

12454

Surgeon General Wood

VOL - 1

415

Fort St. George 11th July 1809.

To
Major General Dundas
Commanding the Army in Chief
Esq. &c. &c.

Sir,
I have the honor to enclose an
application to the Honorable the Governor's
Council for permission to proceed to Europe
on Furlough, and for the reasons therein
stated you will I trust be pleased to afford
your Notice and support to the application.
I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed John Maddy
Surgeon

Madras
12th July 1809.

செப்பன்ருவர் பெயர்
A. MANI
செப்பன்ருவர்க்காக எடுத்த
கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள்
May 1993
செப்பன்ருவருக்கு எடுத்த நாள்
June 1993
மு.பா.கும்
மு.பா.க.
கையொப்பம்
கையொப்பம்

416

Fort St. George 17th July 1809

To the Honble Sir G. H. Barlow Baronet &c &c
Governor in Council &c &c &c

Honorable Sir, Fort St. George

I respectfully beg leave to
solicit your permission to proceed to Europe on
Furlough.

A period of near eighteen
years service without a participation in this
indulgence, will I am induced to hope, merit
and obtain your approval & sanction to a mea-
sure, which has for its object consideration due as
well to my own health as of a private tendency.

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) John Muddy
Surgeon
To

Madras

12th July 1809.

417

Fort St. George 17th July 1809

To the Honble Sir G. H. Barlow Baronet &c &c
Governor in Council &c &c &c
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

The duties of Superintendent
of Vaccination in the District of Masulipatam
being at present unprovided for by the death
of Mr. Surgeon Street, we have the honor of
recommending Mr. Annesley Surgeon to the
Garrison of Masulipatam and performing the
Medical duties of the Judicial Court there to be
Appointed Vaccine Superintendent in his room.

We have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Anderson
Physician Genl.

J. Gahagan

2^d Member Med. Bd.

Andrew Berry

3^d Member Med. Bd.

To

Fort St. George
Med. B. Office
17th July 1809.

Fort St. George 18th July 1809.

Military Department

To the President and Members
of the
Medical Board
Gentlemen,

The Honorable the Governor
in Council directs me to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter dated the 17th Instant and to
inform you that he has been pleased to accede to
your recommendation in favor of Mr. Annisley
and has appointed that Gentleman to succeed
the late Mr. Street in the situation of Super-
intendent of Vaccination in the District of
Masulipatam.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant
Signed J. H. Pile
Secy to Govt

Fort St. George
18th July 1809.

Public

Fort St. George 21st July 1809.

Public Department

To the President and Members
of the
Medical Board
Gentlemen,

I am directed to transmit, for
your information and guidance, the accompanying
Extracts of a Letter from the Honorable the Board of
Directors in the Public Department, under date the
11th January 1809 and of the Orders which have been
passed in consequence, by the Honorable the Governor
in Council.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

Signed J. Falconar
Chief Secy to Govt

Fort St. George
21st July 1809.

Extract

Fort St. George 25th July 1809.

Extract of a General Letter from England
in the Public Department, dated 11th January 1809.

We have perused the Letter
referred to in these Paragraphs, from the
Superintendent General of Vaccination at your
Presidency, dated the 28th August 1806 and
entered in your Proceedings of the 25th November
following.

The suggestions it contains
for the improvement of the general Health
of Madras, particularly the Black Town,
appear to be well entitled to consideration and
you judge properly in transmitting them to the
Superintendent of Police for his guidance. We
also approve of your having given Directions for
allotting a suitable place on the Beach for the
reception of a Surgical Apparatus, to be employed
for the relief of Persons in a state of suspended
animation or suffering from other accidents, to
which those exposed to the violence of the Surf,
are

No 842/Referring
Letter from the
Superintendent General
Vaccination on the
general health of the
Army at which sug-
gestion a suitable place
on the Beach had been
allotted for depositing
a Surgical Apparatus
for facilitating
the recovery of drowned
Persons &c.

