty, I beg leave to request that you will be pleased to permit him to return to Cuddalore, the Limits of which he has my own Boat the most frequent means between that & New Town, and several of the adjacent Villages & where attendance upon the Families of many of the European Ros owns & Native Invalids render his Services actually requisite - and to hope you will have the goodness to comply with my Request -

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) A. Spiers
Garrison Asst. Surgeon

Cuddalore
2. May 1814.

Fort St. George 5th. May 1814.

To
Mr. Asst. Surgeon Spiers

Sir

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d. Instant and to intimate to you that they do not conceive the Duties of Cuddalore to be of such a Nature as to render it necessary for them to recommend to His Excellency the Commander in Chief to attach a Sub Assistant Surgeon to that Garrison -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
5th. May 1814.

To
The Superintending Surgeon
of the Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to desire that the Medical Duties at present performed by Mr. Assistant Surgeon Richardson with the Subsidiary Force at Pulicat may be otherwise provided for and that you will be pleased

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pleased to direct that Gentleman to proceed with the least possible delay to the Station to which he as recently been appointed.-

As it is advisable that the Services of every Medical Officer attached to the Northern Division of the Army should be available in that Division - I am further instructed to request that you will direct Mr. Assist. Surgeon Wilson to join the Head Quarters of the Battalion to which he stands appointed (the 3d Veteran Battalion) at the earliest practicable period.-

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
9th May 1814.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am desired by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th. Ultimo and to inform you that in consideration of the circumstances stated in that Letter you are directed to continue to prepare - with the 220 Gallons of Brandy already purchased - such Tinctures as may be required

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required exclusively for internal use.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
9th May 1814.-

To the Surgeon of the General Hospital

Sir,

I am directed by this Medical Board to desire that Medical Pupil John Mason's services being no longer required with the temporary Naval Hospital at Pondicherry - he may resume his duties of Medical Pupil at the General Hospital.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Medical Bd. Office
1st May 1814.-

To

Fort St. George 9th May 1814.

To

Doctor Stuart

Secretary &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you a letter and packet addressed to the President and Members of the Medical Board, which I beg you will the goodness to lay before them.

Should they think proper to grant me an answer I shall receive it if directed to the care of Dr. Tweedale Surgeon of His Majesty's Naval Hospital.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Robert Bower

9th May 1814.

To

Fort St. George 12th May 1814.

To

Mr. R. Bower

Surgeon

Sir,

A This letter will be found among the Miscellaneous papers.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant addressed to the Medical Board together with the various documents which accompanied it.

The Medical Board have desired me to return to you the accompanying Documents and to express their sincere concern that the state of the Medical Establishment entirely deprives them of the satisfaction they would otherwise derive by Meeting your wishes and recommending to His Excellency in Council that you should be admitted as an Asst. Surgeon on this Establishment. They feel the more regret on this occasion as there is every reason to be fully satisfied from the Documents you have produced and which are so highly creditable to your assiduity & professional acquirements that in recommending your admission upon this Establishment they would add to it a Medical Officer competent to conduct the duties of his profession in a manner & which could not fail to be of advantage to the public service.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart

Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
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To

Mr. Asst. Surgeon Underwood.

Sir,

The 2d Member of the Medical Board having called their attention to Specimens of a pure Spirit drawn under your superintendence from Arrack and an equal quantity procured from Brandy Merchants &c for the information of the Medical Board the highest price at which pure Alcohol from Arrack can be furnished per Gallon.

I have this honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt
(Signed) Alexr Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
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To

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To
Alexr Watson Esqr, M.D.
President and Members of the
Medical Board
Madras

Gentlemen,

Accompanying I have the honor of transmitting to you a letter I have just received from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Anderson in Medical charge at Rammad, soliciting two Months leave of absence from his station for the purpose of proceeding to a cooler climate (the Malabar coast, or Courtallum) for the recovery of his health which has lately undergone a great shock, as well appears by Dr. Christy's certificate which accompanys this. As Mr. Anderson has got the regular permission of his immediate Superior to make this Request, I beg leave to Recommend a compliance with what he solicits. Will you therefore, if you think proper, take the necessary steps to procure for him the two Months leave.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedt Servant
(Signed) Whitr Ainslie
Supt Surgeon S. D.

Trichinopoly
25th April 1814.

To

Fort St. George 17th May 1814.

To the Superintending Surgeon
&c &c &c of the Southern Division of the Army

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter bearing date the 25th Ultimo and to intimate to you that Mr. Assistant Surgeon George Anderson has the permission of Government to proceed to the Malabar Coast on Sattalum for two Months for the recovery of his health

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Med. Bd. Office
17th May 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient humble
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

To the Secretary of the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith transmit for the information of the Medical Board, my general Abstract and Returns of Sick in the ceded Districts for the Month of April, together with the Medical Journals and Returns for March.

There are no returns of the 1st Battalion 6th Regt. N. I. for April last, nor has Mr. Asst. Surgeon Gilder

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Gilder who is still acting with that Corps, thought proper to assign any reason for the omission; notwithstanding the repeated admonitions he has received for neglect and inattention in the transmission of his Journals and Returns.—

The right wing of H. M. Majesty's Royal Scots Regiment arrived here on the 22d Ultimo and the 1st Battn 6th Regt N. I. left Ballary on the 1st Instant for the Northern Circars.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
(Signed) A. Duncan
Asst Surgeon ceded Districts

Ballary
12th May 1814.

To
The Superintending Surgeon
of the
ceded Districts

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant & to express their concern that Mr Gilder continues to be so insensible to the repeated opportunities you have given him

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him of removing the just displeasure he has incurred by his extreme neglect and inattention to the orders of Govt.

The Board have as yet refrained from reporting to His Excellency the Commander in Chief the irregularity of Mr. Gilder in the transmission of his Monthly Journals & Returns. I am however instructed to intimate to you for the information of Mr. Gilder that unless his future conduct shall prove more satisfactory to you and more conformable to the Regulations of the Service they will feel it to be their most severe displeasure to Higher authority.

The Medical Board have at the same time directed me to suggest the expediency of Mr. Gilder being directed to join with as little delay as possible the Batt.n to which he stands appointed and with which their is no Medical Aid. The Medical Officer at Cuddapah they conceive will be found competent to the additional duties of the Sta. until he can be relieved by Mr. Surgeon Riviere.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Serv.t

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart

Secretary, Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s office
19th May 1814.

To

Fort St. George 23rd May 1814.

To

John Underwood Esqr.

Sir,

The Medical Board have desired to inform you that they are well disposed to join every favorable consideration to your proposal for ensuring a supply of pure Alcohol and at a very moderate price. They have however instructed me to return to you the accompanying Letter and to desire that it may be transmitted with the Specimens of Alcohol through the channel of the Medical Storekeeper.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart

Secretary, Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s office
23rd May 1814.

To

Fort St. George 24th May 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board dated the 19th Instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Bd.

Fort St. George
Medical Bd. Office
23d May 1814.

To the Superintending Surgeon
Northern Division of the Army

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to call your attention to the early transmission to this Office of the Quarterly Statement of European Medicines &c.a for the last Quarter ending the 30th April last, which has not to this late period been received in order to enable the to furnish the Accountant Gen.l with the information he has called for.

24th May 1814.

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Bd.

Fort St. George 24th May 1814.

To
Alex.r Watson Esq.r M.D. President
and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward, enclosed correspondence from Mr. Surgeon Rogers, for the consideration and decision of your Board, or Ultimate Reference to the Honorable the Governor in Council, should you deem such a Measure necessary in deciding a point that has given rise to this discussion, and which is liable to occur in the service, but which, as far as I know, has not been settled.

I beg leave Gentlemen, to state the Question to your Board as concisely as I can.

In the event of the emergency of the Military Service requiring the Assistance of a Medical Officer, who may, at the time, be doing duty in a civil situation; but whose services may be suddenly wanted at a considerable distance from his Station how far is the person ordered to take charge of his Departments, during his absence, entitled to draw the Civil and Military Allowances for the time he actually performs these duties? Or by what authority can he be enabled to draw his allowances in the Civil Department?

I am

Fort St. George 24th May 1814.

In suggesting the, Medical arrangement at the moment I was aware of their being only two, Medical Men at Vizagapatam where the, Medical duties were numerous and important - and that, Mr. Surgeon Rogers as Senior, and Surgeon to the L. C. V. Battalion, was in my opinion the fittest person for the charge. —

This, I trust, will convince your Board of my having acted for the best in making this, Selection - nor can I help regretting that the circumstance should have given rise to so much discussion, or than an emergent duty of this nature should not have been cheerfully executed by all parties. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) Ja.s Gilmour
Sup.t Surgeon, Northern Division

Vizagapatam
9th May 1814. —

To

Fort St. George 24th May 1814.

To
James Gilmour Esq.r
Superintending Surgeon, Northern Division
Vizagapatam

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit copy of a Letter I addressed to, Mr. Pasha, the Judge & Magistrate of Vizagapatam, on the subject of my claim to the Zillah, Medical allowances for the, Months of, March & April. The official letter received in reply, also accompanies this &c of such a nature that I am reluctantly compelled to request that they may be submitted through the, Medical Board, to His Excellency the Governor & Council as a last resort. —

Towards the elucidation of the case at issue, I deem it essential to observe that immediately after the publication of the Division orders by, Major General Chalmers, when, Mr. Hendry the Garrison, Surgeon of this Station waited upon me to deliver over charge of his Department, no mention whatever was made of any reservation or exception of the Civil or Zillah duties & consequently on his departure to join the Station to which he was appointed, I considered myself equally invested with the responsibility of these, as with those of the, Military. — acting

Fort St. George 24th May 1814.

Acting under this impression & taking into consideration, the supposed peculiar hardships to which Mr. Hendry was subjected by the emergency of Service, I engaged to act gratuitously in both his Civil & Military Departments for one Month & in the event of his absence being unavoidably prolonged beyond that period, proposed an arrangement for the future performance of these duties, on a basis of such equity & liberality as gave him complete satisfaction.

It is further material to observe, that I had no intimation until a very late period, that the Zillah Judge, had exercised a discretionary power in forming a separate provision for carrying on the Zillah duties by Mr. Hendry & of securing to him exclusively the enjoyment of the allowances of that Department for an indefinite period. If Mr. Pasha considered himself warranted in adopting the arrangement he has subsequently avowed it is certainly very surprising that neither he, nor Mr. Hendry, should have thought it expedient to apprize me of its existance & more especially as it was a matter of notoriety in the settlement & can be positively proved that I discharged uninterruptedly the Zillah duties from the 15th of March to the 30th April, & tho' I am ready to admit that my services were not put in requisition by the Judge. When it is known however that within the dates just specified, Mr. Hendry was only permitted to visit this

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this Station once & that for a few days, will the assertion be credited that he actually fulfilled the Zillah duties, or was competent to fulfill them without detriment to the public Interests. The most important of the Zillah Medical duties is unquestionably the superintendence of the Practice of Vaccination & the Records of the Medical Board will testify that I faithfully discharged the duties of that Department, but I could hardly have expected that it would have been contended that the circumstance of Mr. Hendry's visiting the Jail & that too unknown to me, during his short stay whenever leave was solicited him to the whole allowances for the last two Months. With regard to the insinuations of the Judge that my silence in not earlier asserting my present claim, implies an acknowledgement of Mr. Hendry's, it will be sufficiently reported by stating that the delay proceeded entirely from the non arrival of the confirmed orders of the Commander in Chief.

Upon the whole, I trust it will be apparent that in the execution of the duties which circumstances devolved upon me, that I have been influenced by no selfish considerations and under this consolatory conviction I shall patiently await the decision of Government.

It only remains to add that the case quoted by Mr. Pasha in 1811 is not a precedent in point.

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in point as there was no other Surgeon to officiate.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Servant

(Signed) Colin Rogers

Surgeon 6.E.V.s Battn

Vizagapatam
24th May 1814.—

To

George Parke Esq.r

Judge & Magistrate

Zillah Vizagapatam

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an attested copy of Division orders issued by Major General Chalmers & subsequently confirmed by the Commander in Chief.—

On the departure of Mr Hendry to join the Station to which by the Emergency of Service, these orders refer the public interests evidently required, that the entire charge & responsibility of his Department, should immediately devolve ex officio on the person appointed to act in the capacity of Garrison Surgeon.

The new code of Medical Regulations published in October 1810 has expressly provided for the performance of the Medical duties of the Zillah and Circuit Courts by the respective Garrison Assistant Surgeons & Senior Regimental Surgeons

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for the time being, and it is only in situation where there happens to be no Garrison Surgeon, that a Zillah Surgeon is specially appointed.—

In conformity to the Letter & spirit of the Orders and regulations above quoted, I consider that I am justly entitled to the Zillah or Civil allowances, in virtue of having performed the duty, & I now claim them accordingly.—

Should you however deem the present claim inadmissable either in point of form or of principle I have to request in such event, that you will be pleased to state the reasons in detail, in order that the case may be submitted to the decision of Government through the prescribed channel.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Servant

(Signed) Colin Rogers

Surgeon 6.E.V.s Battalion

In Temporary charge of the Gr. Surgs Department

Vizagapatam
24th May 1814.—

Extract from the General Orders by the Commander in Chief 9th April 1814.—

The following Medical appointments are ordered—

By Major General Chalmers—

Mr Garrison Assist.t Surgeon Hendry to

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to afford Medical aid to the Troops at Vizianagram & during the absence of Mr. Asst. Surgeon Bruce on field service

Mr. Surgeon Rogers of the Carnatic European Veteran Battalion to take charge of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Hendry's Department and to afford Medical aid to the details during his absence from Vizagapatam are confirmed from 9th March 1814.

(Signed) H. S. Conway
Adjutant General of the Army

(A True Extract)
(Signed) V. Aiskell
Coll. Commg. Garrison Vizagam

To

Colin Rogers Esqr.
Surgeon of the Carnatic European Veteran Battalion
Vizagapatam

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Yesterday's date.

On the temporary removal of Mr. Hendry from the charge of the Garrison of Vizagapatam, which he communicated to me on or about 14th March, I was not unaware of the necessity of some arrangement for securing that Medical attendance to the

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the Zillah Department which his absence from this place might eventually render necessary. I therefore took the earliest opportunity of communicating with Major General Chalmers Commanding the Division, on the subject of the order of which you have transmitted me a Copy, by which Mr. Hendry was removed, when he was pleased to declare that it was altogether of a Military nature, and that he neither designed nor conceived himself empowered to interfere with the Civil Department; and that in consequence it rested with me to make such provision, as circumstances might warrant for the due performance of the Medical duties belonging to my Department.

Adverting therefore to the circumstance of the great pecuniary loss to which the emergency of the service had already exposed Mr. Hendry in placing him in the Medical charge of 2 Companies of Sepoys at Vizeanagrum, instead of the Garrison and numerous details at Vizagapatam; I considered myself bound by every principle of equity to secure the Zillah allowances to him, if it were possible to be done without detriment to the Service. That it could be effected, needed little proof to me, since I had been witness on a former occasion on or about the Month of August 1811 that Mr. Hendry had afforded Medical aid to the Station of Vizeanagrum when it contained nearly a whole Battalion of Sepoys without a prejudice

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prejudice to his situation or allowances in the Zillah or Garrison Department accordingly matters were so arranged by Mr. Hendry as to enable him to come here occasionally to perform the Medical duties of the Jail; and that he has done so satisfactorily, is evident from the circumstance of me not having necessitated to call in any further aid. On the principle therefore of having performed the duties as far as the 27th of last Month, Mr. Hendry is fairly entitled to the allowances. On the regulations of the new Code of Medical Regulations published in October 1810, I am to look for the performance of the Medical duties of the Zillah Department from the Garrison Assistant Surgeon, Mr. Hendry - If an emergency of Military service requires his temporal removal from the place to the Distance of 20 or 30 Miles, but within the Zillah, which incapacitates him from discharging the duties of the Hospital where the number of European Patients may require daily attendance, I am not compelled to infer him equally incapable of discharging the duties of the Zillah, which he had formerly executed under similar circumstances, at least until experience should prove him unequal to the discharge of them, which hitherto has not appeared. Under this explanation I cannot but regard your claim to the Zillah allowances as grounded rather on the letter than the

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spirit of the Regulations quoted by you; although I even on the former point it might easily be contested, when you advert to the explanation given to me by General Chalmers of the nature of the order issued by him. -

I need scarcely add that throughout the civil Service, allowances are in equity payable to the person who does the duty, and that they by no means hinge on those nicities which are essential in the Military line of being actually present on the spot at the close of the Month. These kinds of minutes are unnecessary, regular Monthly returns being unknown to us. The circumstance of Mr. Hendry therefore having been at Vizianagrum for these last five days does not in any shape invalidate his claim to the Zillah allowances, for the last two Months at which period he had fully discharged the duties, nor to the future enjoyment of them, if he can continue to come and visit the Jail as often as is required; and your silence on the commencement of the last Month as to the right to them was to my mind a full acknowledgement of Mr. Hendry's title, and a complete disavowal on your part of any claim to a participation in them. -

Deeming therefore your claim to be inadmissable both on point of principle & because you have not done the duty, I can have no objection to your making it a

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subject of reference to Government, by whose decisions I shall of course be guided, and for whose final orders on the subject, I have at your request detailed the reasons which operate with me to consider Mr. Hendry as the person to whom alone I am warranted in paying the Zillah Abstracts. —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed.t Servant

(Signed) G. Pasha

Judge & Magistrate

Vizagapatam Zillah
Adawlut Court
3d May 1814 —

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Northern Division of the Army

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant together with its enclosures from the Judge of Vizagapatam and the Surgeon of European Veteran Battalion —

2. The Board concur entirely with you in regretting that arrangements arising out of so peculiar an exigency of the Service should have given rise to so much discussion, or that an emergent Duty of this nature should not have been cheerfully performed by all parties. —

3. With respect to the claims urged by Mr.

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Mr. Rogers to the Zillah allowances during the temporary absence of Mr. Hendry I am desired to express the concurrence of the Medical Board that he should under existing circumstances have pressed a request of this kind upon the notice of superior authority — Mr. Hendry has been removed by the exigency of the public service from an appointment made under the authority of Government, with much inconvenience and at a considerable increase of expense — Be every principle of Justice and expediency, it becomes a public duty to preserve an Officer detached in this way, from every loss which circumstances will permit. The Board coincide in the liberal and just view taken of the subject by the Judge and Magistrate of Vizagapatam. —

4. The Order referred to by Mr. Rogers can only be intended to make Medical provision for the care of the European and Native details in Garrison and to serve as authority for drawing the prescribed allowances; but an Officer cannot be deprived of his Staff allowances until it shall please the Honorable the Governor in Council to place some other person in charge of the Garrison and Zillah. The usage of the service has never deprived an Officer of his Staff allowances in circumstances similar to the case in question.

5. The Medical Board have not deemed it expedient

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expedient to trouble His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief & Government with the correspondence in question. should Mr. Rogers however still consider it a subject of reference the Board will however reluctantly submit it to higher authority. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
24th May 1814. —

To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of Yesterdays date, Nos 1 & 2 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the latter for that of Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
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To the Secretary to the, Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to request you will transmit to me as soon as possible a List of the Gentlemen in the, Medical Department attached to the several Corps, Garrisons, Hospitals, &c., including Sub, Asst. Surgeons, as they stood on the 30th April 1814 for the purpose of being included in the, Military Statement for the Year 1813/14 now preparing in this Office for transmission to the Honble. Court of Directors, and in order that that document may correspond with the List of, Surgeons and, Assistant Surgeons attached to Corps received from the, Adjutant Generals Office, I request you will have the goodness to cause it to be compared with the, Adjutant Generals List, before it is transmitted to me. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient, Servant
(Signed) J. Prendergast
, Military Auditor General

Mil.y, Aud.r Gen.l Office
Fort Saint George
2 May 1814. —

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To the Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have herewith the honor to transmit to you a List of the Medical Establishment, as it stood on the 30th April last, and which has been duly compared & found to agree with that at the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt
(Signed) Alexr Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

For St. George
Med. Bd. Office
28th May 1814.

To
The President and Members
of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

The 1st Battalion 20th Regiment, N.I. was to have marched from Jaulnah to another Station in the course of this Month, and Mr Tomkinson was (on that account I suppose) appointed to the Medical charge of it - but the Corps having been unexpectedly detained here, Mr

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MacDowal who also stands appointed to the Corps in G.O. and has not been removed, continues in charge - Mr Tomkinson has in consequence made the reference which is enclosed to your Board.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Jno Goldie Supt Surgeon
Hydrabad, Subsidiary Force.

Camps at Jaulnah
15th May 1814.

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
&c &c &c
For St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Medical Board, that I arrived here on the 11th Instant to join the 1st Battalion 20th Regiment, N.I. agreeably to the G.O. of the 21st March, but have been much disappointed in being kept out of that Corps as Mr MacDowall, Medical Storekeeper to the Force (who has been doing duty with the 20th Regiment for some time) still considers that he has a right to retain the Medical charge of it, from not having been removed in General Orders - I have therefore to request you will lay the subject before the Medical Board that

I may

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I may be informed whether I am not entitled to take a Medical charge, & to draw the allowances of the corps from the date of my arrival at Jaulnah, as, I believe two Asst. Surgeons cannot be returned on the Strength of the same Battalion.-

Camp at Jaulnah
15th. May 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) T. Tomkinson
Asst. Surgeon 1st. Bn. 16th. Regt.

To The Superintending Surgeon
Jaulnah Force

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th. Instant giving Cover to one from Mr. Asst. Surgeon Tomkinson.

The Medical Board conceive that the Officer Commanding the Force at Jaulnah is the proper channel through which a reference should be made regarding the subject in question. Mr. Mac Dowall however being a part of the permanent Medical Staff at Jaulnah cannot, the Board apprehend, be considered as provisionally in charge of the 1st. Battn. 20th. Regiment and until the state of the

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service permitted the exclusion appropriation of a Medical officer to that duty.-

Mr. Tomkinson being the only Regimental Medical officer with the 20th. Regt. would appear to be entitled to the usual allowances from the period of his arrival at Head Quarters.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. office
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To
Mr. Asst. Surgeon Spiers
Garrison of Cuddalore

Sir,

The enclosed petition having reached the President of the Medical Board I am directed to transmit it to you- and to desire that you will report to me for the information of the Board the result of your enquiries on the subject-

I am directed at the same time to furnish you with the enclosed Extracts from the Rules for the Guidance of Officers employed in the practice of Vaccination and to desire that these regulations may be rigidly adhered to

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to before the final dismissal of any Native Vaccinator that the cause of the dismissal may be enquired into recorded as directed by Government in the Zillah Court.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servt.
Signed, Alex.r Stewart
Secretary, Med.l Board.

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Extract from the Rules for the Guidance of the Superintendent and Officers employed in the Practice of Vaccination. — Dated 18th June 1805. —

Para 9.-

Any Native Vaccinator who shall be found neglectful of his duty, or who shall be detected in any corrupt practices, shall be liable to dismission from his employment, and to such further punishment as the Magistrate of the Zillah (to whom an immediate report is required to be made by the Zillah Surgeon of all such cases) shall see cause to inflict. A report also of all cases of that description which may occur shall be submitted by the Zillah Surgeon to the Governor in council, through the channel of the Superintendent.

(A True Extract)
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

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To the, Medical Storekeeper
Fort St. George

Sir,

His Excellency the commander in Chief deeming it expedient to be furnished with reports of the services of the Medical Officers of the, Madras Establishment, I am directed by the, Medical Board to enclose to you the accompanying form and the instructions therewith connected, and to desire that you will furnish them with your Statement of Services at your earliest convenience for the information of His Excellency the commander in Chief and for eventual transmission to His Excellency the commander in Chief in India.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e Office
30th May 1814.-

To

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To the Medical Storekeeper
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish for your information and Guidance the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander in Chief under date the 29th Inst.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary, Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e Office
31st. May 1814.

To
The Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Letter received from the Superintendent of Police respecting a Native Man named Nana Pragasom supposed to be labouring under Mental Derangement and to request that the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to his examination.

He has been directed to attend at the Medical

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Medical Board office for examination on the forenoon of Monday next at 11 Oclock.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) J.s Fraser
Town Major.

Town Major's office
Fort Saint George
26th. May 1814.

To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Inst. with it's enclosure relative to a Native Man named Nana Pragasom, and to intimate to you that he has been examined by the Board and is not in such a state of Mental Derangement as to authorize them to recommend his being sent to the Lunatic Asylum.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary, Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e Office
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To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the, Medical Board of even date the 30th. Ultimo for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l B.d Office
3. June 1814.

To
Alexr. Stewart Esqr.
Secretary, Medical Board

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to forward the accompanying Letter to the, Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) A. Harwood, Hospl. Surgeon
2d. Battn. 12th. Regt. N.I.

Madras
4th. April 1814.

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To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am instructed to submit to you for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief the accompanying Papers from, Mr. Asst. Surgeon Harwood

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

2. June 1814.

Memorandum

One letter to the Mil.y Secretary.
2 One letter from the Paym.r Thierry enclosing one from the Military Auditor General.
3. Certificates, Accounts, &c. to the amount of 200 Pagodas stopped from his Pay whilst at Java.

To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the, Medical Board of Yesterday's date No. 182 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & the latter for that of His Excellency and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secty. Med.l Board

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Alex.r Watson Esq.r, M.D.

Sir

I had the honor to send in a letter to your Honorable Board on the 9th. May, begging & craving to recommend me to Government to be Inspector of the Sick on Board of the Vessels that may arrive from diffirent parts in the roads of Madras, so as to prevent any infectious disorder taking its effects at the Presidency, more particularly when the Honorable Company's Ships arrive, such appointment will save a great deal of trouble, the Inspector will examine the Sick of the Honorable Company's Recruits on Board, and will be ready to receive those that are very ill on shore, to be sent away to the Hospital without allowing the Sick to be exposed in the Cold Air on the Beach for several hours to the Danger of their lives:- I make not the least doubt Sir that you will see Cause that I represent in the same light.- I shall be much obliged to you, if you will be so good as to Patronize me in this, as to recommend me to Government such recommendation coming from your Honorable Board in my favor, I have every hope, that it will have the desired effect.- Let me beg of you, my Good Sir, to take my distressed situation and that of my Family under your serious consideration so as

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as to relieve me who solely depend on you.-

And may the Supreme Being assist you in all your Undertakings is the Prayer of

Sir

Your devoted and

Obedient Servant

(Signed) A Pascal

To

Mr. Pascal

Sir

I am directed by Doctor Watson to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date and to intimate to you that an ineffectual application, for an appointment similar to that which you pointed out in your Letter of the 9th. of May had before been made by this Board to Government in favor of Mr. Assistant Surgeon George Anderson- I am in consequence desired to inform you that the Board cannot again press upon the attention of authority a subject which they had so recently declined to comply with- I am at the same time to acquaint you that should such an appointment as Inspector of the Sick in the Port of Madras at any future period, be determined upon,

the

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the duty is of such a nature as to call for the services of an Assistant Surgeon.—

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I am
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 30th May, directing that I would report to you for the information of the Medical Board, the result of my enquiries into the conduct of Buddradeen late Vaccinator of the 2d class at this Station.—

In reply, I beg leave to acquaint you that soon after taking charge of the duties of Vaccination at this Station, I found that Buddradeen who was charged with the Vaccination in the village around Pondicherry had employed a Native of the name of Marriapah to officiate for him, and to whom he paid one Pagoda Monthly, while he himself entirely neglected the duty; and was engaged in the business of a Merchant. I then ordered him to Cuddalore that I might have

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have him more immediately under my own superintendence and sent Vanoo Pargasom another Vaccinator of the 2d class to Pondicherry.—

In order to have a check upon the Native Vaccinators, I find it necessary to have Weekly Reports from each stating the numbers Vaccinated, with the names, and place of Residence, that I may visit them & see that the disease is genuine, and also to guard against false Monthly Returns; to this regulation, I could not get Buddradeen to conform with any degree of regularity and in several instances I detected him in false Reports.—

I have also to state that he absented himself from this Station without my permission and went to Pondicherry where he remained fifteen days during which time his duty was altogether neglected.—

I also beg leave to inform the Medical Board that I consider him altogether unfit to be again employed in the duties of Vaccination.—

The Native now acting in the place of Buddradeen was formerly engaged in Vaccinating under Dr. Watson whose Certificate I have the honor to forward.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) C. Speirs, Garr.n Asst. Surgeon
Supt. Vaccination

Cuddalore
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To Mr. Assistant Surgeon Spiers

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant giving an explanation of the motives which induced you to dismiss Buddradeen - and to appoint Chenny Mootoo in his place. -

With reference to the Extract enclosed in my last letter to you I am instructed to desire that you will direct such evidence as you conceive necessary to substantiate the charges against Buddradeen to accompany him to the Zillah Court in order that his dismissal should it be deemed necessary to take place

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place conformably to the Regulations of Government on this subject

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
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To
The Medical Storekeeper
Sir

I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish you with the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Chief Secretary to Government together with its enclosure and to direct that the Quantity of Cantharides required for the use of the Ceylon Government may be issued to its Agents Messrs. Arbuthnot D'Monte & Co. at the earliest practicable period. -

You will be pleased to state for the information of Government, the value of the supply furnished for the Government of Ceylon. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Med. Board

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To

Alex.r Watson Esq.r, M.D President,
and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

In the letter I had the honor to receive from your Secretary of the 14th Instant, in reply to mine of the same date, I was informed that the Medical Board were disposed to give a full trial to measures calculated so materially to benefit the public service and to direct that I would "gild a sett of Lancets, Scalpels, Amputating and Tooth Instruments in a state of preservation, and an equal number of the like Instruments that have been partially deteriorated by rust." These "to be given them prepared, to the Medical Storekeeper, who would be instructed to make the necessary Report regarding them".

Before proceeding on these orders, I beg leave to submit some Specimens of Instruments gilded and silvered by a process different from that I had the honor to bring to notice in my former communication.

Instruments may be coated not to gold or Silver in the manner now forwarded, at an expence little exceeding the value of the Gold & Silver used in the preparation. Whereas with respect to those lately sent to the Board (and

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(and which I send again to be compared with the others) the Quantity of Ether that would be necessary might form an objection.—

To gild the number of Instruments mentioned in your Secretary's Letter, about 2 Pounds of Ether, & the value of Twenty Pagodas in pure gold would be required. Not that so much is necessary for gelding that number of Instruments, but because a given body of fluid must be provided to dip the larger ones into at once, by a sudden immersion.—

No such objection applies to the process by which the accompanying samples have been gilded and silvered. It is therefore submitted to the consideration of the Board what Instruments may be covered in this manner, and what by the former process.—

The Instruments used, have been cleaned from rust in the Stores, but their edges have not been reseatt., No opinion can therefore be formed from these, whether the edge would be injured or not. I do not think it would, but the Medical Storekeeper's report would ascertain the fact, If I were permitted to submit a Specimens to him gilded & Silvered in this manner as well as others, according to the process last laid before the Medical Board.—

From

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From the experience I have yet had, I think that the auriferous Ether, used in the first Specimens, would be found the best for Lancetts, Scalpels & all cutting Instruments provided a sufficient body of Ether can be allowed for the purpose. If not, the small kinds of cutting Instruments only must be submitted to this process, & the larger, such as amputating Knives, Saws &c. may be gilded or silvered by the method now proposed, as here the agency of Ether is not required.—

It will be observed that the Specimens are all varnished. This is essential to the complete preservation of Instruments, as few are found quite perfect, and most very much the reverse; & where rust has removed the polish, the gilding must be defective. This defect is supplied by the varnish, and as it can be readily removed by Spirit of Wine, or other strong spirit, the efficiency of the Instrument is preserved. In fact no Instruments have hitherto been kept in even a tolerable state, for any length of time, unless some mucilaginous, or other preparation, be applied to defend them. The varnish may be objected to for such as the Surgeon may keep about him. I have therefore prepared a mixture of mutton suet and lime, which I believe would preserve these from rust, if renewed occasionally, & may therefore be employed with advantage

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advantage for Pocket Instruments.—

I feel a strong persuation that the Lacquer I had the honor to bring to the notice of the Board would preserve all Instruments from rust in coming out from England; tho' from the difficulty of removing it, it may not be thought the best application for them after their arrival. With great deference, therefore, I request the Medical Board not to put the Lacquer out of their consideration.

I entreat to be excused for having pressed on the Orders I received on the 14th Instant. But an earnest desire to effect the purpose of my communication in the readiest and cheapest way has induced me to trouble the Board again on the same subject.

Whatever directions I may now be honored with, shall be executed immediately, and I have only to further to request that the Medical Board will permit me to Indent thro' the Medical Storekeeper, for Pure Gold & Silver (that used for my experiments has an alloy of Copper, which must be got rid of) and such other ingredients as may be required in the course of my Proceedings.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your very Obedient Servant
Signed John Underwood
Asst. Surgeon.

To

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31st March 1815.

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To Alexander Watson Esqr. M.D. President
and Members of the Medical Board
Gentlemen.

The Medical Board having been pleased to approve my humble endeavours in the public service, I am confident I shall need no apology for again bringing my experiments to their notice.—

In my communication of the 21st Instant I mentioned an anxious preparation which might be applied to such Instruments as the Surgeon might require to use at a short notice.—

I have now the honor to submit some Specimens covered with a preparation which I am persuaded will preserve them, particularly when kept in a case, from the influence of the air, and whose composition can do no injury to the Steel. These are an amputation saw, and a gilt scalpel, the latter is old & damaged (was amongst the first Specimens produced.

The advantage of this varnish over that last produced to the Medical Board is, that it is soluble even in cold water, and does not come off on the hand. It can be removed as readily as any of the greasy applications hitherto used, and would form no impediment to the use of many Instruments if allowed to remain; the composition being wholly innocuous.—

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Accompanying is a Pair of bullet forceps whose rings are not silvered, but varnished. The legs however are coated with silver & burnished. One leg is varnished, the other not, with a view to ascertain whether that part will remain free from rust, with no other covering but the Silver.—

In my last communication I called the attention of the Medical Board again to the Lacquer, on a conviction that, as it is insoluble in water, it would effectually preserve all Instruments on their passage to this Country. In support of this opinion I have the honor to transmit an amputating Knife, neither gilt nor silvered, which has been Lacquered & lying above a fortnight exposed to the damp Southerly wind now prevailing: also a Table Knife which has been placed by it during the same period; one side of which is lacquered, the other not. The corrosion of the one side, and the perfect state of the other, speak forcibly in favor of this Lacquer Varnish as an effectual preventive against the corrosion of Steel Instruments by the influence of a damp Atmosphere.—

It may here be important to notice that all the accompanying Specimens were left by accident during the freight of a Couch, whose cotton cover was damp and saturated with the Sea air. I was surprized in the Morning to observe that the part touching the Couch was quite wet, & that

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that the superior side was covered by wet chunam which had fallen from the ceiling. The Medical Board will observe that the lacquer varnish have stood this severe test, as well as the Silvered leg of the bullet forceps. The side of the Table Knife which is not Lacquered has considerably more rust upon it than before, whilst the lacquered side has been effectually protected from corrosion. —

With submission I would recommend that all Instruments requiring an edge, and which are of a convenient size and shape, be on their arrival, coated with the Ethereal gold:- that the larger Knives be gilded by the process last submitted, provided it be found not to injure their edge, otherwise to be kept lacquered. That all other Instruments be Silvered & Burnished. And that the whole, after being submitted to the several processes, be lightly covered with the varnish, which is the subject of this communication. If this be done, I am confident that, with ordinary care afterwards, all Surgical Instruments may be preserved for years in a state of constant efficiency. This would be a material advantage to the Service, a considerate attention to the sufferings of the Patient on whom they might be used; and no small comfort and satisfaction to the Surgeon.

Since my last communication, I have discovered that the Amputation Saw I sent, was silvered with a composition

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imperfectly prepared: the silver not having been carefully separated from the acid in which it had been dissolved. I apprehend therefore that it will become rusted, and I mention this circumstance that the Medical Board may not determine on the merits of the plan by any faulty appearance that Saw may exhibit. Indeed I may with truth observe, that none of the Specimens forwarded are equal to what might have been produced; and which the experience I have now obtained enables me to promise, with respect to any Instruments the Medical Board may do me the honor to order to be prepared, and submitted to the Medical Storekeeper for his Report.-

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your very Obedient Servt.
(Signed) John Underwood
Asst. Surgeon.

Fort St. George
28th March 1814. -

To, Alexander Watson Esqr., M.D.
President and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I submit for your inspection an amputating Knife, a Scalpel and an amputation Saw, which I have submitted to a process, different from the Specimens lately forwarded; with a view to preserve Steel Instruments from

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from deterioration by rust, without injury to their efficiency

As it was only Yesterday that I completed the experiment, time alone can shew whether they are secured from the effects of the weather, but I thought it my duty to submit them, that the Medical Board may have the whole subject before them at once.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Underwood
Assistant Surgeon

Fort St. George
31st March 1814.

To, W. Assistant Surgeon Underwood
Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge your several Letters accompanying Specimens of Surgical Instruments which had been filled, Lacquered, & Silvered with the view of preserving them from the deterioration which takes place in all Steel Instruments more particularly in this Country.

2. The Medical Board have deferred replying to your Letter until they could in some degree ascertain from actual observation the advantages likely to arise from the proposed improvements. The gilding seems unquestionably to afford a great protection to the smaller & finer Steel Instruments the following and

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those covered with Lacquer you will perceive have suffered materially from the action of the Atmosphere. In justice however to your suggestions it is proper to intimate to you that the Instruments were merely covered with the paper in which you sent them and have been exposed in a room from which the strong & moist Southerly winds are not entirely excluded. I am further instructed to observe that the Board are fully aware that the Instruments submitted to them are the earliest Specimens of your laudable attempts to Ameliorate this branch of the Medical Department and that the processes are in all probability capable of much improvement. They apprehend however that they are scarcely competent to give an opinion upon a subject of this kind & they conceive that the most advisable proceeding on this occasion would be to commit to writing for the purpose of being eventually transmitted to Europe such processes as seem in your judgement well calculated to preserve Surgical Instruments from the destructive effects of a hot & Moist Atmosphere. The Board are well disposed to grant every support to your Zealous exertions in behalf of the public Service & they cannot doubt that the usual munificence & liberality of the Honble Court of Directors will ensure every attention & consideration to a measure calculated to add so materially to the efficiency of the Medical Department. By transmitting the several processes.

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processes to England the suggestions could be submitted to professional persons whose opinion in favor of your improvements would give great value to the discovery - And the Instruments would in the first instance be preserved from the destructive Effects of the Voyage during which away considerable number are annually much injured.

The Instruments are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
9th. June 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedt. Servt
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
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To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a letter received from the Superintendent of Police respecting a Bramin named Sawmy Coorocul supposed to be labouring under mental derangement & to request that the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to his examination.

He has been directed to attend at the Medical Board office for examination on the forenoon of Monday next at 11 O'clock.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servant
(Signed) J. J. Fraser
Town Major

Town Major's office
Fort St. George
11th. June 1814.

To the Town Major
Fort St. George

Sir

A Bramin named Sawmy Coorocul seems to be labouring under mental derangement. I therefore request to know when I may send him to undergo a professional

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professional examination with a view of his being sent to the Lunatic Hospital.

Madras Police Office
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Sam
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant
(Signed) D.C. Symons
Superintt. of Police.

To the Town Major
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 11th Instant with its enclosure from the Superintendent of the Police relative to a Brahmin named Sawmy Correcul Sam directed to transmit to you the enclosed Certificate from the Medical Board.

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Med. Bd. Office
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

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This is to Certify that I have this day duly and carefully examined a Brahmin named Sawmy Coorroocul referred to the Medical Board by the Town Major of Fort St George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labor under mental derangement, or otherwise.

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me that the above person is completely deranged in his intellects & accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.

(Signed) Alexr. Watson, M.D.
President, Med. Board

(Signed) Henry Harris, M.D.
Ld. Member, Med. Board
Insp. of the Presy. Division.

" Alexr. Boswell
Jr. Member Med. Board

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompany Proceeding of the Med. Bd. of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

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(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Med. Board

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To the Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

considerable difficulty having occurred in endeavouring to adjust the relative rank of Messrs. Assistant Surgeons, Moore & Scott I am desired by the Medical Board to request that you will be pleased to furnish them with the usage which prevails in determining the rank of Officers of the Army in similar circumstances -

In order to bring as much as possible all the orders connected with the subject under one point of view I have the honor to inclose the accompanying Extracts- These No. 1 will show that Mr. Scott arrived in the season 1802 and six Months prior to Mr. M. L. Moore -

By an Extract from the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors (No 2) and published here 1 September 10th, Mr. Moore is placed above Mr. Scott- This however would not seem to determine his relative rank in India- Assts. Surgeons in general assuming rank upon this Establishment agreeably to the period of their arrival- and conformably to the annual list sent out by the Honorable the Court of Directors.

This would appear to be the case in the instances in question as by (No. 3) the latest official document

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in this Office on the subject of the rank of Assistant Surgeons the rank of Mr. Scott is specified, It may be proper here to observe that this order was published subsequent to the Extract from the Letter of the Honorable the Court of Directors and with a presumeable reference to it. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
16th June 1814 -

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of yesterdays date for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
17th June 1814. -

To

Fort St. George 18th. June 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of the 16th. Instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

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Med. Bd. Office
18th. June 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Signed, Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Northern Division
of the Army.

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th. Instant giving cover to an application from, Mr. Assistant Surgeon Towel for three Month's leave to visit the Presidency and stating at the same time that, Mr. Bell from His Majesty's 86th. Regiment can be spared to perform, Mr. Towel's duty

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during his absence.—

As, Mr. Towel has not stated the business on which he wishes to visit the Presidency to be of a very urgent nature, the Medical Board are averse to any arrangement by which a Medical Officer from one of His, Majesty's Regiments must be removed to so great a distance from Head Quarters.— as Ellore is from Masulipatam;— I am therefore instructed to intimate to you, that they will defer forwarding, Mr. Towel's application until he can be relieved by an Officer of the Service.—

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Filson lately appointed to the Veteran Battalion is now here and has been directed to join with the least possible delay.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed, Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

Fort St. George
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Mr. Assistant Surgeon Filson

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to intimate to you that it is their desire that you proceed to your Station at Cuddalore with the least practicable delay

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delay and that you will embrace the earliest opportunity that may offer to report to Mr. Superintending Surgeon Gilmour your arrival at his Division—whether you proceed by land or sea.—

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Med.l Bd.s Office
20th. June 1814.—

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

To the Medical Storekeeper
Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 13th. Instant I am directed to call your attention to that part of Mr. Underwood's letter which states that he can undertake to supply Alcohol at one Pagoda per Gallon and to request that you will furnish them with an Estimate of the probable expense at which an equally pure spirit can be made in your Department.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
23d. June 1814.—

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To the President and Members
of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honor to submit to you, a letter addressed to me, by Mr. Assistant Surgeon Underwood, together with one from that Gentleman, to your Board, on the subject of preparing, and supplying Alcohol, for the use of this Presidency—Specimens of which, Nos. 1 & 2, I now, at his request, take the liberty of forwarding—The bottle containing the Specimen with the damnered Cork, I was my intention to have submitted to you just as I received it—but it happened through Mistake, to be opened by one of my Servants.—

By the letter from Mr. Underwood to me, it appears that, he had previously submitted to your Board, a Specimen of Alcohol, made from Arrack, which has brought to my recollection, Mr. Underwood's first mention of that Spirit to myself—it was to say that, he had, by means of a small still belonging to the Dispensary, prepared a small quantity of Spirits of Wine, which he had personally asked Dr. Harris's permission, to use at the Dispensary, in the preparation of Medicines, intended for external use only—He did not say in what capacity he considered Dr. Harris to be, when he so applied

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assisted to him. but to me, he expressed himself hurt, at having received a public letter, from your Board, on having, (to use his own words, as nearly as I can recollect them) merely submitted to Dr. Harris a plain question to which he only wished to be favored with a simple answer, referring to the permission which he had verbally asked, to use the Alcohol made in the Dispensary, for external use.

This account from Mr. Underwood, was of course not a very satisfactory one to me, which I conceived and gave him to understand - For as neither the allowances of the Superintendent, nor of any other part of the Dispensary Establishment, can be drawn for, without my countersignature, it is of consequence a branch of my Department and, having as such, afforded Mr. Underwood the means of preparing the first Specimen of Alcohol, to which he has now alluded, I hope I may be justified in thinking that, any report from him, on which a Public Proceeding could be grounded, should have been first made to my Office.

Had Mr Underwood thus communicated with me, in the first instance, on a subject, which is so intimately connected with, and which so particularly concerns my Department, I would naturally have reminded him that the mode of distilling Alcohol, whether from Brandy, Whisky Arrack, or other Spirits, is the same and that, it is laid

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down in almost every Dispensatory - I ought to also have acquainted him, should he not before have been aware of it, that my Department, is already provided, by public authority with an Establishment, by which Alcohol, can be made, at the least possible expence here, and, of a strength much superior to that, of the Specimens which, he has now produced, should it be the wish of your Board, and of Government, to adopt that mode of supplying the Spirit Rectifications for Medical purposes, instead of importing it, as heretofore from England.

I have accordingly rectified a quantity of Arrack - Two Specimens of which, N.s 3 & 4. I now submit for the examination of your Board, the one is 62 p.r the other 63 above Proof by Hydrometer both therefore are stronger, and in my opinion, purer, than what has been prepared by Mr. Underwood -

I do not lay before you any of the English Rectified Spirits, to contrast with that, which I have myself prepared; because, I am persuaded there is not at present, any to be had at this Presidency, of equal strength or purity, with that annually sent out, by the Honble Court of Directors, for the use of the Medical Department -

With respect to the uses, and Expenditures of Alcohol, I beg leave to remark that, it is principally

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or almost solely employed, as a Pharmaceutic Agent; and as such, can only be used with advantage, in dissolving the proximate principles in which, the whole or greater part of the Medical Virtues, of the substances submitted to its action reside from the very small number of such substances, however compared to the vast number containing in their composition, parts to which only yield their Medical qualities to water, or Alcohol in a diluted state, I am inclined to think that Alcohol, is frequently expended in the preparation of many Medicines and otherwise for which Proof Spirit would have been better adopted.—

The Edinburgh College do not consider pure Alcohol, as being necessary in Medicine; and do not therefore, give any directions for its preparation; the Proof Spirit with a very few exceptions where Spirit Rectificatus is ordered is enjoined for every Medical purpose. The combination of Water and Alcohol, in those proportions which, constitute Proof Spirit, is supposed to possess the power, of dissolving some of the active principles of vegetables, which neither of these could have effected separately, besides this, when it is considered how frequently the Resinous, and the Gummy principles are combined, in the same substance, the employment of Proof Spirit for most Medical purposes, and particularly for the preparation of Vegetable Tinctures, in preference to Alcohol

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alone, will appear to be the more necessary Malt Spirit or Brandy of the Strength of Proof, is commonly used by Apothecaries in England, as a substitute for Proof Spirit from Alcohol, and answers the purpose extremely well. I imagine therefore if the Brandy and Arrack which is purchased in this country be, as is generally said, found under Proof it would be very easy to make it of a strength, much above that standard, by a simple distillation; and that there would be no necessity to carry the process so far as Rectification, for the purpose of diluting the Spirit to the state of Proof, as this would, not only be incurring much expence but would be productive of little, if any advantage.—

It would have been satisfactory to me, to have been able to forward the above Specimens, at an earlier period.— I was however, prevented doing so, in consequence of the damaged state of the old Apparatus, and the impossibility of fitting up the new ones, from the waste of the work solicited, in my letter to your Board, dated the 8th of February, and which, has not yet been begun,— although I have reason to believe that, my application obtained the approbation of Government, some months ago—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obed.t Servant
(Signed) Wm. Flormage
Med.l Storekeeper

Fort St. George
Med.l Store Keeper's Office
13th June 1814.—

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To

Wm. Horsman Esqr., M.D.

Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

Having submitted to the Medical Board a specimen of Alcohol procured from Arrack, accompanied by an offer to distil it, and furnish such a supply annually, as may be required on all Departments under Government & wherein that Spirit is used, the Board, in immediate reply, were pleased to inform "that they are well disposed to give any favorable consideration to my proposal for insuring a supply of pure Alcohol, and at a moderate price". But in order to bring the subject to their notice in the way they judge most eligible, it is directed that my letter to them, "be transmitted with the Specimens of Alcohol thro' the channel of the Medical Storekeeper." In obedience to these orders, I have the honor to forward, my letter to the Medical Board and the two Specimens of Alcohol, which I shall feel obliged by your transmitting to that authority at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

(Signed) John Understood

Asst. Surgeon.

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25th. May 1814.

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To Alexander Watson Esqr., M.D. President
and, Members of the, Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward for your examination a specimen of a very pure Alcohol distilled from Arrack, & which is 56 above proof by Hydrometer. It is likewise sent, to be contrasted therewith, a small quantity of Spirits of Wine rectified in England, which is 33 only above Proof, by Hydrometer.

The Alcohol from Arrack appears to me to be even a purer spirit than is that rectified in England, and which I imagine, has not been distilled from Brandy, but is a malt Spirit; in the Rectification of which, with a view to deprive it of it's empyreumatic smell, sulphuric or some other acid has been used, the Spirit having an ethereal smell, which that from Arrack has not. This latter spirit is so pure that I am of opinion it might be advantageously employed for every purpose, Medical or otherwise, for which Alcohol is used at this Presidency.

For, Medical use, proof spirit of Wine is enjoined by all the Pharmacopeias, neither Brandy nor Arrack being of a suitable strength. the former is usually at least ten, and the latter Twenty five p.c.t. below Hydrometer Proof.

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The Invoice Piece of rectified spirit of Wine from England, as I am informed from the Department of the Commissary of Stores, is £1. 13—8 pr. Gallon, equal to 4 Pags. 8 Fans Madras currency.—

The Alcohol, now submitted, I could undertake to furnish, to the amount of 200 Gallons, or more if required, annually, at a price not exceeding one Pagoda per Gallon. The sum to include every expence incidental to its rectification to 56 above Proof per Hydrometer. Bottles are also to be furnished to contain the spirit, and the Bills might be paid from time to time as the Alcohol was delivered, thro' such channel as Government might direct— the whole quantity could be prepared in three months.—

If the Medical Board approve the Spirit, and do me the honor to bring the subject to the notice of Government I trust they will be pleased to recommend that I should receive such a monthly salary (not determinable by the period when the whole quantity should be delivered) as my services may appear to them to merit.—

Although my offer embraces every branch of the service wherein Alcohol is used, I have still considered your Board a proper channel of communication to Government on the subject; because it cannot be uninteresting to the Medical Board, nor can they have any difficulty in

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on the merit that attaches to the proposal.—

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen
Your most obedient, servant
(Signed) John Underwood
Assistant Surgeon

Fort St. George
23d. May 1814.—

To, Mr. Asst. Surgeon Harwood
of the 2d. Battalion 12th. Regiment N.I.
Vellore

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 4th. April last & your communication submitted thro' the P. Member of the Medical Board I am directed to enclose for your information & guidance the accompanying Extracts from the Resolution of Government under date the 14th. Instant.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

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To the, Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am reply to your Letter of the 9th Instant relative to the quantity of Canthorides required for the Ceylon Government, I am directed by the Medical Board to enclose for your information & guidance the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Government dated 17th Instant and to desire that, Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. may be furnished with the, Medicines required at the earliest practicable period. —

The, Medical Board have at the same time desired me to express their concern and disappointment that with upward of 100 lbs of Canthorides upon the Quarterly Return of, Medicines not one Pound of this quantity should actually be in Store. In order to enable them in future to possess a correct knowledge of the true state of the, Stores and to obviate the serious inconvenience ---------- which may arise from the occurrence of misconception like the present. The, Medical Board direct that an annual Report be made stating the deficiencies that have ---- occurred by Drugs, Wastage, Evaporation & Deliquescence. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed), Alex.r Stewart

Secretary, Medical Board &c

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To the President and, Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I duly received your, Secretary's letter, bearing date the 27th Ultimo, with its accompanying Copy of Letter, from the, Secretary to Government, in the, Military Department, dated the 17th Ultimo and I am concerned to be obliged to state that, the quantity of Canthorides therein required, for His, Majesty's service, on the Island of Ceylon is not at present to be procured, at this Presidency. Hopes however, may be entertained that a supply will be received from the Honble Company's, Ships, just arrived in the roads. In which case, 130 shall be delivered, with the least possible delay, to, Messrs., Arbuthnot & Monte & Co.y and the required report made to you, in order that, the amount may be debited to the account, of the Government at Columbo. —

I am concerned to find that, you have been disappointed in the quantity of Canthorides which, which you expected to be in, Store, in consequence of the mode that, has hitherto obtained, in this Office, of continuing on the Returns the, Medicines which have become deficient, by the means mentioned, in your, Secretary's Letter. —

It was my full intention to have ascertained and to have reported to you, before this time, the deficiencies that has

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had in the usual ways to new places but the removal of stores about the Middles of last Year, and the very hampered & unavoidable disarranged state, in which they have since been, owing to the want of the alterations & additions, for which I was induced to apply to your Board, on the 9th. of February last, have hitherto put it out of my power.—

I have now however, the satisfaction to state to you that, the people employed under the, superintending Engineer have been at work here, for some days past; & that as soon as the business on which they are employed, shall be completed, I shall have the honor of forwarding to you, a Return of the, Medicines &, Medical, Stores, which remain undiminished, & without damage, which agreeably to your orders, it will be my duty to follow up, with seasonable Returns of deficiencies by Drayage, Wastage, Evaporation & Deliquescence in, effectually to prevent, any future misconception, with regard to the losses, unavoidably sustained, in these various ways.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedt., humble
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
, Medical, Storekeeper

Fort Saint George
Med.l Storek.rs office
7th. July 1814.—

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To
Mr. A. Jas. Surgeon Underwood

Sir,

I am directed by the, Medical Board to return to you the enclosed Letters No. 1, 2, 3 & to desire that they may in the first instance be forwarded to the, Medical, Storekeeper in order that they may be submitted by him to the, Medical Board.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
28th. June 1814.—

To the Surgeon of the Lunatic Asylum

Sir,

As Captain Horne has been reported convalescent & in a great degree recovered from the mental derangement on account of which he was committed to the Lunatic Hospital;— the, Medical Board are of opinion that it might (should it meet your concurrence) considerably conduce to the perfect re establishment of his Mental sanity

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were he permitted to pass the day with his Brother in law, accompanied by such attendants as you consider necessary to guard against accident or any unlooked for sudden relapse.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
29th June 1814.—

To Mr. Asst. Surgeon Ward

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your Signature the accompanying, Abstracts of Pay of the Native Vaccinators in your Zillah and to request that you will at a time to come continue to sign the Abstracts of these Vaccinators provided you feel assured that they keep up the disease and are attentive to your as large a portion of the Inhabitants as they can against the effects of Small Pox.—

I have to regret that the Native Vaccinators at Onore have been exposed to considerable inconvenience by your having neglected to comply with the instructions of the Superintendent of Vaccination as convey to you in his Letters of the 30th December 1811 & the 1st January 1812 in which you are directed to retain such Establishment in the Zillah as

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had previously existed, and to collect and transmit their Returns to this office implying as a matter of course that you would also sign their Abstracts.—

In the 3d Para of Mr. Horsman's last letter already adverted to he has provided for the Removal of the Court from Onore to Mangalore & you are there instructed "to continue your present Establishment at the former Station and report & discharge the duties to me as usual."—

Your letter of the 13th October 1812 reports that the Court had as anticipated been removed to Mangalore, and that you had agreeably to instructions conveyed to you, left the Establishment of Native Vaccinators complete at Onore.—

You will in future be pleased to direct the Native Vaccinators at that Station to report to you the progress they make in Vaccination as also to forward to you their Monthly Returns for eventual transmission to this Office—on receiving the prescribed Reports & Returns you will sign their Abstracts.—

Government have on all occasions been pleased to continue the protection afforded by Vaccinators against small Pox at Stations where this humane practice has been successfully introduced although the site of the Court has been removed, On such occasions it has become the duty of the Surgeon in the Zillah to superintend as far as circumstances would permit the conduct of all Vaccinators in his range.—

As

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As you have not heretofore signed the Abstracts of the Vaccinators and as the Civil Authority may object to a disbursement it has of late been unaccustomed to make, I beg leave in order to obviate any difficulties that may arise to furnish for your instance similar to that in which you are placed and on all of which the Vaccinators are paid on producing Abstracts countersigned by the nearest Civil Surgeon when the Zillah of Arnee was divided between the Northern & Southern Divisions of Arcot & the Court at that place abolished the Vaccinators were continued and are at this moment and report thro' the Medical Officer at Chittoor.

The Vaccine Establishment is also continued at Guntoor and is now reported on thro' the Surgeon to the Zillah of Masulipatam.

The same thing prevail at Dindigul & Ramnad where there are Establishments of Vaccinators who transmit their Returns thro' the Surgeon of the Zillah at Madura.

Mr. Dyer also collects the Returns & signs the Abstracts for an Establishment of Vaccinators at Salgaut Cherry in his Zillah.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Superl. Vaccine Inoculator

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
30th June 1814.

Fort St. George 30th June 1814.

To
The President and Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen

I had the honor to write you some time ago regarding the Native Vaccinators at Mangalore, enclosing their memorial, and long arrears of Pay, as they have been awaiting here some time past, in anxious expectation, for your answer, I will therefore be obliged, when at leisure, to inform me what is to be done with them.

Mr. Surgeon Pearse of H.M. 30th Regiment informs me that he cannot get Teak at Cannanore sufficient to complete his Hospital Cots, unless he has an order on the conservator of Forests at Calicut, & he wishes to know, if he may make some of them with well seasoned Jungle wood.

I am
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Geo. Baillie
Superintending Surgeon

Cannanore
30th April 1814.

To

Fort St. George 30th June 1814.

To the Superintending Surgeon
of Malabar & Canara

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th April and to inform you that the Medical Board do not conceive themselves at liberty to authorize any deviation from the instructions lately conveyed to the Army regarding the mode in which Regimental Hospital Tables & shall in future be constructed, nor have they the power to grant to the Surgeon of H. M. 30th Regiment the order he requires on the conservator of Forests in Malabar. —

2. With reference to the complaints of the Vaccinators in the Zillah of Mangalore I am desired to observe that it has been customary for every Surgeon or Medical officer to sign the abstracts of Pay of all the Vaccinators in the Zillah to which he is attached. I have addressed Mr. Ford on this subject in order to enable him to obviate any objections that may be offered by the Collector. I have furnished him with precedents where Medical Officers placed in circumstances similar to those in which he stands have countersigned the Bills of the Native Practitioners on being assured by every means in their power that the disease was kept up. —

I have the honor to be Sir &c.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

For. St. George
30th June 1814

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To
Mr. Sub. Asst. Surgeon Ross
Travancore

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that I received the difference of your Half Full Batta for the period you were doing duty with the Temporary Naval Hospital at Pondicherry Pagodas 66 Fanams 12 for the amount of which you may draw upon me. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

For. St. George
Med. Bd. Office
2d. July 1814. —

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board under date the 30th June last for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

For. St. George
Med. Bd. Office
4th July 1814. —

Fort St. George 9th July 1814.

To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the, Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secty. Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
9th July 1814.

To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the, Medical Board under date the 7th Instant for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
9th July 1814.

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To the, Medical Storekeeper
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the, Medical Board to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Accountant General together with the, Statement and Receipt of, Medical Stores supplied to the Troops in, Malabar & Canara which you will be pleased to examine & Report upon to this office for the information of that Officer without delay.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
11th July 1814.

To the Secretary to the, Medical Board

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a Statement of, Medicines &c. issued by the Bombay Government for the use of the Troops in, Malabar & Canara during the year 1813/4, with an original Receipt of the Deputy Medical Storekeeper at Cannanore & request you will be pleased to make the requisite adjustments of their value

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value in the accounts of your Department &c

Fort St. George
Acct. Genl's Office
6th July 1814

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
signed Geo. Garrow
A. G.

A true Copy
Signed Alex. Stewart
Secy. Med. Board

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Sir,
Fort St. George

Herewith transmit for the information of the Medical Board Proceedings of a Medical Committee directed to examine and report on some Medicines and Medical Stores received from the Field Force under Lieutenant Colonel Dawse.

I also enclose a letter from Mr. Surgeon Fallowfield stating his having also brought from the Force a Chest of Bark Wine containing 11 Dozen and 3 Bottles, and have to request the Medical Board will favour me with their instructions as to the manner in which this is to be disposed off.

7th June 1814

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Duncan
Sub

Proceedings of a Medical Committee directed by the Deputy Secretary to assemble on Monday the 23d May 1814 to examine and report on Medicines and Medical Stores received from the Field Force under Lieutenant Colonel Dawse

Mr. Surgeon Fallowfield 1st Batn 2d Regt N. I. President
Mr. Surgeon James Kellie 2d Batn 1st Regt Europeans } Members
Mr. Assistant Surgeon

Medicines &c	Remaining in Store on 19th May 1814			Received			Issued			Remarks
	lb.	oz.	dr.	lb.	oz.	dr.	lb.	oz.	dr.	
Acetum Distillatum	20	10	-	28	10	"	"	"	"	
Acid. Sulphur	0	14	-	14	"	"	"	"	"	
Nitric	0	5	-	9	5	"	"	"	"	
Muriat	14	1	-	23	1	"	"	"	"	
Nitrous	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	
Sulphuric Aromatic	1	10	4	2	8	"	"	"	"	
Antimon. Tartarisat	0	"	"	0	"	"	"	"	"	
Alum Ustum	2	12	-	4	"	"	"	"	"	
Ammon. Sesqui	1	2	-	"	8	"	"	"	"	
Ammon. Oxydum	"	"	"	1	0	"	"	"	"	
Arsenic. Oxydum	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Ammon. Muriat	16	10	-	16	10	"	"	"	"	
Ammon. Carbonat	0	10	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Argent. Nitrat	0	3	-	4	8	"	"	"	"	
Argent. Nitrat	25	-	-	25	"	"	"	"	"	
Aether. Vitriol	14	14	-	24	-	"	"	"	"	
Balsam. Arcæus	5	7	-	5	7	"	"	"	"	
Sapon	2	9	-	1	8	"	"	"	"	
Copaiva	27	3	-	22	-	"	"	"	"	
Peruvian	3	12	-	6	"	"	"	"	"	
Calomel. Sublt	3	1	-	6	"	"	"	6	"	
Cerussæ Acetat	"	6	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Confect. Aromatic	1	12	-	1	12	"	"	"	"	
Opiat	6	14	-	6	-	"	"	"	"	
Cantharides	1	0	-	1	0	"	"	"	"	
Camphor	"	6	-	"	6	"	"	"	"	
Cinnel. Alba	2	13	-	2	13	"	"	"	"	
Cornu Ross. Rubr	7	6	-	16	-	"	"	"	"	
Creta. ppta	96	4	-	64	-	"	"	"	"	
Cremor. Tartar	5	8	-	5	8	"	"	"	"	
Cort. Peruvian. Rubr	2	-	-	2	-	"	"	"	"	
Angustura	2	-	-	2	4	"	"	"	"	
Cascarilla	2	-	-	2	4	"	"	"	"	
Lemarunba	"	4	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	
Elaterium	0	-	"	6	-	"	"	"	"	
Elect. Lumbr	24	4	-	18	-	"	"	"	"	
Emplast. Adhæsivum	62	8	-	20	-	"	"	"	"	
Gummor	15	-	-	16	-	"	"	"	"	
Galbani										

(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

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Medicines &c	Remaining in Store on 9th May 1854			Issued			Remains			Remarks
	lbs.	oz.	dr.	lbs.	oz.	dr.	lbs.	oz.	dr.	
Ung.t Hydrarg. Nitrat		3			4					
Zinc. Nitrolat		2	1		4					
Amputating Instruments Case	No.	2		No.	2					
do do Portable do	No.	2		No.	2					
do do do	No.	4		No.	4					
Trepaning Instruments	No.	1		No.	2					
do do Portable do	No.	1					No.	1		Useless
do do do	No.	1								
Cannulae do	No.	2		No.	3					
Fork do Silv.r	No.	3		No.	4					
do Keys	No.	1		No.	7			2		
Pocket Instruments Case	No.	1					No.	1		
Cupping do do	No.	3		No.	3					
Scalpels	No.	9					No.	6		
do	No.	39		No.	40					
Bleeding Lancets	No.	12		No.	15					
Myrtle do	No.	9		No.	14					
Gum do	No.	6		No.	5					
Crooked Scissors	No.	6		No.	6					
Straight do	No.	2		No.	2					
Sonical do	No.	3		No.	1		No.	1		
Shop Shears	No.	10		No.	12					
Crooked Needles Case	No.	6		No.	6					
Seton do	No.	7		No.	6					
Straight Bistories	No.	11		No.	12					
Crooked do	No.	6		No.	10					
Female do	No.	2		No.	2					
Directors	No.	6		No.	4					
Probes	No.	9		No.	9					
Flexible do	No.	17		No.	13					
Dressing Spatula	No.	20		No.	5					
Pincers do	No.	3		No.	3					
Bolus Knives	No.	6		No.	4					
Tenaculums	No.	3		No.	3					
Common large Splints Set	No.	3		No.	3					
do Small do	No.	10		No.	10					20 pairs
Wathen Splints do	No.			No.	33					do
Warden do	No.	12		No.	12					
Pewter pieces Syringes	No.	6		No.	4		No.	3		
Glyster do	No.	5		No.	1		No.	2		
Ivory pieces Syringes	No.	7		No.	4					
Elastic Glysters 1 pr in Boxes	No.	3		No.	3					
Probangs Case	No.	4		No.	4					
Andrews Forceps do	No.	2		No.	1					
Pewter Funnels	No.	1		No.	1					
Glass do	No.	6		No.	6					4 Wanting Lancets
Bed pans	No.	6		No.	6					
Graduated Glass Measures & Stirrers	No.	6		No.	6					
Pewter Measures & Stirrers	No.	10		No.	6					
Marble Mortar & Pestle Large	No.	1		No.	1					
do do Small	No.	2		No.	1					
Brass Mortar & Pestle Small	No.	2		No.	4					
Marble Mortar & Pestle Small	No.	2		No.	5					
Glass Mortar & Pestle Small				No.	2					
Wedgewood Mortar & Pestle Small	Chinese Mortar & Pestle 70 Pill Boxes									
Shells of Brass	No.	2		No.	2					
do Corks	No.	2		No.	4					
Tin Measures	No.	10		No.	9		No.	1		
Pewter do	No.	2		No.	2					
Glass do	No.	3		No.	3					
Scales & Weights large Box	No.	6		No.	6					
do Small do	No.	3		No.	3					

Remarks

Remains in Store	Issued	Remarks
£ ʃ ₰	£ ʃ ₰	£ ʃ ₰
No 1 -	No 14 -	
Surgeons No 2 -	No 22 -	
Do No 3 -	No 12 -	
Do No 33 -	No 31 -	
Surgeons No 1 -	No 1 -	
2 -	6 -	
No 11 -	No 10 -	
No 13 -	No 13 -	
No 14 -	No 13 -	
Spirits No 10 -	No 1 -	
No 0 -	No 1 -	
No 2 -	No 2 -	
No 3 -	No 3 -	
No 0 -	No 2 -	
No 4 -	No 4 -	
Casks No 5 -	No 5 -	
Empty No 6 -	No 6 -	
Hhds No 2 -	No 2 -	
No 13 -	No 11 -	
No 22 -	No 13 -	
No 4 -	No 3 -	
Barrels No 3 -	No 3 -	
4 -	4 -	
Surgeons No 1 -	No 1 -	
Surgs Mates No 1 -	No 1 -	

J. Duncan
Supg Surgn Medl D.

Proceedings of a Medical Committee assembled by the Superintending Surgeon Medl District to assemble on Monday the 22d May 1815 to examine and report on some Medicines and Medical Stores received from the Field-force under Lieutenant Colonel M. Bourke &c.

(Signed) J. Duncan
Supg Surgeon Medl Dist

Fort St. George 13th July 1815.

To

John Duncan Esqr

Superintending Surgeon Med Dept

Sir

I beg leave to inform you that, with the Medical Stores lately brought in here from the Field Force, there is a Chest of Port Wine containing now 11 Dozen & 3 Bottles (9 Bottles having been broke during the Campaign)

I beg to be favoured with your instructions as to the manner in which you wish this Wine to be disposed off—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Willm Fallowfield
Surgeon

Bellary
4th June 1815.

To the Superintending Surgeon of the
Ceded Districts

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th Ultimo, I am instructed by the Medical Board to desire that you will direct the quantity of Port Wine reported upon, to be delivered over to the Commissariat Department, the Commissary General having already been advised to receive it.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) Alexr Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med Bd Office
19th July 1815.

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To the President and Members of the
Medical Board
, Madras

Gentlemen,

, Amongst the new Hospital Clothing which was some time ago transmitted to me by the, Medical Board there is a large blue bag, about which there seems to be some difference of opinion regarding its absolute use. As no notice is taken of it in the letter of instructions and has nothing of the kind been hitherto ordered, you will particularly oblige me, by letting me know, for what specific purpose, it is intended, and if as also whether one will be wanted for each suit of Clothing or in what proportion these bags may be required.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
your most obedient
(Signed) W. Hustler
Surgeon Superintendent

Trichinopoly
28th June 1814.

P.S. May I take the liberty of begging an early reply
(Signed) W. Hustler
S.S.D.

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To the Superintending Surgeon of the
Southern Division

Sir,

I am desired by the, Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 20th Ultimo and to acquaint you that the large blue bag in question is a Matrass which the, Medical Board conceived it advisable to add to the list of Hospital Bedding as laid down in the regulations of 1806.—

A Matrass should be included in every set of Hospital Bedding to be filled with straw at such times as the, Surgeon shall be of opinion that this addition will be conducive to the comfort of the Sick.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient, servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
14th July 1814.

To the President and, Members of the, Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report, to you that, the principle part of, Medicines and, Medical Stores, brought out by the Honorable Company's Ships Winchelsea & Marquis of Huntley being now

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now landed. I take the liberty to request that you will be pleased to direct a committee to assemble, and to examine them previously to their being deposited in Store.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George
14th. July 1814.

A Committee consisting of
Mr. Surgeon Dalton — President
Mr. Surgeon Wyse and
Mr. Assistant Surgeon A. Stewart } Members
to assemble at the Medical Storehouse in Fort St. George on Monday the 18th. Instant at 11 o'Clock A. M. for the purpose of examining and delivering over to the Medical Storekeeper who will then be pleased to attend) the supply of European Medicines and Medical Stores landed from the Honorable Company's Ships lately arrived.

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By order of the Medical Board
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George 15th. July 1814.

To the Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th. Instant with its enclosures and to intimate to you that by desire of the Medical Board they have in their Proceedings of this days date submitted to His Excellency the Commander in Chief their opinion regarding the reference in question.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
14th. July 1814.

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 14th. Instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

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Med. Bd. Office
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To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to annex copy of a letter received from the Acting Master Attendant respecting two Invalid Seamen belonging to the H. C. Ships Winchelsea supposed to be labouring under Mental derangement and to request that the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to their examination. They have been directed to attend at the Medical Board Office for examination on the forenoon of Monday next at 11 Oclock.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) J.S. Fraser
S. M.

Town Major's Office
Fort Saint George
14th. July 1814

To the Town Major
Sir,

You will be pleased to furnish an Order of admission into the Honble Company's Hospital for Justiny Mcarty Insane and William Williams Invalid Seamen belonging to the Honble

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Honble Company's Ship Winchelsea.

(Signed) L. Bird
Acting Master attendant

Fort St. George
14th. July 1814.

a true copy
J. S. Fraser
S. M.

To the Town Major
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th. Instant with it's annexed copy of a letter from the Deputy Master Attendant on the subject of two Invalid Seamen of the Honble Company's Ship Winchelsea supposed to be labouring under mental derangement.

In reply I am directed to inform you that the Men have been examined by the Medical Board and that Justiny Mcarty is found to be in such a state of Mental derangement as to render it advisable that he be at as Early a period as possible committed to the care of the Surgeon of Lunatic Asylum. William Williams the other Seamen seems to be in a very impaired State of Health but does not appear to labour under any degree of Mental Derangement. The Medical Board would therefore recommend that the latter be sent to the

General.

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General Hospital.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
18th July 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the commander in chief
Sir

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 18th Instant for the consideration of His Excellency the commander in chief and Government.—

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
20th July 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient, Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

To the President and Members of the
Medical Board
Gentlemen,

I herewith forward the General Monthly
Return

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Return of the Sick of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force for the Month of May 1814 together with a list of the Medical Officers attached or doing duty with it.—

I also transmit the Returns of the 2. Battn. 5th and 1st Battn. 9th Regt. N.I these corps have been relieved from this Force) and are on their March towards the Carnatic, but being still in the Nizam's country, their Returns were sent to me—accompanying is a certificate for Ensign Willm. Burk 2. Battn. 5th Regt. N.I. who was unable to proceed with his corps.—

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Wyllie 1st Battn. 25th N.I. has addressed to me the enclosed Letter for the information of the Board stating the great merits and services of his late 1st Dresser Thanacotty who by a new regulation of the service, has been superseded by Manuel De Silva a Medical Pupil lately appointed 1st Dresser of the Corps—Notwithstanding the merits of Thanacotty there does not appear any mode of improving his situation, but by removing Manuel De Silva, to another Corps on a Vacancy and permitting Thanacotty to reoccupy his former situation of 1st Dresser.—

Camp at Jaulnah
10th June 1814.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient, servant
(Signed) Jno. Goldie
Asst. Surgeon H. S. F.

To

Fort St. George 20th. July 1814.

To John Goldie Esqr.

Superintending Surgeon Hydrabad Subsidiary Force

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you the case of Thanacotty, a Native Dresser to the 1st. Battn. 24th. Regt. N.I. and I am induced by a strong sense of Justice to his character and merits to request you will have the goodness to transmit the same to the Medical Board for their consideration, and also for that of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Thanacotty, is a respectable, Native of the Malabar Coast, and has been, a Native Dresser to the 1st. Battn. 24th. Regiment, N.I. since February 1808. He can speak English with fluency, and reads and writes it with considerable accuracy and distinctness. He is thoroughly versed in the knowledge of compounding and administering, Medicines; and understands perfectly all the inferior duties of an Hospital. He is besides a Man of the most correct conduct, of unwearied and unintermitting diligence in the discharge of his duties, and he has obtained the general respect and confidence of all Ranks in the Corps: I have now known him for the last three years that I have had, Medical charge of the Battalion, and Justice alone demands of me to say, that I have never once had occasion to find fault with, or to answer any part of his conduct at the

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he has ever been entrusted by me with the duties of Chief Dresser, indeed he has always deserved my warmest commendations for the accuracy, and alertness with which all my orders have been put in execution.

With this sense therefore of his merits, it was not without pain that I saw him after a period of six and a half years service, which he had commenced with such hopes, and gone through with such reputation, all of a sudden by the G.O. by Government of 10th. August 1813, not only deprived of one third of his usual pay, but superseded in his Rank by the other Dresser, Manuel Desilva who tho' a clever and deserving man yet but a young Lad.

I had hoped and indeed believed that the G.O. of 10th August 1813 had been intended only to apply to appointments made subsequent to its date, and had therefore continued to draw the usual allowance of Ten Pags. a Month for each Dresser; but a letter of the Military Auditor General, received a few days ago, making Retrenchments on that point from August downwards, has most completely & painfully undeceived me.

No alternative being now left but an appeal to the known generosity and liberality of Government in favour of an old, tried, and deserving servant of the Honorable Company I have therefore again to intreat of you to lay his case before the Medical

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Medical Board. and I have the strongest reasons to hope that they will recommend to His Excellency the Commander in Chief to sanction not only the restoration of Thanacotty to his former Rank of a 1st. Dresser for which he is so well fitted, but that an order will be given to the Auditor General to repeal the Retrenchments which have been made on his account.—

Camp at Jaulnah
10th. June 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
(Signed) John Wyllie
Asst. Surgeon 1st. B.C.E. Regt.

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Nizam's Subsidiary Force.
Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th Ultimo & together with its enclosure from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Wyllie on the subject of Thanacotty Native Dresser soliciting that he may either be restored to his former rank of 1st Dresser or that a Measure determined upon by Government may be suspended in his favor.—

By a letter from Mr. Assistant Surgeon
Wyllie

Fort St. George 20th. July 1814.

Wyllie copy of which I have the honor to enclose that Gentleman makes an urgent application for Medical Assistance to perform the inferior Hospital Duties at a time when the old & Meritorious Dresser in question was with the Corps, Manuel Da Silva was in consequence of and in compliance with, Mr. Wyllies own request nominated 1st. Dresser and as no complaint of his incompetency to perform the duties of that situation has been made during a trial of three years. the Board cannot grant their support to an alteration which has already received the sanction of the Commander in Chief.—

I am at the same time instructed to observe that as the Medical Board are determined to afford every degree of consideration & support to old and tried services more particularly where they have been performed with diligence and zeal they desire that you will be pleased to ascertain at your most early convenience how long Thanacotty has been first Dresser and what time he has been altogether in the Service. They also wish that you would state as far as circumstances will permit the Comparative acquirements, as inferior Hospital Servants of the two Dressers and in a particular manner to determine whether Thanacotty is the Malabar Lad whom in 1811 was only able

to

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to officiate in a more subordinate capacity.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient, Servant
Signed Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
20th July 1814

To the Superintending Surgeon
Ceded Districts
Bellary

Sir,

I beg leave to request that you will do me the honor of applying to the Medical Board, to furnish me with a young Man from the Asylum to act as Native Dresser in the 1st Battn. 24th Regt. N.I. a vacancy having lately occurred in that Corps thro' the death of one of its Dressers. altho' I have since that time entertained a Lad of the Malabar cast, he is as yet able only to officiate in a more subordinate capacity. I would therefore beg to make the application as urgent as possible.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed. Servant
(Signed) John Wyllie, Asst. Surgeon
1st Battn. 24th Regt. N.I.

Bellary
16th Nov. 1814

To

Fort St. George 20th July 1814

To the President and, Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter dated the 11th. Instant and agreeably to the instructions therein contained, to report to you that, I have examined, its accompanying Return of, Medicines, and, Medical, Stores, issued at Bombay for the service of the Troops in, Malabar & Canara that I have found them to correspond with the original receipt granted by the Deputy, Medical, Storekeeper at Cannanore, and that they are accordingly correct.

I now return the accounts together with the receipts and

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient, Servant
(Signed) Wm. Harsman
Med. Storekeeper.

Fort St. George
Med. Storekrs. office
20th July 1814.

To

Fort St. George 22d July 1814.

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant together with the Statement of Medicines issued by the Bombay government for the use of the Troops in Malabar & Canara for the year 1813/14 Amounting to Rupees 14714-2-57. referred for adjustment and in reply to furnish for your information a copy of a Report from the Medical Storekeeper

The original Statement & Receipts remain deposited in this office.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t Serv.t

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart

Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. office
22d July 1814.—

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board under date the

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the 21st Instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart

Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. office
23d July 1814.

To the Secretary to the Medical Board

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you two enclosures received from the Officer commanding H.M. 84th Regiment regarding the Insanity of a Private Soldier of that Corps named John Mayall and to request the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a View to his examination

I have directed him to accompany this Letter.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Signed J. S. Fraser

T.M.

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
22d July 1814.—

Sir

Fort St. George 23d July 1814.

Sir,

Trichinopoly 11th June 1814.

As John, Mayall private in the Grenadier Company still continues to labour under symptoms of Mental derangement, I beg leave to recommend that he may be sent into the Lunatic Hospital at, Madras, where his recovery will be more likely to be effected than at this, Station, where there is no proper place for the accommodation of patients of this description —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient, servant
(Signed) J. Williams
Surgeon 84th Regt

Comm.g Officer
84th Regiment

I hereby Certify that John, Mayall private in the Grenadier Company of H. M.s 84th Regiment, still continues to labour under, symptoms of, Mental derangement.

Trichinopoly
11th June 1814.

(Signed) J. Williams
Surgeon 84th Regiment

To

Fort St. George 25th July 1814.

To the Town, Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d. Instant with its enclosures from the officer Commanding and the, Surgeon of H.M. 84th Regiment and in reply I am directed to inform you that John, Mayall has been examined by the, Medical Board and is found to be in such a state of, Mental derangement as to render it advisable that he be placed under the charge of the, Surgeon to the Lunatic Asylum —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient, servant
(Signed), Alex.r Stewart
Secretary, Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
25th July 1814.

To the Secretary of the, Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir

I request you will do me the honor of submitting the accompanying application to the Board, and in event of their approval, transmit it accordingly

Fort St. George 26th July 1814.

accordingly.—

Fort St. George
26th July 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant
(Signed) W. C. Conwell
Asst. Surgeon.—

To, W. C., Assistant Surgeon Conwell
Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Instant and to transmit for your information the accompanying Copy of a letter from the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief with the resolutions of Government dated 15th Instant.—

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
26th July 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date

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date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.—

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
29th July 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

To the, Medical Storekeeper
Fort St. George

Sir

I am directed to furnish you with the enclosed Indent forwarded by the Superintending Surgeon of the Nizams Subsidiary Force and to direct that it may be as fully complied with as the state of the Stores will permit and at as early a period as possible.—

The Medical Board are aware of the irregular mode in which the Indent has reached this Office they have been pleased however to waive this in consideration of the peculiar exigency of the demand.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medicine Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
1st August 1814.—

Fort St. George 3d. August 1814.

To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the, Medical Board, Nº. 182 the former Dated 21th. for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government & the latter dated 1st. Instant for that of His Excellency the Commander in Chief only.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed), Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Board Office
3 August 1814.

To, Alex.r Watson Esq.r, M.D.
Senior, Member of the, Medical Board
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I beg to hand you an account of Wine expended on Board the H. C. Ship, Marquis of Huntly on the outward passage for H. M. Troops, & to request you will put me in the way of receiving the amount - your early reply will oblige
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) W.m R. Grove
Purser H. C. S. Marquis of Huntly

Jafferjee's Garden House
1st. August 1814.

Fort St. George 3d. August 1814.

To the Purser of the H. C. Ship
, Marquis of Huntley

Sir,

I am instructed by the President of the, Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st. Instant, and in reply to inform you that as the, Medical Board receive no return of the sick recruits on Board the, Marquis of Huntly they can form no opinion regarding the quantity of Wine required for their use - By a resolution of the Honble the Court of Directors of the 12th Feb.y 1801 it is ordered "that if the number of recruits should amount to or exceed 20, Men a chest of Port Wine will be sent on Board for their use." This would seem under ordinary circumstances to be an ample and liberal supply - no notice has however been taken in your letter of the quantity or the circumstance which led to an application for 12 extra dozen -

With this view of the subject I am desired to intimate to you that the Medical Board do not consider themselves authorized to recommend the payment of any sum on account of wine given to the troops on board the Marquis of Huntly - I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart Sec.y M.d B.d

P.S. You are aware for the wine is

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A. Stewart Esqr.
Secretary &c. &c.

Sir,

I am favored with yours of the 3d. Augt. and cannot help expressing myself greatly mortified at the result of my application to the Medical Board. the number of Troops embarked on the H. C. S. Marquis of Huntly was 225 besides 25 Women & 20 Children and a 12 Dozen Chest of Port Wine was put on Board. from our passage being unusually long Viz. 19 Weeks from Ports mouth to this. The Troops were particularly sickly & it was in consequence of repeated applications from the Major commanding the Detachments backed by the Surgeon of the Ship that the additional quantity of Wine was supplied out of the Captains Private Stock. under these circumstances I trust the President & Members of the Medical Board will be pleased to sanction my application.

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.
(Signed) W. R. Grove Purser
H. C. Ship Marquis of Huntly

P.S. I take the liberty of enclosing the account

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To the Purser of the H. C. Ship
Marquis of Huntly

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter without date giving over to the account for Wine issued to the Sick Recruits on Board the Marquis Huntly.

I am concerned to inform you that the Medical Board being entirely unacquainted with the probable quantity of Wine required for the purpose stated in your Letter are unable to grant you any facility for the payment for it. No application of a similar nature as heretofore been made to this office.

I beg leave to return the accompanying account.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
4th August 1814.

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the

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the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board dated 8th Ultimo for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief Government.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
8th August 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

To, A. Stewart Esqr.
Secretary to the Medical Board

Sir,

Please to lay before the Board the accompanying Statement of my services, and have the goodness to acknowledge the receipt thereof.—

Madras
8th July 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Willm. Fallowfield
Surgeon.

To Willm. Fallowfield Esqr.
Surgeon

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th of July with its enclosure & to inform you that

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the latter has been submitted to the consideration of the Medical Board.—

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
8th August 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical dated 8th Instant, No. 182 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief Government and the latter for that of His Excellency the Commander in Chief only.—

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
11th August 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

To, Mr. A. Stewart
Secretary to the Medical Board

Sir,

In conformity to the Orders of Government of

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of the 8th July 1796 I request you will refund the amount of the enclosed, Retrenchment made by the, Military Auditor General from your, Abstract in the, Month of January 1814 Amounting to 6 Pagodas 7.—

I am directed at the same time to acquaint you that due regard will be paid on receipt to such further authorities as you may have to offer in support of the charge.—

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Hble
(Signed) P. Cherry
Paymaster

Military Pay Office
Fort St. George
18th July 1814.

Extract of the Retrenchment made by the, Military Auditor General from my Disbursements for the Month of January 1814.—

Medical Department

102 Mr. A. Stewart, Secretary, draws allowance for Betts for 2 Rons of the, Medical Board for the year 1813.—

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Which is Retrenchd, no such allowance being authorized by the Existing, Regulations ..... 1 — —

103 Do. Do. draws allowance for Clothing for 2 Rons of the, Medical Board from 1st July to 31st December 1813.—

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Which is retrenched and the Voucher herewith returned in order that it may be correctly receipted the receipt at present affixed to the Voucher being for one Pagoda only.— ..... 6 — —

Pagodas 7 — —

(True Extract)
(Signed) P. Cherry
Paymaster.

To the, Military Paymaster
Fort St. George

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 13th Ultimo transmitting Extract of Retrenchments by the, Military Auditor General. I am directed to inform you that the Bill money which has been retrenched as not authorized by the existing Regulations, has been drawn for in common with other public offices for these some years past and if the mode hereto fore adopted is objectionable I am desired to request you will be pleased to inform me in what manner this allowance is in future to be drawn for or how the Betts are to be procured—

I enclose the Bill for the Cloathing & money correctly receipted and have to state that the incorrectness of the former receipt which you returned had not its origin

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origin in this office. Whenever an effusion of stillness like that now in question, arises it is certainly highly reprehensible as calculated to give unnecessary trouble to authority. The Handwriting of all the Clerk writers in this office have been narrowly examined and shown that the insertion was made either in your office or that of the Military Auditor General.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
11th August 1814.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George, Med. Board Office
11th August 1814.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Medical Board at the Hospital for Lunatics is directed to take place on Monday the 15th Instant at half after 10 O'clock in the forenoon at which time the 2d Member superintending the Presidency is requested to direct the attendance of the Superintendent of that Asylum.

By order of the Medical Board
(Signed) Alex. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

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To Mr. Surgeon A. Stewart
Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the sum of Sicca Pagodas ——— retrenched from you in the Disbursements of the Payment at Fort ——— Month of January 1814 ———

——— has been admitted upon Reaudit, as per annexed Account—You are therefore entitled to reimbursement (on that account) in the event of your having refunded the amount or any part thereof.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.
Pendergast
Military Auditor General.

Auditor General's Office,
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To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir.

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board under date the 11th. Instant for the consideration of His Excellency and Government.—

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.o Office
16th. August 1814.—

To the Surgeon to the General Hospital

Sir,

As First Dresser Trotter has been found incompetent to the duties of Assistant to the Dispensers Department in H.M. Naval Hospital. I am directed by the Medical Board to desire that he may resume his situation as 1st. Dresser in the General Hospital from the period of his discharge from his late employ with His Majesty's service.—

I have the honor to be Yr. Obt.
Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.o Office
16th. August 1814.—

Fort St. George 18th. August 1814.

To the Secretary to the, Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to annex the Copy of a Letter received from the Superintendent of Police respecting a, Native, Man named Mooten supposed to be labouring under, Mental derangement and to request that the, Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to his examination.—

He has been directed to attend at the, Medical Board Office for examination on the forenoon of Tomorrow at 10 o'clock.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) J. B. Fraser
S.M.

Town, Major's Office
Fort St. George
17th. August 1814.—

To the Town, Major
Fort St. George

Sir

A, Malabar Man named Mooten seems to be labouring under mental derangement, therefore I request to know when I may send him to undergo a professional examination with a view of his being sent to the Lunatic Hospital.—

Madras Police Office
17th. August 1814.—

(a True Copy)
(Signed) J. B. Fraser
S.M.

(Signed) John Kelly Symons
Superintendent of Police

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To the Town, Major of
Fort St. George

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 17th. Instant with Copy of its Letter annexed thereto from the, Superintendent of the, Police relative to a Native Man named Mooten, I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Certificate from the, Medical Board.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient, servant
(Signed) Henry Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
19th. August 1814.—

Fort St. George, Med.l Bd. Office
18th. August 1814.—

This is to certify that I have this day duly & carefully examined a Native, Man named, Mooten referred to the, Medical Board by the Town, Major of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labor under, Mental Derangement, or otherwise.—

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me that the above person is completely deranged in his intellects & accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the, Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum

(Signed) Henry Harris, M.D.
2d. Member, Medical Board
Sup.d the Residency Div.n

(Signed) Alex.r Watson, M.D.
President, Medical Board
" Alex.r Boswell
1st. Member Med.l Board

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To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the, Medical Board of Yesterday's date, No. 182 for the consideration of His Excellency the commander in Chief & Government & No. 3 for that of His Excellency the commander in Chief only.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient, Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.a Office
19th August 1814.

To the Paymaster
of Extraordinaries

Sir,

The Carpenter and the other Persons who supplied the, Articles to which my Letter of the 24th February last refers being much distressed by the delay which has taken place in finally passing the accounts I am instructed to solicit your attention to that communication which has not yet been noticed.

I have the honor to be Sir &c.
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.a Office
20th August 1814.

Fort St. George 22d August 1814

To the, Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you by desire of the, Medical Board the accompanying * Letter with Indents from, Mr. Staff, Surgeon Connell and to request in consideration of the exigency of the Service that you will supply the, Medicines &c. required therein as soon as possible.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient, Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

* These are original & signed

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.a Office
22d August 1814.

To the 2d. Member of the, Medical Board
Superintending the, Presidency

Sir,

I am directed by the, Medical Board to furnish you with the enclosed Extract from the Resolution of the Honorable the Governor in Council dated the 16th Instant relative to, Mr. Young which you will be pleased to communicate to the, Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient, Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.a Office
22d August 1814.

Fort St. George 23d August 1814.

Military Department

Extract from the Resolution of the Honorable the Governor in Council Dated 16th August 1814.

"In consideration of the destitute condition of Mr. Young, and with reference to his late unfortunate situation and to the peculiar circumstances under which his claim to relief is submitted to notice, the Governor in Council has been pleased to grant an authority for supplying him with the sum of Pag. 100 as recommended in these Proceedings on his final discharge from the Lunatic Hospital

By order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) Ed. Wood
Secty to Govt.

(A True Extract)

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

To the Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date, No. 182 for the consideration

Fort St. George 23d August 1814.

consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
23d August 1814.

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

To Mr. Asst. Surgeon Harwood
Vellore

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Extract from the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council under date the 16th Instant relative to your claims for reimbursements on account of Hospital Cloathing delivered over at the Isle of France.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
23d August 1814.

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Military Department

Extract from the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council Dated 16th August 1814.

Read

Fort St. George 23d. August 1814.

Read the following letter from the Commander-in-Chief's Military Secretary.

Head Quarters 10th. August.

"Under the explanation now offered by Mr. Assist. Surgeon Harwood, of the delay which was observed in the former consideration of his case, - as submitted with the letter dated the 10th of June last from the Commander-in-Chief's Military Secretary - to preclude the admission of his claim to reimbursement for certain Hospital Clothing delivered over in December 1810 to the Hospitals at the Isle of France. The Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the whole of the Papers be referred to the Military Auditor General for examination and adjustment of the charge if correct."

Incl. 14th June 1814.

(True Extract)
(Signed) Ed. Wood
Secry to Govt.

(True Extract)
(Signed) H. Scott
M. S.

To the President and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter of Yesterday's date, with its enclosures from the Asst. Surgeon to

Fort St. George 23d. August 1814.

to the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force, and to report to you that, supplies of Medicines and Medical Stores, to a much greater extent, than those specified in the present Extra Indents from Mr. Connell, and from the Surgeon of the 2d. Battalion of H. M. Royal Scots, were dispatched for Masulipatam on the 6th. Instant, and that a letter Pro. Sappral giving advice of the same, was also, on the same day, forwarded by me, to Mr. Deputy Medical Storekeeper Johnston. It is to be hoped therefore, that the supply required for the Royal Scots, is by this time, on it's way from Masulipatam to Secundrabad. I shall notwithstanding forward without delay, the Articles now sanctioned by your Order.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient, Servant
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George
Med. Storek. Rs. Office
23d. August 1814.

To the Paymaster of Extraordinaries

Sir,

Agreeable to the Instructions contained in Mr. Secry. Woods letter of the 5th. November last I have the honor to transmit to you a 4th. Bill for an Almanac and an Army List which were included in the Indent for Furnitures &c. and should have accompanied the others sent to you on the 24th. February last but was omitted it not having

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Fort St. George 24th. August 1814.

at the time been presented for Payment.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed), Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e Office
24th. August 1814.—

To, A. Stewart Esqr.

Secretary to the, Medical Board

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 20th. Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Extra Bill therein alluded to, has been forwarded to the, Military Auditor General to be submitted to Government & when it is passed you shall be informed thereof.—

I am

Sir,

your most obedt. Servant

(Signed) P. Cherry. Paymaster

Mily. Pay Office
Fort St. George
25th. August 1814.—

To the, Military Secretary

to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the, Medical Board under date the 22d. Instant for the consideration of His Excellency & Government.—

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed), Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Md. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e Office
24th. August 1814.—

Fort St. George 26th. August 1814.

To the, Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the, Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed), Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.e Office
26th. August 1814.—

To, Alexander Watson Esqr., M.D.

President and, Members of the, Medical Board

Madras

Gentlemen,

In consequence of my having observed in late Lt. C. that Travancore has been made a distinct command from the, Southern Division, and put upon the same footing that it was previous to 1809. When my, superintendency did not extend to the, Senior Medical Officer in charge in that Country, I have taken the liberty of requesting that Mr. Colhoun do hence forth send his, Returns and Official, Papers & direct to your, Board.— I hope in so doing that my conduct may meet with

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with your approbation, to which it is at all times my study that it should do.—

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6th. August 1814.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient, servant
(Signed) White, Ainslie
Supt. Surgeon Southern Division

To Alexander Walker Esqre. M.D. President
and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

Having repeatedly noticed to you in most recent communications the great advantages I have known derived from a judicious use of Specacuanha in dysenteric complaints especially in those unconnected with morbid abdominal structure, I am induced to hope, that the following short dissertation on this valuable medicine may not prove unacceptable to you: it is the result of an accurate examination I have lately made of the works of many writers who have had occasion to mention Specacuanha amongst the various remedies employed in their cure.

The use of Specacuanha in Dysenteric affections is now of possibly a late date amongst us may I imagine not have been introduced into England

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that the root itself was first imported. Its medical virtues are particularly described by Margrave, and also by Pison in his natural history of Brasil (who wrote about the year 1648) though it does not appear according to Savary[1] to have been much sought after in Europe before 1700. Its efficacy in bowel derangement was long ago ascertained by the adventurers to the western world; and we have every occasion to believe, that the natives of those countries themselves were well acquainted with it at a much earlier period[2] Pison in his Medicorum Brasiliensis as we find quoted by Dr. Alston in his Materia Medica talks very highly of Specacuanha "nec crudo (crypsith) praestantius remedium adversus "pluvimos morbos ex longa obstructione ortos imprimis in "ventris flexibus in hisce terris reperiri facile" The physicians of our own country have done ample justice to its excellent qualities we cannot indeed expect that Sydenham who died in 1689, could take notice of a remedy which we have just seen was but little known

1 See his Dictionary Vol. 2d. page 462.

2 "Ne peut assez prendre ce remede a la maniere des Brasiliens
"que nous leur fait connoitre d'que nous le fournissent les
Tablet quid ait simplic. p. 7. tome 2d.

3 See Vol. 1st. page 459

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known in Europe till eleven or twelve years after his death but we find that Dr. Mead[1] in the beginning of his practice used and did not cease till 1761 one of the most memorable mention of it is been given in the disease in question by Dr. Pringle[2] who calls it Cachexia but to have administered it in the very worst kind of dysentery by mixing five tithonths of Ipecacuanha in his Diascordium" and Dr. Clephorne[3] prescribed to Ipecacuanha in dysenteries called Dr. Mosely[4] on his "Commentaries" recommends giving 15 grains pealed into small doses of it every six hours in a draught of mint water mixed with half a dram of the Spiritus Aromaticus Dr. Trotter[5] used it in similar disorders with great success Dr. Medley[6] a gentleman of exemplary research and who made more minute inquiry into the nature of the complaint than perhaps any other writer, talks with the greatest confidence of the

1 See Mead's Medical works page 384 New Edition
2 See Pringle's diseases of the Army page 231 & 232. 2d. Edition
3 See Clephorne's diseases of Minorca. page 144 - 3d. Edition
4 Vide Capt. 2.
5 See Medicina Nautica Vol 1st. page 383
6 See his Treatise on tropical diseases page 231 - 4th. Edition

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the efficacy of this medicine in bowel affections and Dr. James Clark[1] I may well add the judicious and correct James Clark I may well add the judicious and correct says in his Chapter on dysentery "In the treatment of this "disease I have chiefly trusted for many years past to the "early use of Ipecacuanha, in infusion can take it upon "me to aver that the practice has been attended with better "ordinary success"

After the many authors I have noticed who have spoken in favour of the use of Ipecacuanha in fluxes, as referred to by Dr. Mosely[2] in his treatise on tropical diseases that Dr. Baster in his work "de dysenteria "Londinensi" which he wrote in 1702 disapproved of Ipecacuanha, as not agreeing with Sydenham's theories he thought that it had no virtue in fluxes beyond its emetic tion Dr. Donald Monro[3] in his observations on the diseases of soldiers tells us, that though he began by giving Ipecacuanha, he meant it merely as an emetic and that he placed more reliance for the cure of the disease on the frequent use of purges, so much so indeed that for the first twelve

1st. See Dr. James Clarke's treatise on the yellow fever and other diseases vol. 1. p. 112

2d. See his Treatise page 382 4th. Edition
3d. See his Observations pages 340 342 & 346 Vol 1st. 2d. Edition

twelve or fifteen days, he seldom found it proper to give any other sort of medicine." — Dr. John Hunter, on his observations on the diseases of the army in Jamaica, which were made in 1788 and 1793, does not even mention this valuable drug, in treating of dysentery; the troublesome, entirely to purge and opiates given alternately, and when the patient became convalescent by the frequent repetitions of the evacuations he had recourse to Bark. the use of vomits[2] he reprobates in strong terms. "the sickness produced by them (he says) is often fatal; purgatives" but perhaps the most decided enemy to Ipecacuanha in complaints of this nature, and he is the last I shall mention is Dr. John Clark[3] he in his observations on the diseases of long voyages says talking of its causing perspiration, relieving tormina and opening the bowels "if these effects are produced, of this, great virtues it must be an estimable remedy." "I have frequently tried it, but have acknowledge it has very little advantage" and he adds in a note at the bottom of the same page "I have since found Ipecacuanha as little to be depended on in the dysentery

1. Practical observations on the diseases of Jamaica page 179. 180
2d. Edition
2. See his same page 189
3. See Clarks observations on the diseases of long voyages Vol 2d page 329. 2d. Edition

of this country (England) as in those of the East Indies."
Here is an opinion diametrically opposite to that advanced by Dr. James Clark, and cited above — it is indeed one that comes home to the medical men of India and would certainly, from the confidence with which it is asserted, stagger (on my faith, were that not formed, after a happy experience of upwards of twenty years, to a firm belief in the principle ante obstinate virtues of the Pulvis Ipecacuanhæ; and which at the same time so materially differ from those of the gentleman just mentioned.
stands unrivalled. and whose practical remarks on many other diseases are I think invaluable. But the doubts and differences about the good effects arising from the use of this medicine, are not more numerous than are those regarding its modus operandi; by some it is supposed to prove effectual by its antispasmodic power, by some, its purging quality, whilst others affirm that every thing is done by its astringent virtues. Dr. Alston tells us, in opposition to Dr. Hoy, that he expects more from its purgative than its alterative nature. Dr. Cullen thinks and I fear not without real sagacity, that this remedy cannot possibly

1st. See his Materia Medica Vol 1st page 474
2d. See his Materia Medica Vol 2d page 477. Quarto Edition

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possibly answer any good purpose in dysentery, unless from its laxative power, and the cure be conceived to be best brought about by an effectual use of purgative medicines. If I may venture to differ with so many gentlemen I have named, and disagree I should say and I am supported in so saying, by the high authority of Dr. Mosely as well as others that Ipecacuanha produces its healthy effects in chronic diseases chiefly by its relaxing quality and the consequent power it has of increasing the tendency of the humours to the surface. I could Dr. Lind from the way in which he prescribed it accept any benefit to arise, unless it was to operate as a diaphoretic. Of its astringent quality there may doubtless, though this was shown one of the virtues ascribed to it by Pitcairn who says "cum adstrictorum fortis se reboret" Its lessening the number of stools may have led to this supposition, the bowels thereby becoming relieved on effect of humours to the surface of the body. I mention my further doubts of the actual purgative quality of Ipecacuanha, with greater diffidence because I believe it is generally conceived

Dr.

1. See his treatise on Tropical diseases page 334 2d. Edition.
2. See his Essay on the diseases of hot climates page 316. 5th. Edition.
3. Vide Pitcairn Nat. & med. Hist. Accident Lib. 11 Obsch. 77.

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Dr. James Clarke and no man's opinion is I respect more) says that in large doses, given in infusion, it purges effectually but that powder it seldom does; hence it may be occasionally informed that if we have cured many dysenteries by means of the powder it has not been by its purgative quality, but by some other, and that other, I conceive to be the powder it has of exciting nausea and diaphoresis and I must add the capability I think it possesses of counteracting in some measure peristaltic motion of the intestines. I administering this powder in the bowel complaints of India I do not think it improbable that has the disease become milder, from its use and the intestines of course much less irritable, than when they are first passed, may have first induced a disposition to its purgative nature, when in fact it proved nothing more than the abatement of a distressing symptom. I may more I have often observed in treating fluxes with this remedy that on the last day of indisposition tho' the same quantity of the Ipecacuanha had been given as at the beginning the patient had not even one motion, a circumstance which must prove any thing but its purgative quality. Some medical writers object to giving this medicine so as to excite vomiting, I would not certainly study to produce it, yet at the same time I cannot advise

1. See his treatise on yellow fever 8vo. page 163
2. Dr. Macbride cautions us against vomiting. See Practice of Physic Vol 2d. page 287. 2d Edition.

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allow that when prosecuted, it does much harm on the contrary I am not sure of. I have not remarked, that the cases in which I found the most speedy & complete relief from all painful symptoms, were those in which the patients were occasionally so much relieved by vomiting. nor am I singular in this notion. Pitcairn one of the ablest writers we have on the disease, was a great advocate for carrying the dose of this medicine so high, which he called his anchora sacra so far as to make it operate as an emetic, and for a similar reason too, that it might thereby relieve the parts affected "ab effe-ta (Mesenteric) contenta, per vomitum ejectis, a parte affecta derivando" — I shall now hasten to conclude these remarks, by observing, that the practice of frequently repeating purgatives in bilious complaints, has I think, of late been happily in a great measure laid aside, in these provinces — this I mention however with all due respect for the opinions of Doctors Hunter and John Clark, as noticed above, as well as those of our great teacher Dr. Cullen; but the numerous cures we see every day performed by a very different mode of management in support of our opinion, that of late, in the most dangerous kinds of fever, it has been found the readiest way to health, to lessen time by administering even our purgative

Vide Hist. & Cases by Med. Soc. Edinr. Decades 3d. & 4th. Cap. IX.

Sir Geo. Baker's Cases Vol. 2d. page 122. Edition by Dr. Heberden

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purgative to change the bowels (as it is called) at the commencement of the disorder. Dysenteric affections may certainly be somewhat different on a hot climate, from what we find them in these provinces. I believe they are, and so far, the antiphlogistic method may be more especially applicable to purgation, that may be more especially applicable to purgation, but I cannot help thinking, but that it carried with it some strong recommendations for its adoption. Late events for a year back, every where shewed us, how often the duration of the disease, saves the abraded part of the intestines, and prevents the universal removal of that slime, and healing nature, the best physician of which must in a great measure constitute the cure of disease. The advantage in general, derived from a mild purgative, at the beginning of any attack no one will dispute, and there are, we know, cases in which even the repeated use of purgative medicines may be necessary during the continuance of the malady, nor should be unsparingly administered, if the ordinate secretions of bile, must be disavowing it, and these can readily be discovered by a pallid face, frequent yawnings, foulness of tongue, increased heat of urine, high, coloured ones, nausea and uneasiness in the hypogastric region. Separation too of the relation has

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has not been rendered sufficiently complete to allow them to pass off, must be removed. but I am convinced that such cases are by no means common, at least in this country; and must candidly aver, that as far as I have been able to judge; I conceive it to be a much safer and better practice in treating the disease under discussion to withhold as much as possible, from purgative medicines

Mild Opiates under proper restrictions and when their effects are narrowly watched, are of considerable service in bowel affections, in the secondary stage of every case, they are adding safely, and in some of those of a more violent nature attended with a dangerous discharge of blood.) as the intelligent Mr. Abercrombie has taught us they when given in large doses at the very commencement would appear to snatch the patient from the jaws of death.— We find Sydenham of old followed a practice exactly similar in such cases of flux as he conceived, not to be epidemical. Sanguineous was in these, but to be remedy, not preceded by any evacuating medicine whatever; as a mode however notwithstanding the high authority we see a few years afterwards most severely

1st. Vide Opera Sydenham: de dysenteria annis: 1669 - Cap: III

1670. 1671. 1672

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severely called in question by two physicians every way as eminent: Sir Astley Cooper and Dr. Heberden who anxiously cautions us against the mischief that may be[2] [1] [2] [1] [2] [1] [

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This may be taken in the course of the twenty four hours varying the quantities of the medicines according to the age and constitution of the patient, at the same time a dram or a dram and a half of strong mercurial ointment may be rubbed in the morning and evening.

Shave to say on this subject by stating that as far as my experience goes I think the dysenteric disorders in which there is the greatest chance of Ipecacuanha proving beneficial are such as are not attended with or ushered in by any violent affection of the liver, spleen or mesentery; but are accompanied with a considerable degree of pyrexia, tenesmus and discharge of mucus by the anus. On the other hand I am of opinion, that the fluxes in which benefit may rather be looked for from a use of mercury are those accompanied with little or no pyrexia and which are attended, or have been with more or less uneasiness in the region of the liver; complaints of this sort are distinguished by great irregularity of the bowels, which are sometimes costive at other times too.

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I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Hble
Servt
Reynold White Assistt
Surgn
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To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Southern Division of the Army

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge by desire of the Medical Board the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant & to inform you that in consideration of the change which has been made in the command of the Troops at Travancore they entirely approve of your suggestion that the staff surgeon of that Force be directed to forward his returns & official papers on stations direct to this Office.

I am also instructed to acknowledge the

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receipt of your communication of the 11th Instant and to convey to you the thanks of the Board for your judicious remarks on the virtues of Ipecacuanha in Dysenteric affections. Observation coming from an officer of your acknowledged Zeal & Skill & extensive experience cannot fail to prove highly acceptable and generally instructive.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St George
Med.l Bd. Office
26th. August 1814

To the President and Members
of the Medical Board

Gentlemen.

In consequence of their being no boat yet established at Guntoor, and Mr. Lushington the Judge, now on Leave at the Presidency, being very desirous that I should accompany him, when he returns to his Station, I have the honor to solicit you would be pleased, with your sanction to obtain for me, the Honble the Governor in Council's permission of Leave of Absence for the period of Six Weeks to the Presidency, on my being relieved from the duty I am now employed on, in order that my services may be available to Mr. Lushington, as also to afford me an opportunity of arranging my private affairs.

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I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Haines
Asst Surgeon

To Mr. Assistant Surgeon W. Haines
Lillaloo of Guntoor

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant I am directed to transmit for your information the accompanying Extract from the Resolution of Government dated the 25th instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

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Med.l Board Office
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Extract from the Resolution of the Honble the Governor in Council dated the 25th August 1814.

Resolved to permit Mr. Assistant Surgeon William Haines to visit the Presidency for Six Weeks and order accordingly.

By order of the Honorable the Governor in Council

(Signed) Ed. Wood
Secretary to Govt

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(A true Extract)
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish you with the accompanying Extracts of Letters from the Officer Commanding and the Surgeon Superintending the Mysore Division on the subject of the great want of European Medecines which has been experienced both in the Garrison and Regimental Hospitals, and arising as would appear by Mr. Peyton's letter from the very deficient manner in which the Deputy Medical Storekeepers Indents have been complied with.

As the annual supply of European Medicines has now in part arrived, I am desired to direct that Mr. Scarman's extra Indent may be fully complied with and I am at the same time instructed to desire that you will be pleased to furnish the Board with a list of the last supply of Medicines which have already been forwarded to that Division.

The Medical Board have desired me further to observe that where the State of the Stores is such as to render a very material deduction in the division Indents ne-

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cessary. You will bring the circumstance to their particular notice in order that measures may be adopted to remedy the deficiency.

I am accompanying Extract of a letter from the Superd. Surgeon of the Northern Division on the same subject has just reached the Board which I am desired to Enclose also for your information and guidance

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board.

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Extract of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Mysore Division to the Commander in Chiefs, Military Secretary
Dated Bangalore 21st. August 1814.

Whilst on this subject I must beg the favor of you to mention to His Excellency that from what Mr. Peyton informs me, there still exists a great want of the most useful Medicines in the several Garrison and Regimental Hospitals in this Division notwithstanding the frequent representations that have been made relative thereto, I therefore trust the Commander in Chief will be induced to refer the matter for the consideration of Government

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in event of the Medical Board not adopting some more active measures to remedy a deficiency attended with such serious consequences that of incurring the possible chance of the loss of the Life of a Soldier.—

(True Extract)
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Extract of a Letter from the Superintending Surgeon of the Mysore Division Dated 22d. August 1814.—

"In forwarding you the Quarterly Return of Medical Stores &c. I beg leave to request your attention to the very small Quantity of the most Essential Medicines remaining in Store. The Medical Gentlemen in charge of Corps in this Division, complain of the inadequate supply they receive for their Hospitals, and at a season when the cases are Violent and urgent the most serious inconvenience is experienced, I therefore hope you will be pleased to direct the Medical Storekeeper's Indents to be fully complied with. None of the Medicines for which an Extra Indent was forwarded about the 20th. of June last have as yet arrived but received, and the Medical Storekeeper has had, only a few days ago, intimation of a very small supply being on the road, which will not be sufficient for the ensuing Quarter.—

(True Extract)
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

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Extract of a Letter from the Superintending Surgeon of the Northern Division Dated 16th. August 1814.—

"On the 28th. Ultimo, I had the honor to address the Medical Board direct, pointing out our great and distressing want of Medicines—and the almost universal and constant complaints from Medical Officers in this Division on the subject.—

May I request the favor of your again bringing this to their notice, as I have not heard of the arrival of any supplies since."

(True Extract)
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you for the purpose of being submitted to the Medical Board, a letter to the Secretary of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and to request in the event of this receiving approval thereof it be transmitted with the accompanying enclosure.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) W. E. Conwell

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Mr. Assistant Surgeon Conwell

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 3d. Instant I am directed to transmit for your information the accompanying Extract from the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council under date the 28. Instant.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient, Servant

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Medical Board

Military Department

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Med.l Bd.s Office
30th August 1814.—

Extract from the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council Dated 28th August 1814.—

Read the following Letter from the Commander in Chief's Military Secretary.—

Here enter 19th August A.—

Resolved that authority be given for the discharge of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Conwell's Abstracts for the arrears of his Pay and allowances, on a declaration upon

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upon honor, as to the correctness of his demands.—

(True Extract)

(Signed) Ed: Wood
Secretary to Govt.

(True Extract)

(Signed) Hugh Scott
Mr.

(True Copy)

Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

To the Senr. Member of the Medical Board
Superintending the Presidency Division.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to transmit to you the accompanying Extract from the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council under date the 26th Instant on the claims of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Burton which you will be pleased to communicate to that Gentleman for his information.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient, Servant

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

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Extract from the Minutes of the Honorable the Governor in Council in the Military Department Dated 26th. August 1814.

Read the following Letter from the Commander in Chief's Military Secretary.

Head Quarters 18th. August 1814

"The Governor in Council is pleased, in consideration of the circumstances stated in the application from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Burton, submitted with the foregoing Letter, explanatory of the delay which has occurred in bringing forward the present claim, to grant authority for extending to that Gentleman the same indulgence as was allowed, under the Board's Resolution of the 18th. July 1800, to the Officers and Cadets of this Establishment, who were employed on duty with the Army Serving at the Reduction of the Cape of Good Hope, under the orders of Major General Sir David Baird."

(A true Extract)
(Signed) Ed. Wood
Secretary to Govt.

(A True Copy)
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secty. Med. Board.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) Hugh Scott
M.S.

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To the Military Secretary to
His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 29th. Instant. No. 182 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government & the latter, for that of His Excellency the Commander in Chief only.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secy. Med. Board.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
31st. August 1814

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to annex the copy of a Letter received from the Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital respecting a Store Lascar named Parmaul supposed to be labouring under Mental derangement and to request that the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to his examination.

He has been directed to attend at the Medical

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Medical Board office for examination on the forenoon of Thursday at 11 Oclock.

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30th August 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
S.M.

To the Town Major
Fort St. George

Sir,

Lore Lascar Permaul having been sent into the General Hospital in a state of Lunacy, I have the honor to request that he may be examined by the Medical Board.—

(Signed) Willm. Ord Surgeon
General Hospital

Madras
General Hospital
30th August 1814.

(a true copy)
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
S.M.

To the Town Major of Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 30th Ultimo with copy of one annexed thereto from the Surgeon of the General Hospital relative to a Lore Lascar named Permaul I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Certificate from the

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the Medical Board.—

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Med.l Bd.e Office
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George, Med.l Bd.e Office 1st September 1814.

This is to certify that I have this day duly & carefully examined a Lore Lascar Native Permaul referred to the Medical Board by the Town Major of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labor under Mental derangement or otherwise.—

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me that the above person is completely deranged in his Intellects and accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.—

(Signed) Alex.r Watson M.D.—
President Med.l Board.—

(Signed) Henry Harris M.D.
2d Member Med.l Board
& Supt. the Presd.y Division.—

Alex.r Boswell
3d Member Med.l Board

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To the President and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have herewith the honor to submit, for your approbation an Extra Indent from Mr. Asst. Surgeon Swart for European Medicines required, for the use of the 2d. Battalion 14th. Regiment Native Infantry.

I beg your Instructions particularly with regard to the Duncan's Dispensatory mentioned in this Indent, as the supply from England, will not by any means admit of a Copy being furnished to every Corps.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George
Med.l Storekeeper's Office
12th. August 1814.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 12th. Ultimo. I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a Circular Letter addressed to the Superintending Surgeons of the several Divisions regarding the

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the Edinburgh Dispensatory.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

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Med.l Bd. Office
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Circular

To Superintending Surgeons

Sir,

Considerable difficulty having frequently been experienced by Medical Officers in procuring late Editions of the Edinburgh Dispensatory - The Medical Board in order to obviate this inconvenience, were induced to Indent for a number of Copies of Duncan's last Edition of this valuable publication - several Copies have in consequence been received - And I am directed to inform you that they are for sale at the Offices of the Medical & Deputy Storekeepers and are to be procured by Medical Officers on Indent Countersigned by the Superintending Surgeons of Divisions.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board
&c.

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To the, Military Secretary
to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date, No. 182 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government and, No. 3 for that of His Excellency the Commander in Chief only.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
2.d September 1814.—

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directe to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date, No. 182 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
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To the, Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterdays date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed), Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd.s Office
9th. September 1814.—

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to annex the Copy of a letter from the Commandant of Artillery at St. Thomas's Mount respecting a Matross named James Ayres of the 2d. Bn. of Artillery supposed to be labouring under Mental derangement & to request that the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to his examination.

The Matross alluded to accompanies this Letter.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
Signed J. S. Fraser
J. M.

Town Majors Office
Fort St. George
12th. September 1814.—

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To the Town Major
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward to your office under charge of the Bearer, Matross James Ayres of the 2d Batt.n of Artillery, whose reception in the Lunatic Hospital is recommended by the Surgeon of that Corps, who has reported, that he has done every thing in his power for the man's recovery, but that many of the means necessary for his cure cannot be found in a Regimental Hospital.—

I have &c.
Signed R. Bell
M. G.

St. Thomas's Mount
11th September 1814.

P.S. The Surgeons Statement of the Patients case accompanies.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
S.M.

James Ayres Bassoon Player in the Band of 2d Battalion Artillery first reported to me as acting extraordinarily on the 23d July last, was on the same day received into Hospital labouring under a slight degree of Amentia.—

No cause for his complaint has been ascertained unless

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unless it may have proceeded from a blow, occasioning depression of the Cranium, received years ago, the mark of which is very apparent.—

[illegible] as being married, and having children I endeavoured to effect his cure here, and for this purpose have tried the effects of Purgatives very repeatedly, of Blistering, local Bleedings, Digitalis & Camphor, aided by cold affusion, privacy, & confinement. But his disease having been lately on the increase, and the only safe accomodation for him here not being airy & cool, it has been recommended to his Commanding Officer that he should be sent to Madras for the purpose of being examined by a Member of the Medical Board, and of admission into the Lunatic Asylum.—

Signed J. Hay
Surgeon 2d Batt.n Artly

Mount
11th Sept.r 1814.

To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this days date with copy of one annexed thereto from the Commandant of Artillery at St. Thomas's Mount relative to a Matross, or Bassoon Player, named James Ayres—together with a Statement of his case from the

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the Surgeon of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery. I am directed to inform you that the Medical Board conceive him to be in such a state of Mental derangement as to render it advisable that he should be placed under the care of the Surgeon of the Lunatic Asylum.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George, Medical Bd. Office
12th. September 1814.—

This is to certify that I have this day duly and carefully examined a Bassoon Player of the 2d. Battr. Artillery named James Ayres referred to the Medical Board by the Town Major of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labor under mental derangement or otherwise.—

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me that the above person is deranged in his intellects and accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintt. of the Lunatic Asylum.—

(Signed) Alexr. Watson M.D.
President Medl. Board
" Alexr. Boswell
3d. Member Medl. Board

(Signed) H. Harris M.D.
2d. Member Medl. Board
Supt. the Presy. Division.—

To

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
12th. September 1814.—

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To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
13th. September 1814.—

Military Board Office

To the Secretary to the Medical Board

Sir,

The Military Board having it in contemplation at present, to establish Plans for the construction of Hospitals for the Sick of European Regiments, I have the honor to request, (as connected with the proposed arrangements) that the Medical Board will be pleased to

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to state their opinion, what distance should be allowed between the botts of the Patients in Hospitals.—

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I am
Sir,
Your obedient, Servant
(Signed) W. Ormsby
S. M. B.

To the Secretary to the, Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th. Instant requesting by desire of the Military Board that this Board would state their opinion of the distance which should be allowed between the botts of the Patients in an European Hospital.—

In reply I am directed to acquaint for the information of the, Military Board that in order to guard against a crowded state of the Hospital as well as to afford a sufficient space for the operations of the, Medical attendant the, Medical Board are of opinion that a space of two feet should be preserved between the botts of each European Patient in Hospitals.—

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Med.l B.d Office
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I have the honor to be &c.a &c.a
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

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To the, Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the, Medical Board of Yesterday's date, N.o 182 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
(Signed), Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l B.d Office
16th. September 1814

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterday's date N.o 182 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government and N.o 3 for that of His Excellency the Commander in Chief only.—

I have the honor to be &c.a &c.a
(Signed) Alex.r Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

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Med.l B.d Office
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To the Military Secretary

To His Excellcy the commander in chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterday's date No. 1 and 2 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the commander in chief and Government and the latter for that of His Excellency only.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Alex.r Stewart

Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
23d. September 1814

To the President & Members
of the Medical Board

Gentlemen

Information having reached me, that Mr Ainslie Superintending Surgeon to the Southan Division of the Army, had in contemplation to resign that situation in a short time with the view of proceeding to Europe, I humbly request the Medical Board will be pleased to recommend me to His Excellency the comm[illegible]

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ment, as successor to Mr Ainslie in the Medical Superintendency of that Division.

The Board will I trust find no impropriety in granting me an indulgence, which was solately accorded to Mr Boswell, by his removal from the Mysore Division to this Force.—

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
Jn.o Goldie
Supt. Surgeon
H. S. F.

Camp at Saulnah
9th Sept. 1814.—

To John Goldie Esqr.
Supt. Surgeon
H. S. F.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge by desire of the Medical Board the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant requesting that you may be recommended to His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government as successor to Mr Ainslie in the Medical Superintendency of the Southern Division of the Army.

In reply I am desired to inform you that under existing circumstances the Medical Board regret that

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that they do not feel themselves at liberty to recommend to His Excellency and Government this option of situation you request.—

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Med.l Board Office
26th. September 1814.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

To Alexander Watson Esqr. M. D.
President & Members of the Medical Board
Madras

Gentlemen,

Being desirous of obtaining two Months leave of absence from the Division to commence from the 8th. of October next, for the purpose of visiting Chilloor and Madras on my private affairs, I beg that you will have the goodness to take the necessary steps to procure for me this indulgence — Accompanying I forward to you the required Sanction of the Officer Commanding the Southern Division enabling me to make this application.—

Trichinopoly
31st. August 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Whil.m Ainslie
Supl. Surgeon S.D.

To

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To the Superintending Surgeon
Southern Division

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th. Instant, and to acquaint you that the Officer Commanding the Forces in the Southern Division sanctions your application for leave of absence being forwarded to Head Quarters through the prescribed Channel.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
C. B. M. Johnston
M. B.

Brigade Major's Office
Head Quarters S. D.
Cootallum 24th. August 1814.—

To the Superintending Surgeon
Southern Division of the Army
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge by desire of the Medical Board the receipt of your letter of the 31st. Ultimo and to transmit to you in reply the accompanying Extract from the Resolution of the Honorable the Governor in Council under date the 16th. instant.—

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Med.l Board Office
27th. Sept.r 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart Secy. M.B.

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To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board dated 26th instant No. 1 & 2 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.-

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

(signed) Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Board Office
28th September 1814-

To the Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to transmit to you the accompanying Letters No. 1 2 & 3. from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department and from the Military Auditor General of the Army- together with a Bill from the Veterinary Surgeon of H. M. 25th Dragoons- and to request that you will be pleased to examine and report at as early a period, as may be practicable whether the Number of Horses for the Six Months in question- has been excluded from the regular Regimental charges

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charges for Horse Medicine during the above period.

You will return the Enclosed papers.-

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(signed) Alexander Stewart

Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
29th September 1814-

To the Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am instructed by the Medical Board to furnish you with the Enclosed letters from the Chief Secretary to Government & Mr. Cole and to request that you will state to the Board whether the quantity of Bark in Store is such as to enable them to abstract the quantity required by the Rajah of Mysore- without injury to the public Service-

You will be pleased to return the accompanying Letters after perusal-

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart

Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
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To

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To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the commander in chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the commander in chief.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) A. Stewart Secretary M. B.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
30th. September 1814.—

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the commander in chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board under date the 29th. Ultimo for the consideration of His Excellency the commander in chief & Government.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Stewart Secry M. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
1st. October 1814.—

To the President & Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of

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of your Secretary's letter, dated the 29th Ultimo. together with its enclosures, from the chief Secretary to the Government, and the Resident in Mysoor. and in reply, to state to you that, the Stock of Bark at present in Store, is such as to afford, without injury to the Public Service, the quantity mentioned in Mr. Boles's letter, to be required by the Rajah of Mysore.—

I herewith return the two letters above mentioned.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Rorsman Mr. Storekeeper

Fort St. George
Med. Storek. Office
3d. October 1814.—

To the President & Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter dated the 29th. Ultimo enclosing letters from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, and the Military Auditor General. Also a bill from the Veterinary Surgeon of His Majesty's 25th. Dragoons, for an allowance, on account of Regimental Horses, stated to have been on Field Service, during the months of January, February, March, April, May, & June 1814.—

Not possessing the means of knowing whether the qurterly Indents from Dragoon & Regiments

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Regiments which are uniformly countersigned by their respective commanding Officers / include the Horses detached from their Head Quarters, I cannot precisely say, how far the number of Horses in question, were, or were not inserted in the last regular Indents for Medicines.-

After a reference to these Indents however, I can confidently state that Mr. Morris drew for 806 horses, the first Quarter. and for 638 only, the Second Quarter.-

To account for this difference, it would appear, either that the horses now charged for, were included in the first quarter- or that a further number of Horses had been detached on duty, or otherwise removed from the Corps, during the second Quarter- but by an application to the Officer in Command of the Regiment this can be easily ascertained.-

To obviate all doubts in future, I would recommend that, it be stated in all Medical Indents for horses whether these horses are at their Head Quarters or detached, and that the Indents be countersigned respectively, by the Officers in command of Regiments, and detachments.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medl. Storekeeper

Fort St. George
Medl. Storek.r Office
3d. October 1814

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To the President and Members
of the Medical Board

Gentlemen.

The principal part of Medicines & Medical Stores, brought out by the Honorable Company's Ships, Prince Regent and Surrey, being now landed, I take the liberty to request that, you will be pleased to direct a Committee to assemble, for the purpose of examining them, previously to their being deposited in Store.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Medl. Storekeeper

Fort St. George
Medl. Storek.r Office
4th. October 1814.-

To the Medical Storekeeper.
Fort St. George.-

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant and to inform you that a Committee has been directed to assemble at the Medical Stores on the 12th instant for the purpose of examining & reporting upon the Medicines and Medical Stores lately landed from the Honorable Company's Ships.-

The Medical Board have desired me at the same time to direct that you will examine into the deficiencies in

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in the Medical Stores arising from Wastage Evaporation &c. &c. and hold in readiness all the Surgical Instruments in store which you conceive unfit for Service that they may be submitted to the Committee about to assemble in order that they may examine and determine upon such as are unserviceable yet capable of being repaired and such as are entirely useless— Instruments of the former description should be carefully packed up and sent for repair to Europe - agreably to the Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors—

You will also be pleased to submit to the Committee such Medicines as you conceive to be useless - that they may be destroyed—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Board Office
10th October 1814.—

A Committee consisting of
Mr. Surgeon W. Ord — President
Messrs. Assist. Surgeons
Conwell and Gibbons — Members

To assemble at the Medical Storehouse in Fort St. George on Saturday the 15th instant at 11 o'Clock A.M. for the purpose of examining and delivering over to the Medical Storekeeper (who will then be pleased to attend) the supply of European Medicines and Medical Stores landed from the

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the Honorable Company's Ships lately arrived.—

The Committee are further instructed to examine & report upon such damaged and unserviceable Medicines and Medical Instruments as may be presented to them by the Medical Storekeeper.

The Medicines damaged and in the opinion of the Committee unfit for use to be destroyed and the Instruments will be divided into such as the Committee conceive to be unserviceable yet capable of repair and into such as are entirely useless—

By order of the Medical Board.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary.

Fort St. George
Medl. Board Office
13th October 1814.—

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Southern Division

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to transmit for your information & guidance, the enclosed Extract of a Letter to the Magistrate of the Zillah of Trichinopoly under date the 27th Ultimo—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

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Extract of a letter to the Magistrate in the Zillah of Trichinopoly Dated 27th September 1814.-

Para. 1 I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in bouncil, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and to desire that you will afford to the poor people, in whose behalf you have pleaded the humanity of Government, such relief as their necessities may require, and will submit for specific sanction both an estimate of the probable expense, and afterwards a statement of the expense actually encurred, on that account The Governor in bouncil desires that you will call on any of the Medical officers at Trichinopoly for such professional assistance as may be required, and will apprize them that the necessary Medicines both Europe and bountry, are to be supplied at the public expense.

A true Extract
(Signed) D. Hill
Secy to Govt

(A true Extract
(Signed) Ed. Wood
Secy to Govt

A true Extract
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secy Med. Board

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To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish you with the accompanying Quarterly List of Medicines required for the use of the General Medical Dispensary and to request that you will be pleased to state to the Board whether the supply of Medicines demanded for the above mentioned purpose can be abstracted from the Stores without inconvenience to the public Service.-

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
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The inclosed Indents to be returned
Sig. A. S.

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Mysore Division
Bangalore

Sir,

I am instructed by the Medical Board to furnish you with the accompanying Letter No. 182 on the subject of a supply of Bark required by His Highness the Rajah of Mysore for the use of a fever Hospital recently Established at Seringapatam.-

You will be pleased to direct the Deputy Medical Storekeeper of that Garrison to furnish the above quantity of Bark.

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Board at the period stated and on the terms specified in the letter from the Chief Secretary to Government

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I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 10th instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
14th. October 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterday's date No. 1 & 2 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government and the latter for that of His Excellency only.—

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I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart Secy. Med. Bd.

Fort St. George 15th. October 1814.

To the President and Members
of the Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter, dated the 13th. instant, in which you have been pleased to desire me to state, to your Board, whether the supply of Medicines required, on its accompanying first Indent from the General Medical Dispensary, in the Black Town, can be abstracted from the Stores, without inconvenience to the "Public Service."

To the reference thus made to me, I regret to say, be in my power to give you, so satisfactory a reply as I could wish, until the Medicines and Medical Stores, lately landed from England, shall have been fully examined and delivered over to — me, by the Committee of Medical Officers, now sitting upon them. And until all the Indents for the present Quarter, &c. which are now under dispatch shall have been adequately complied with.—

In the mean while however, it may be considered incumbent on me, submissively to call your attention, to the extent to which, the Indents for Medical Stores, of the several Officers, of His Majesty, and of the Honorable Company, serving on this Establishment, have of "late years," exceeded the proportions of those Stores, Annually sent out, by the Honorable the Court of Directors.—

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I would also, solicit your attention, to the difficulties which have, to your Board, been so frequently stated to have been experienced - and which you are aware, were lately and loudly the subject of complaint, at various out-stations of the Army, from the want of Medicines. And, in consideration of these circumstances, to submit to you, whether it would not, in preference to making a further division, in the General Stock, which cannot be made without the apprehension of considerable inconvenience, be more conducive to the benefit of the Public Service, to continue, to furnish, as heretofore, such of the Inhabitants of the Black-Town, as are desirous of using European Medicines, with those supplied, on the Monthly and quarterly Indents, of Mr. Surgeon Dalton, for the service of the Madras Infirmary and Native Poor Asylum - of Mr. Assistant-Surgeon Sergeant, for the use of the Black-Town & Jails - & of Mr. Assistan Surgeon Underwood, for the Fort Dispensary, untill such an arrangement can be completed as shall enable the proposed benefit to be extended, without hazard to the welfare of those, for whom, the Honorable Company's Medicines & Medical Stores, are chiefly sent out, and intended. - And should Medicines be, in the mean time required, for the service of any of the Shipping in the Roads, which however, is very rarely the case

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base, they can as formerly, be at once supplied, from the General Store in this Fort, without inconvenience. -

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George.
Med. Storek. Office
24th. October 1814.-

(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Med. Storekeeper

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to annex the copy of a letter received from the Superintendant of Police respecting a native man named Tiroovidiam supposed to be labouring under mental derangement and to request that the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a View to his examination.

He has been directed to attend at the Medical Board Office for examination on the forenoon of Monday next at 11 O'clock. -

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Town Majors Office
Fort St. George
21st. October 1814.-

(Signed) J. S. Fraser
T. M.

To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir,

A Pariah man named Tiroovidiam seems to be labouring under Mental derangement, I therefore request to know when I may send him to undergo a Professional

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Professional examination with a View of his being sent to the Lunatic Hospital.-

Madras Police Office
20th October 1814.-

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) S. R. Symons
Superintendant of Police

(true copy)
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
T. M.

To the Town Majors of
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and to intimate to you that the Native man named Seroovidiam who is supposed to be deranged has been examined by the Medical Board, but that they do not conceive him to be in such a degree of insanity as to recommend that he should be placed in the Lunatic Asylum.-

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Medl. Board Office
24th October 1814.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Ml. Board

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the

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information of the Medical Board that a young man named Young who was some time ago discharged from the Lunatic Hospital in a state of Sanity, has again become deranged in his intellects and I request that a Member of the Board may examine him as early as Possible at Messrs. De Fries house in Town as his conduct is to outrageous as to preclude his being removed into the Fort with safety.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
T. M.

Town Majors Office
Fort St. George
21st October 1814.-

To the Town Majors of
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant relative to the examination of Mr. Young lately discharged from the Lunatic Hospital I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying certificate from the Medical Board.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Ml. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Board Office
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This is to certify that I have on the 21st instant duly and

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and carefully examined Mr. Young lately discharged from the Lunatic Hospital and referred to the Medical Board by the Town Mayor of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is deranged or otherwise.-

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me that the above person is actually deranged in his Intellects and accordingly recommended that he be committed to the charge of the Superintendant of the Lunatic Asylum.-

(Signed) A. Watson M.D.
President M. B.
H. Harris M.D.
2d. Mr. M. B.

(Signed) A. Boswell
3d. Mr. M. B.

To the Military Secretary.

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterday's date No. 182 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary M. Board

Fort St. George
M. Board Office
25th October 1814.-

To M. Assistant Surgeon Hewitson
Tranquebar

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Medical Board

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Board have approved the appointment of Audipah to be a Vaccinator of the 1st. class under you from the 1st. may last and to draw the usual pay from that date.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary M. Board

Fort St. George
M. B. Office
25th. October 1814.-

To Alexander Stewart Esq.
Superintendant of Vaccination

Sir,

I have to report to you that Mikalpilly one of the Native Vaccinators at this Station is incapacitated and unable to perform the duties of his Office from long sickness and which has been executed for some time past by a substitute D. Ansley has informed me of his having applied to you for permission to recommend a Successor.-

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo. Anderson
Assistant Surgeon Anderson
Superintendant V. S.

Rammad
3d. October 1814.

To M. Assistant Surgeon Rammad

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d. Instant and to intimate to you that as Mikalpilly is unable to conduct the Duties of Vaccination it becomes advisable to appoint in his place Adipah the Native so highly recommended by Mr. Superintending

Fort St. George 26th October 1814.

-ing Surgeon Ainslie.-

Fort St. George
M. B. Office
25th October 1814.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary M. Board

To Alexander Stewart Esqr.
Superintendant of Vaccination
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you the Registers and Journal of Patients Vaccinated in the District of Dindigul during the Month of September 1814.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Jno. Jones
Asst. Surgeon
4th N. V. Batt.

Dendigul
15th Oct. 1814.-

To Mr. Assistant Surgeon Jones

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant transmitting the Registers and Journals of Persons vaccinated in the District of Dendigul.

A complaint having been submitted to the Board from Maria Dos's Native Vaccinator of the 1st Class at Dendigul stating that he has been unjustly deprived from his situation. I have to request that he may in the mean time be restored to the situation he held until an Enquiry regarding his Conduct shall be instituted and beg at the same

time

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time to call your attention to the Enclosed Extract from the rules for the guidance of local Superintendants of Vaccinati

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary M. B.

Fort St. George on-
M. B. Office
26th October 1814.-

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accom-panying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterdays date. No. 182 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary M. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
28th October 1814.-

To The Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George.-

Sir.

I have the honor to annex for the information of the Medical Board copy of a letter from the Superintendant of Police relative to a native Man named Rasooven supposed to be labouring under Mental derangement and to request that he may be examin-ed by the Medical Board on Monday forenoon next-

ab.

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at 11 O'Block at which hour he has been directed to at-

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
T. M.

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
29th. October 1814.

To the Town Major
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to inform you that a Bramin named Rasoovern who was brought to the Police Office for Stealing, appeared in the first instance to be labouring under Mental derangement but upon enquiry I understand that he is in the habit of eating Gunjah & going about the Streets, apparently with an intention to impose on the Police and thereby escape Punishment, therefore it would be satisfactory to the Magestrates to know the Opinion of the Medical Board in regard to the actual State in which he may be and whether a Slight Punishment is likely to do him any harm - And you will be Pleased to let me know when I may send him to undergo the necessary examination -

(Signed) J. H. Symons
Superintend.t of Police

Madras Police Office
28th. October 1814.

/True Copy/
/Signed/ J. S. Fraser
T. M.

Fort St. George 31st. October 1814.

To the Town Major

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th. Instant annexing copy of a letter from the Superintendant of Police relative to a native, named Rasoovern who was supposed to be labouring under Mental derangement and requesting that he may be examined by the Medical Board -

In reply I am desired to report to you that the Board do not consider Rasoovern to be a fit subject for the Lunatic Asylum - In order to determine whether he is really insane or whether his mental imbecility arises from Indulgence in narcotic Drugs as suspected by the Superintendant of Police the Board recommend that he be placed under restraint & his conduct attentively watched for some time by careful persons -

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med.l B.

Fort St. George
Md. B.d Office
31st. October 1814.

To Alexander Stewart Esq.r Secretary
to the Medical Board

Sir,

Have the goodness to lay the accompanying letter before the Board, and to acknowledge its Receipt -

I

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Madras
31st. October 1814.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Wm. Fallowfield
Surgeon

To William Fallowfield Esqr.
Surgeon

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date with its enclosure and to inform you that it has agreeably to your desire been submitted to the President & Members of the Medical Board.

Madras
31st. October 1814.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md Board

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterdays date Nos. 1 & 2 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government & the latter for that of His Excellency only.

Fort St. George
Md Boards Office
1st. November 1814.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md Board

To

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To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board No. 1283 dated the 31st. Ultimo & 3rd. instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
4th. November 1814.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md Board

To William Ord. Esqr.
Surgeon, General Hospital

Sir,

The Medical Board have instructed me to furnish you with the accompanying Extract from Resolutions of Government for your information and Guidance.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
5th. November 1814.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md Bd.

To the President & Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose two letters, one for the Right Honorable the Governor, and one for His Excellency the Commander in Chief &

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and request you will have the goodness to lay the same before His Excellency the Commander in Chief.—

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Jnº. Goldie
Supd. Surgeon
H. S. F.

Camp at Jaulnah
18th. October 1814.—

To the Superintending Surgeon
of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Ultimo with its enclosures and in reply am directed by the Medical Board to transmit for your information the annexed Extract from the Resolution of Government under date the 4th Instant.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Board

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
7th November 1814.—

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to annex for the information

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of the Medical Board copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of Police respecting a Moor Man named Sheik Moheiden supposed to be labouring under Mental derangement, and to request that the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to His examination.—

He has been directed to attend at the Medical Board Office for examination on the forenoon of Monday next at 11 Oclock.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
S. M.

Town Mayor's Office
Fort St. George
4th November 1814.—

To the Town Major
Fort St. George

Sir

A Moor Man Named Sheik Moheiden seems to be labouring under mental derangement, I therefore request to know when I may send him to undergo a professional examination with a view of his being sent to the Lunatic Hospital.—

Signed J. H. Symons
Supt. of Police.

Madras Police Office
2d. November 1814.—

(A True Copy)
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
S. M.—

To the Town Major Fort St. George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 4th Instant with Copy of

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of one annexed thereto from the Superintendent of Police to transmit you the accompanying Certificate from the Medical Board.—

Fort St George
Medl Bd Office
8th November 1814

I have the honor to be &c &c &c
(Signed) Alexr Stewart
Secretary Medl Board

Fort St. George, Medl Bd Office
7th November 1814.—

This is to certify that I have this day duly & carefully examined a Moor Man named Sheik Mahomedan referred to the Medical Board by the Town Major of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labour under Mental Derangement or otherwise.—

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me that the above person is completely deranged in his Intellects and accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.—

(Signed) Alexr Watson, M.D.
President Medl Board

" Henry Harris, M.D.
2d Member Medl Board

(Signed) Alexr Boswell
3d Member Medl Board
& Superd the Centre Division

To

Fort St. George 9th November 1814.—

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Medical Board that Lieutenant Boyne of the 1st Battalion 19th Regiment Native Infantry is reported to be deranged in his intellects, and to request that a Member of the Board may examine him as soon as possible at the Mess House of the corps in Dispary as to the state of Lieutenant Boyne's disorder is such as to preclude his being removed into the Fort with safety.—

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
7th November 1814.—

I have the honor to be &c &c &c
(Signed) J. S. Fraser
T. M.

To the Town Major of
Fort St. George

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 7th instant relative to the examination of Lieutenant Boyne of the 1st Battalion 19th Regiment N.I. I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Certificate from the Medical Board.—

I have the honor to be &c &c &c
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mt Board.—

Fort St George
Mc Bd Office
9th Nov. 1814.—

This

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Fort St. George Medl. Bd. Office
7th. November 1814.-

This is to certify that I have this day duly and carefully examined Lieutenant Boyne of the 1st. Battalion 19th. Regiment N. I. referred to the Medical Board by the Town Major of Fort St. Geo. for the purpose of ascertaining whether He labour under Mental derangement or otherwise-

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me that Lieutenant Boyne is actually deranged in his Intellects and accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Superintendant of the Lunatic asylum-

(Signed) A. Watson M. D.
President Md. Bd.

(Signed) A. Boswell
3d. M. Md. Bd.

H. Harris M. D.
2d. Member Md. Board

To the Superintendent of the
Lunatic Hospital

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th. Ultimo enclosing the Petition of Mr. Sub Assistant Surgeon Johns Burgess to be Pensioned I am directed to transmit to you the annexed Extract from the Resolution of Government

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Government dated 25th Ultimo.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
10th. November 1814.-

(Signed) A Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of this days date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Md. Bd. Office
14th. November 1814.-

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To the Military Secretary

to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of Yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
15th. November 1814.—

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Medical Board

To

Fort St. George 17th. November 1814.

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir;

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board dated 14th. instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Mil. Bd. Office
17th. Novr. 1814.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mil. Board

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying copy of a letter from the Accountant General.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Mil. Bd. Office
17th. Novr. 1814.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mil. Board

To the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter addressed to you by the Chief Secretary to Government dated 7th. Ultimo, I have the honor to

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to request that you will cause accounts of the Value of the Bark to be supplied quarterly to the Fever Hospital established by His Highness the Rajah of Mysore, to be furnished on each occasion to this Office, in order to the adjustment of the same with the Rajah's Government pursuant to the directions of the Right Honble the Governor Council.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Acct. Gen. Office
14th. November 1814.

(Signed) Geo. Garrow
A. G.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor by desire of the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th. instant and to inform you that the Medical Storekeeper has been instructed to furnish the accounts therein required

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Mil. Bd. Office
17th. Novr. 1814.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Medl. Board

To the Secretary to the Medical Board

Sir, I have the honor to express the request of

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of the Military Board, that the Medical Board will be pleased to mention the distance which in their opinion should be allowed, in Hospitals of Native Troops, between the cotts or births of the Patients.-

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8th Novr. 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Ormsby
J. Mo. Bd.

To the Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th Instant- and in reply I am instructed to state that the same distance should be preserved between the cotts of Native Sick in Hospital (when such are deemed necessary) as between those of Europeans, that is 2 feet, the space which seems to be required in order to enable the Medical attendant to perform the usual operations & afford the necessary Assistance required by the Sick.-

Fort St. George
Mc. Bd. Office
17th Novr. 1814.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mc. Bd.

To

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To James Dallon Esqr.
&c. &c.

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 10th instant which the Medical Board were pleased to forward to His Excellency the Commander in Chief for the purpose of being Eventually Submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in council-

I am instructed to furnish you with the accompanying Letter from the Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief and to call your most early and serious attention to the 5th Para. In acknowledging the receipt of this letter you will perceive the necessity of noticing particularly the hour at which it may reach you-

Fort St. George
Mc. Bd. Office
17th Novr. 1814- 4 P.M.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mc. Bd.

To the Secretary to the
Medical Board

Sir, I have the honor to request that the Invalid Ram Sing a Sepoy transferred from the 1st Battalion 19th Regiment N. I. to the 3d N. V. Battalion may be examined before the Medical Board, who is supposed to be labouring under mental

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mental derangement; and who accompanies this letter.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
17th. Novr. 1814.-

(Signed) J. S. Fraser
T. M.

To the Town Mayor of
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th. inst. I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying certificate from the Medical Board.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
M. B. Office
18th. Novr. 1814.-

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary M. Bd.

Fort St. George M. B. Office
17th. November 1814.-

This is to certify that I have this day duly and carefully examined an Invalid Sepoy named Ramoo Sing referred to the Medical Board by the Town Major of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he labors under mental Derangement or otherwise.-

And I have to report upon such examination that it fully appears to me that the above person is deranged in his intellects and accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the

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the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.-

(Signed) A. Watson M. D.
President M. Board

(Signed) A. Boswell
Sd. M. M. Board

R. Harris M. D.
2d. Mem. M. Board

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterdays date No 1&2 the former for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government and the latter for that of His Excellency only.- I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary M. Board

Fort St. George
M. B. Office
18th. Novr. 1814.-

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of yesterdays date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary M. Board

Fort St. George
Med. B. Office
22d. Novr. 1814.-

To

Fort St. George 22d. November 1814.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to desire that you will order 10 copies of the Edenburgh Dispensatory lately received from Europe to be bound up and Stamped with the Company's Arms for the purpose of being distributed to the undermentioned offices. Viz.t

1 Medical Board office
1 Medical Storekeepers Office
1 Dispensary
1 Depy. Med.l Storekeeper Trichinopoly
1 Do. ——— Do. Masulipatam
1 Do. ——— Do. Mysore
1 Do. ——— Do. Malabar
1 Do. ——— Do. Saulnah
1 Do. ——— Do. Ceded Districts
1 the General Hospital Presidency.—

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
22d. Nov.r 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To James Dalton Esq.d

Sir,

I am directed to return to you the enclosed Letter together with Copy of a Letter from the

dated 19th Nov.r 1814

Fort St. George 24th. November 1814.

the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.—

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
24th Nov.r 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

In transmitting to you by desire of the Medical Board the enclosed extra Indent for a Six Months Supply of European Medicines &c. on account of the Hydrabad Subsidiary Force proceeding on Field Service I am instructed to direct that it be fully complied with and at as Early a period as may be practicable.—

Secret.

The Medical Board at the same time desire that you will without delay submit to them a Statement of such further supposititious Supply for Six Months as you conceive necessary to meet the encreased demand arising from the Augmentation of the subjoined Forces now about to be added to the Hydrabad Subsidiary.—

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4 Squadrons of L.D.s = Regt.s of N. Cav.y
4 Companies of Pioneers
a Battn. of Lt. Infy.
2 Companies of Pioneers

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
24th Nov.r 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Bd.

Fort St. George 25th. November 1814.

To William Pritchard Esqr.
Senior Surgeon Southern Divn.

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Inst. giving cover to an application from Mr. Surgeon Greaves for three Months leave of absence from the 1st. of January.

The addresses to the Adjutant General of the Army, and the commander in chief being irregular I am desired to return them & to direct your attention to the G. O. by Government of the 3d November 1806.-

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
25th November 1814.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the commander in chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the commander in chief.-

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
25th. Novr. 1814.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Bd.

To

Fort St. George 29th November 1814.

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the commander in chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the commander in chief and Government.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
29th November 1814.-

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

The Medical Board being extremely anxious to guard in future against the numerous complaints which have of late been made from every Division of the Army regarding the want of European Medicines - they conceive it necessary in the first instance to call upon you for a distinct and specific Statement of the quantity of European Medicines and Instruments - which has been furnished to every Batt. or Regiment on this Establishment during the year 1813.-

I am further directed to request that this Statement may be furnished at as early a period

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period as may be practicable.

Fort St. George
Md. Bd. Office
29th Novr. 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secry. Med. Board

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of this date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

Fort St. George
Md. Bd. Office
1st December 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secry. Md. Board

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Government.—

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
2d December 1814.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary. Md. Bd.

To

Fort St. George 3d December 1814.

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board No. 1 dated 28 Ultimo for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government and No. 283 dated 1st instant for that of His Excellency only.—

Fort St. George
Md. Bd. Office
3d December 1814.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary. Md. Bd.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

As the Medical Board are desirous of having in readiness twenty four of the portable Medicine Chests for the purpose of supplying such Corps as are in the Field I am desired to request that you will with the least possible delay, direct the above number to be constructed, and to direct, that you will from time to time report to the Board the progress you make as they are anxious that four should be ready to accompany the Force about to Embark for Ceylon:—

Fort St. George
Md. Bd. Office
5th Dec. 1814

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart Secry. M.B.

Fort St. George 5th December 1814.

To the President & Members
Gentlemen of the Medical Board

In compliance with an application made to me, in a letter of this date from the Superintendent of the Dispensary I take the liberty of submitting to you, the Accompanying letter from that Officer—and

Fort St. George
14th November 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Horsman
Mc. Storekeeper.

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th Ultimo with its enclosure Superintendent of the Dispensary I am directed to intimate to you for the information of that Gentleman that Mr. J. Bradshaw has been appointed Head apothecary under him in the room of Mr. Wm Gay promoted and removed to the Native Infirmary from the 18th Ultimo.—

Fort St. George
Mcl Bd. Office
5th December 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mc. B.

To

Fort St. George 5th December 1814.

To the Surgeon of H. M. 36th Regiment

Sir, David Haliburton the Medical pupil placed under your care for the purpose of being instructed in the Elementary part of his profession is now the Senior of this class upon the list. I am in consequence instructed by the Medical Board to request that you will direct him to attend at this Board between 11 and 1 O'clock on Thursday next. and that you will at the same time favor the Board with your opinion regarding the progress he has made in rendering himself competent to the duties of a first Dresser.—

Fort St. George
Mcl Bd. Office
5th December 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mc. Board

To Alexr Stewart Esqr.
Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5th instant respecting the Boy David Haliburton—

I will attend the Board on Thursday next.—

In regard to the Progress he has made during the short

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short time I have had in charge of His Majesty's Fifty sixth Regiment, I beg to state, it has been considerable, and I think he is capable of performing the Duties of a First Dresser, and will in time, be a great acquisition to an Hospital.—

His behaviour has been that of a very attentive and steady Boy;- & for his Age, he is forward in his duties.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) P. W. Martin Surgeon
56th Regiment

Hospital H. M. 56th Regt.
Madras
December 6th 1814.—

To the President and Members of the
Committee for the Management of the Native Pension Fund
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have been directed by the Medical Board to transmit for the sanction of the Committee the inclosed Register of claim for a Pension from the Native Fund for the Widow & family of the late Ramasawmy Jr. Apothecary in the Dispensary in conformity with the Regulations of the Fund established for the relief of the families of Native Writers and Servants attached to Public Offices & Departments—

I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary, Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
6th December 1814

Register

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To the Establishment of the

Register of Claims on the Native Pension Fund

Dispensary

No. 2nd

Dispensary at Fort St. George

Number of the Claim on this Establishment	Names & Rank of the Claimant	Period of Service	Monthly Subscription	Amount of Subscription	Remarks
	Ramasawmy Jr. Apothecary	From 1st May 1810 to 31st July 1814	10 Pags	40 Pags	Deceased on the 31st July 1814

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To James Dalton Esqr.
Surgeon of the Monegar Choultry &
Native Infirmary.

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to inform you that Mr. Wm. Cay has been promoted to the Rank of Sub. Asst. Surgeon & appointed to the Native Infirmary in the room of Mr. Sub. Asst. Surgeon Burgess Pensioned and that he be directed to take charge accordingly.—

I have the honor to be Sir Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Alexr. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
7th. December 1814.

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief
Sir.

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board of this date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

I have the honor to be Sir &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
8th. December 1814.

To

Fort St. George 8th. December 1814.

To the President and Members of the
Medical Board

Sirs,

I have herewith the honor to transmit to you, the Report of the Medical Committee, appointed to examine the European Medicines and Medical Stores, lately received from Europe, by the Ships Prince Regent, and Surrey- together with an account of the Deficiencies from various causes therein stated.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Horsman
Med. Storekeeper.

Fort St. George
Med. Storekr. Office
25th. Novr. 1814.-

To The Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

In acknowledging your letter of the 25th. Ultimo I am directed by the Medical Board to call your attention to the two concluding Paras of my letter to you of the 11th. of October- The Board request to know why the instructions therein contained have not been noticed-

I am further instructed to direct that you will at as early a period as possible Submit the Annual European Indent- in forming which you will be pleased to kindly review the Suggestions offered by the late

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late Committee regarding the mode of packing the neutral Salts as well as the manner in which it is recommended that the Nitrate & Sulphuric Ethers shall in future be sent out.-

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
8th December 1814.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mil. Board

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am instructed by the Military Board to intimate to you that a Corps composed of 2500 Men of which about 200 will be Europeans will be embarked or march from the Presidency in a short Period - for the purpose of being actively employed in the interior of Ceylon -

You are in consequence directed to hold in readiness a supply of European Medicines and Medical Stores - equal to the presumeable demand for six Months - to accompany this Force -

In the mean time the Board direct that you will without delay submit for their consideration a list of such Medicines and Medical Stores - as may be in your Opinion calculated to meet the

demand

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demand of the Force in question.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mil. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
8th December 1814.-

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir, With reference to the 2nd Para of your letter of the 24th of October on the subject of Mr. Conwell's indent for the Dispensary about to be established in Black Town - I am directed to request that, all the Medicines and Medical Stores expected from England have now been examined and delivered, you will be pleased to furnish the Board with an early reply to their former question — Whether the Medicines likely to be required for the use of that Institution for the current year can be abstracted from the Stores without inconvenience to the public Service - or until Consignments can be made from England to provide for the additional supplies which will be required for the Black Town Dispensary.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Mil. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
12th December 1814.-

To

Fort St. George 16th December 1814.

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir.

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of this day's date Nos. 1 & 2 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
12th December 1814.—

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board Nos. 1, 2 & 3 of yesterday's date for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Md. Bd. Office
16th Dec. 1814.—

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To the President & Members of the
Committee for the Management of the
Native Pension Fund
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have been directed by the Medical

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Medical Board to transmit for the sanction of the Committee the enclosed Register of claim for a Pension from the Native Fund for the Widow of the late Dooly named Bollah belonging to the Dispensary Department in conformity with the Regulations of the Fund established for the relief of the Families of Native Writers and Servants attached to Public Offices and Departments.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Md. Bd. Office
17th Decem. 1814.—

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to request that you will with the least practicable delay cause to be made up for the Force about to embark for Ceylon

90 complete Setts (in Sizes) of Hospital Clothing and bedding agreably to the late regulations on this subject.—

60 Flannel Shirts.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
19th December 1814.—

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md. Board

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to annex for the information

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information of the Medical Board, copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of Police respecting a moor man named Sanawoollah supposed to be labouring under mental derangement, and to request that the Board may be apprized of the circumstance with a view to his examination.-

He has been directed to attend at the Medical Board Office for examination on the forenoon of Monday next at 11 O'Clock.-

Town Major's Office
Fort St. George
17th December 1814.-

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) J. Macdonald
T. M.

To the Town Major - Fort St. George

Sir,

A Moor man called Sanawoollah seems to be labouring under mental derangement, therefore you will be pleased to let me know when I may send him to undergo a professional examination with a view of his being sent to the Lunatic Hospital.-

Madras Police Office
16th December 1814.-

(Signed) John Hilley Symons
Supt. of Police.-

(A true copy)
J. Macdonald
Town Major -

To

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To the Town Major
Fort St. George

Sir,

In acknowledging the honor of your letter of the 17th Instant with its annexed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Police - I am directed to inform you that the Moorman therein adverted to, has not made his appearance at the Medical Board Office this day.-

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
19th Dec. 1814.-

To the President and Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter dated the 8th Instant, and in reply to it, to submit for your consideration, the accompanying lists of Medicines and Medical Stores, the two, calculated as a supply, for 200 Europeans, and 1300 Native Troops, about to proceed on Medical Service to the Island of Ceylon.-

The packing of the Medicines &c is now in progress, and-

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) Wm Norman
Asst. Storekeeper
To

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Med.l Stores Office
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To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant giving covers to two lists of Medicines and Medical Stores intended as a Six Months supply for 200 Europeans and 2300 Natives

The list of Medicines intended for the Europeans the Board have deemed one to observe is not objectionable - as the Europeans have since been added to the force - the Board direct that a further and corresponding addition of European Medicines may take place -

With regard to the list of Medicines &c. for the Natives the Board conceive that it is in no way competent to a Six Months supply for such a Force and have desired to express their surprise that so Essential an Article as Bark should have been entirely omitted - This list is in consequence returned with such additional quantities affixed as the Board conceive to be Essentially and absolutely required -

As the Deputy Medical Storekeeper may not have sufficient time to furnish himself during the short period he can remain at Madras with Country Medicines - the Medical Board direct

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that with the view of having that Officer properly appointed with these Essential articles - you will with the least possible delay hold in readiness a Six Months supply of this description of Medicine - for the force both European and Native about to embark for Ceylon -

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md Bd

Fort St George
Medl Bd Office
19th December 1814.

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board dated 19th instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government -

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Md Bd

Fort St George
Md Bd Office
21st December 1814 -

To James Dalton Esqr.

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to furnish you with the accompanying Extracts of General letters to and from the Honorable the Court of Directors relative to the transfer of the Lunatic Hospital -

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secry Md Board. To

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Md Bd Office
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To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board of yesterdays date No. 1 & 2 for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
23rd Dec. 1814.—

To the Town Mayor
of Fort St. George

Sir,

As the Moorman adverted to in your letter of the 17th instant made his appearance yesterday at this Office, he has been examined and I have the honor to transmit to you by desire the accompanying certificate from the Medical Board.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.—

Fort St. George
Medl. Bd. Office
23rd December 1814.—

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secry Medical Board

Fort St. George Medl. Board Office
22nd December 1814.—

This is to certify that I have this day duly and carefully examined a Moorman named Sanavoollah referred to the Medical Board by the Town Mayor of Fort St. George for the purpose of ascertaining whether he

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he is Deranged or otherwise—

And I have to report upon such examinati-
on that it fully appears to me that the above person is actually deranged in his Intellects and accordingly a fit subject to be committed to the charge of the Supt. of the Lunatic Asylum.—

(Signed) A. Wate M.D.
President Med. Board

(Signed) A. Boswell
3d Member Md. Board

H. Harris M.D.
2d Member Med. Board

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board under date the 22nd instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief & Govt.—

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
26th December 1814.—

To the Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to desire that the enclosed indent from the Surgeon of the 4th Regt. of Light Cavalry may be complied with as far as the Stat

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of the Stores will permit. It is the wish of the Board that the Medicines be despatched as speedily as possible, the 4th Regiment being at this time under orders to march for the Field.

Fort St. George
Med. Board Office
27th December 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secry Medical Board

To William [illegible]ard Esq.
Senior Surgeon
Southern Division

Sir,

The Flank Battalion composing part of the Force under the command of Lieut. Colonel Thompson being in want of a 1st Dresser I am instructed by the Medical Board to desire that you will examine Medical pupil John Hunter who has been upwards of three years under the Surgeon of His Majestys 84th Regiment for the purpose of being instructed in the Elementary part of His profession / in order to determine whether he is competent to the duty of 1st Dresser should he in your opinion, be qualified for that situation you will be pleased to direct him to place himself with the least possible delay under the orders of Lieutenant Col. Thompson.

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Md. Bd. Office
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I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secry Med. Board

To

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To the Quarter Master General
of the Army

Sir, The enclosed application on account of Camp Equipage and Carriage for the preservation of the Medical Stores attached to the Force under Lieut. Col. Thompson having been laid before the Medical Board. I am directed to transmit it to you for the purpose of being submitted to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med. Board

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
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To A. Stewart Esq.
Secretary Medical Board

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to make an application to the Quarter Master General for Camp Equipage and Carriage for the use of the Medical Stores proceeding with the Force under Lieutenant Colonel Thompson.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Harwood
Dep. Field Apothecary

Madras
28th Dec. 1814.

To the Military Secretary
To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying

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accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board No. 1 & 3 dated 22d. Ultimo for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.-

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
2d. January 1815.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

To the Military Secretary

Sir,

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceedings of the Medical Board No. 1 dated 22d. Ultimo and 2 & 3 dated 2d. instant for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.-

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
3d. January 1815.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

To M.r Assistant Surgeon Conwell

Sir,

As the State of the Stores will not permit the abstraction of any part of the European Medicines sent from England for the use of the Public Service I am desired by the Medical Board to direct that you will submit at the most early practicable period Specimens of such European Medicines as you have indented for of a good quality, and which can be procured in the

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Market at this Presidency.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
2d. January 1815.-

To the Military Secretary

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Proceeding of the Medical Board dated the 31st. Ultimo for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government.-

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
4th. January 1815.-

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Bd.

To the President and Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter, dated the 29th. Ultimo intimating that, as you are extremely anxious to guard against the numerous complaints which, have of late been made, from every Division of the Army, regarding the want of European Medicines, you conceive it necessary, in the first instance, to call upon me for a distinct and specific Statement, of the quantity of European Medicines, and Instruments, which have been

been furnished to every Battalion or Regiment, on this Establishment, during the year 1815.—

2.— The complaints to which the allusion of your Board, is now made, have for some time past, suggested to me the expediency of my making a representation to your Authority, not so much from an opinion that, there has been an actual deficiency, in the quantities of Medicines and Medical Stores, sent out by the Honorable the Court of Directors, as from an apprehension that, the expenditure of these Medicines, have not, in general, been duly accounted for, "Agreeably to the Regulations distinctly laid down," for this branch of the Public Service.—

3. From Superintending Surgeons, who have made themselves minutely acquainted with the quantities of Medicines supplied, on Quarterly, and Extra Indents—who have ascertained that the allowance made for Country Medicines to the Medical Officers of their Divisions, has been duly appropriated—and who have regularly enforced from them, a strict attention to Para 970. of the "Regulations for the Medical Department," I presume no complaint, will appear to have been made.—

4. When you are satisfied, as I trust you will be, after having perused the accompanying comparative Statement, No 1. of the extent to which, the Annual demands, of Six Divisions of the Army only, exceed the quantities of the "principle Articles" of Medicine received by the Ships of the present season. You will immediately perceive the mistake under which, Medical Officers, appear to be, with regard to the Supplies actually sent out, and received from England—consequently the grounds on which, the loud complaints have of late made their way to your Board, you will at the same time I hope, approve the consideration on my part, which was calculated to provide equally for all, in due proportion to their wants, as well for the latter, as for the former part of the season; for it would have been an inexcusable want of foresight in me, and by no means acting up to the spirit of your instructions, if I had issued on Six, or perhaps four Months, the whole of the Medicines calculated upon, and I believe with justice, as a 12 Months Supply, for this Establishment; which must have been the case, had I disregarded the actual State of the Stores, by paying an indiscriminate attention to the indents of those, by whom they were first

forwarded

forwarded to this Office.—

3. In my letter to your Board, dated the 2d. October last, I had occasion to request your attention, to the extent to which the Indents of the several Medical Officers of His Majesty's and of the Honble Company's serving under this Government, have of "late Years," exceeded the proportions of the Medical Stores Annually sent out by the Honble the Court of Directors, and I now take the liberty of submitting, the accompanying Statement No. 2. which will evince to you, the increase of expence, (viz. £ 1635-7-2- or Star Pagodas 11,588-17 Fanams) incurred on that account, although it has not been sufficient to keep down the complaints which, have daily become more distressing, since I have been in charge of the Office, and I believe, for the last 3 Years.—

4. As the Amount Valuation of the Medical Stores, for the Expedition to Java in 1811- has been carefully abstracted from the last mentioned Statement- it does not appear that, any adequate reason can be assigned, for the great increase of expence which it exhibits, and which the letter, of which the following is an Extract, from the Court of Directors,— forwarded by Government, for the guidance of this Department,

Department, seemed calculated to obviate.—

Extract of a letter from the Honble the Court of Directors, on the Military Department Dated 6th August 1806.—

Para 127. "We think it necessary to call your attention to the enormous expenditure of Europe Medicines and Medical Stores, as stated in the Proceedings of the Medical Board."—

128. "Although some part of the increasing expence above stated, may be attributed to the augmentation of your Army, and to the Medicines furnished to the sufficient check has been wanting in this point, and we apprehend that the Medical Stores have been issued to persons not entitled to benefit thereby, at the Company's expence."—

5. As there has not of late years, been any augmentation of the Army, or Medicines supplied, for distant Settlements it becomes necessary, otherwise to account for, the difference of expence, which appears to be so great between 1814- 1812- 1813- and the three preceding Years.—

6. In the Extract from the General letter above quoted, The Honorable the Court of Directors, expre their apprehension that "the Medical Stores have been issued to persons not entitled to benefit thereby

stores are necessarily and actually intended - towards obviating all future causes of complaint and otherwise paying a due regard to the interest of the Public - I beg leave to recommend to the consideration of your Board. -

1st. The expediency of all Medical Officers being instructed, by your authority, to make out their Indents invariably and distinctly, Agreeably to the accompanying Form N. 3. -

2nd. The advantages which would be derived, from the Natives, as well as the European Corps, being in future supplied with bounty Medicines, in a manner better calculated to fulfil the intention, than that which appears, for some time past, to have materially contributed to the inconveniences complained of from the deficient state of the European Medical Stores - which in a considerable degree occasioned the additional expence incurred, by the purchase, at this place, of European Medicines last Year and which seems to be a principal cause of the demands which are now pressing on, much beyond what our precautionary supplies, and those to be expected from England for the next two or three years will be equal to - and indeed beyond - what I apprehend the Honorable the Court of Directors would at any time, under the present system, be able to satisfy -

3rd. The expediency of enacting from every Medical

Officer, receiving supplies from this Office, (either direct or through the Deputy Medical Storekeepers of Divisions or Detachments) a minute and distinct account, of every article delivered to him, in strict conformity to Para 70. of the Regulations, for the Medical Department (Code of Regulations Page 213. -)

4th. Article 4th of the above mentioned Para directs "that, a Return be made of the expenditure of Medicines, & Wine, founded on the Registered Prescriptions," entered in the Journal - and exhibiting the receipts, issues, and remains of each description of Medical Stores, in the course of the Month. -

5th. If therefore, the daily prescriptons of every patient, to whom the Honorable Company's Medicines are served out, be fully and distinctly registered in the Journals, thus bringing the Accounts of expenditure, to agree with the issues of the General Medical Stores, will become a comparatively easy task. -

6th If on the contrary the registering of these prescriptions be by any means omitted, there will not be any guide, by which the duly authorized expenditure of European Medicines, can be correctly ascertained - on this Account it is essential that, every Medical Officer performing the duty of another, on whatever account, or for however short a time, be required to record the prescriptions

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14. Article 4th of the above mentioned Para directs "that, a Return be made of the expenditure of Medicines, in Wine, founded on the Registered Prescriptions," entered in the Journal and exhibiting the receipts, issues, and remains of each description of Medical Stores, in the course of the Month. -

15. If therefore, the daily prescriptions of every patient, to whom the Honorable Company's Medicines are served out, be fully and distinctly registered in the Journals, thus bringing the Accounts of expenditure, to agree with the issues of the General Medical Stores, will become a comparatively easy task. -

16. If on the contrary the registering of these prescriptions be by any means omitted, there will not be any guide, by which the duly authorized expenditure of European Medicines, can be correctly ascertained - on this Account it is essential that, every Medical Officer performing the duty of another, on whatever account, or for however short a time, be required to record the prescriptions

prescriptions in the same manner as they would have been recorded by the proper Officer.—

17. To obtain however the just and minute account of the expenditure of the Honorable Company's European Medicines and Medical Stores, which is now, from every consideration so particularly called for; it will not be sufficient, that the Prescriptions of Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons, in Medical charge of Hospitals, Garrisons, Military Stations, Regiments, Battalions or details of Troops, be only registered (as laid down in the former part, of Para 16. of the Regulations for the Medical Department) but that all the prescriptions of Medical Officers in charge of Zillahs, and other civil Stations of the Asylum for Lunatics, the Military Male Asylum, The Female Asylum, the Madras Infirmary, The Black Town & Jails, Dooly Bearers, Pent Lascars, & Public followers, be registered in like manner, and that the prescriptions for the individuals, and Servants of families, at all the out Stations be also registered, under their proper heads, and forwarded to the Presidency.—

18. At the Dispensary here, there is not, nor has there been, for very many years, the smallest quantity of Medicine served out, for any patient, whether in the Service of the Company, or otherwise

situated, that has not been, and is not duly registered, in Books kept for the purpose and there does not appear to be any good reason, why the same Regulation should not be established, and strictly attended to, in every part of the bounty, deriving benefit from the Honorable Company's European Medical Stores.—

19. This Office being the source from which all the Honorable Company's Medical Stores are issued, in the first instance, I submit to you Gentlemen whether it would not be the most regular, and consequently of keeping down all inordinate demands, if the accounts particular, were also made to pass through it, for examination and report to your Board.—

20. Should this suggestion be favored with your approbation, it will only be necessary that your permission be granted me, to receive for a short time, after they have passed the usual examination at your Office, the Journals of Medical Officers, and other Books in which the expenditure of the Honorable Company's Medical Stores, is particularized.—

21. I have now to apologize for the length to which this letter has unavoidably got. I trust however you will be assured that I have, in the stating fully

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18. At the Dispensary here, there is not, nor has there been, for very many years, the smallest quantity of Medicine served out, for any patient, so better in the Service of this Company; or otherwise

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situated, that has not been, and is not duly registered, in Books kept for the purpose: and there does not appear to be any good reason, why the same Regulation should not be established, and strictly attended to, in every part of the Country, deriving benefit from the Honorable Company's European Medical Stores.—

19. This Office being the source from which all the Honorable Company's Medical Stores are issued, in the first instance, I submit to you Gentlemen whether it would not be the most regular, and most effectual mode, of bringing the Accounts of expenditure, to correspond with the issues, and consequently of keeping down all inordinate demands, if the accounts particular, were also made to pass through it, for examination, and report to your Board.—

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fully the circumstances to which relates, been actuated solely by a sense of that duty which I consider myself bound to perform to the Public charge with which I have the honor to be entrusted - and by which the Honorable Company's European Medicines and Medical Stores may be justly appreciated - future causes of complaint wholly done away - and the necessity of purchasing (as last year) European Medicines at the most unreasonable prices entirely obviated.

2d. As many of the late complaints have been communicated to their Excellency the Commander in Chief as they had a tendency to attach to this Office a responsibility for the inconveniences stated to have been experienced, from the want of sufficient Medical supplies I take the liberty of requesting that a copy of this letter with copies of its enclosures may be forwarded to their Excellency and eventually to Government.

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
29th December 1814.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Kerr Irvine
Actg. Storekeeper

To the Medical Storekeeper
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge by desire of the Medical Board the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo.

Before they submit in compliance with your request, their observations it contains to the consideration of His

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Excellency the Commander in Chief and Government I am instructed to direct your attention to the 8th Para of that letter and to request that you will be pleased to state to the Board the grounds which have led to a conviction that complaints of so weighty a Nature as an insufficient supply of Medicines have been forwarded to this Board both by Regimental and superintending Surgeons on the uninvestigated Authority of the inferior Servants of the Department.

The Board have been induced to call your particular attention to this subject no less in justice to the Officers whom it affects than to enable them to adopt the most early and decisive measures to correct such negligence and abuse should they be found to exist.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) A. Stewart
Secretary Med.l Board

Fort St. George
Med.l Bd. Office
6th January 1815.

To the President & Members of the Medical Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter dated the 19th instant desiring to know from me whether the Medicines likely to be required during the current year for the use of the Dispensary proposed to be established in the Black Town can

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can be abstracted from the Honorable Company's Medical Stores, at this Presidency without inconvenience to the Public Service or until consignments can be made from England to provide for the additional supplies, which will be required for that Institution.—

In paying that attention which is due to the reference thus made to me, I can not hesitate in stating, that no part of the Honble Company's Medical Stores here, can be abstracted for any new Establishment without immediate and considerable inconvenience to the Public Service.—

To satisfy you on this point I have only to request your attention, to the circumstances which are on that subject, so fully mentioned in my letter to your Board dated the 29th. Instant and when you advert to the large extra supplies lately forwarded to Saulnah, and made up by your orders for the use of the Troops proceeding on actual Service to the Island of Ceylon, you will I trust at once perceive how little I should be justified in recommending any further Division of the present General Stock.—

In the delay however which may take place, from the want of Medicines, until supplies can be received from England, sufficient to answer all purposes—it will be satisfactory to reflect (as I took the liberty of suggesting in my letter to your Board dated the 24th.

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October last) that such of the Inhabitants of Black Town as are desirous of using European Medicines, may as heretofore be supplied from those issued from the General Stores on the Indents of the Medical Officers in charge of the Black Town, and Jails—of the Madras Infirmary,—of the Dispensary in the Fort—& should Medicines be in the mean while required for the Service of any of the Shipping in the Roads; which is seldom the case, and never to any Material extent, they can as on all former occasions be at once supplied from the Stores, under my charge without inconvenience—and these considerations are the most necessary, as European Medicines cannot be purchased at this Presidency but of inferior quality and at the most extravagant rates.—

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Bowman
Med. Storekeeper

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Med. Storek. Office
31st. December 1814.—