Para 163.

No 4.

Fort St. George 25th July 1809.

are frequently subjected. We wish to be informed of
the sequel of their Proceedings.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation -
Dated 25th July 1809.

Ordered, that a copy of these
Paragraphs be transmitted to the Medical Board,
for their consideration and report.

True Extracts

(Signed) D. Hill

Head Aft. to Chief Secy.

Extract

Fort St. George 25th July 1809 -

Extract of a General Letter from England in the Public Department, dated 11th January 1809. -

Referring to a
letter received by
Mr. Bentinck
on the President
of the Board of
the subject
of infectious Diseases &
that the same had been
furnished, the Board
for their information
& guidance. -

We trust the Medical Board will pay every attention to the suggestions contained in the Documents referred to in this Paragraph. -

Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation. -
Dated 25th July 1809. -

Ordered, that a copy of this Paragraph be furnished for the information and guidance of the Medical Board. -

True Extracts

(Signed) D. Hill

Asst. to Chief Surg.

Medical

Fort St. George 25th July 1809 -

Resolution of the Governor in Council Dated 8th Aug. 1809

Medical Board
21st July 1809.

1 Read a Letter from Mr. Surgeon Underwood of the Native Infirmary enclosing Letters

Resolved that addressed to the Honorable the Governor in Council and to the Commander in Chief be permitted to Commanding the Army in Chief proceed to England soliciting three years leave of absence to proceed to Europe on for three years - account of his private affairs and for the recovery of his health.

By Order of 2 The Medical Board have the Honor to forward Mr. Underwood's application, and to recommend it to the favorable consideration of Government, Signed J. H. Pelly Secy to Govt and of the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief. -

(Signed) J. Anderson, Physician Genl.

J. Mahagan M.D.
2nd Member Med. Bd.

Andrew Berry
3rd Member Med. Bd.

424

Fort St. George 25th July 1809.

To Major General Cowdie
Commanding the Army in Chief
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an application to the Honorable the Governor in Council for permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough, and for the reasons therein stated you will I trust be pleased to afford your notice, and support to the application.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) John Underwood
Surgeon of the
Native Infirmary

To

Madras

18th July 1809.

425

Fort St. George 25th July 1809.

To the Honble Sir G. H. Barlow Bart &c &c
Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I respectfully beg leave to ask
your permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

A period of upwards of thirteen
years service without a participation in this
indulgence, will I am induced to hope merit
and obtain your approval and sanction to a
measure, which has for its object consideration
due as well to my own health as of a private
tendency.

I have the honor to be,
Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) John Underwood
Surgeon of the
Native Infirmary

To

Madras

18th July 1809.

Fort St. George 22nd July 1809.

Military Department
To
The President & Members of the
Medical Board
Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council to transmit to you the
enclosed Extracts from a Letter lately received
from the Honorable Court of Directors together
with Copies of the Resolutions passed by the
Governor in Council on the Orders of the Hon^{ble}
Court for your information and guidance.

Fort St. George
22nd July 1809.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed, J. H. Peile
Secretary to Govt

Extract

427

Fort St. George 22nd July 1809.

Extract of a General Letter from the Extract from
Honorable Court of Directors in the Minutes of con-
the Military Department, Dated ^{sultation in the}
11th January 1809. ^{lity Dept. Dated}
24th July 1809.

Para 2.

The reductions we Ordered that
have made in your Indent for copy of these Para.
Medicines &c are very considerable. graphs be sent to
There are in the Indent upwards to the Medical
of One hundred and twenty separate to attend to the
rate Articles of the Materia Orders of the Court
Medica of which Number one half respecting the
required alteration these alterations on their indents
consisted chiefly in deductions for Med. Stores
which became necessary from suf-
ficient attention not being paid
either to the Annual Average ex-
penditure, or to the quantities
remaining in Store, in regulating
the Supply demanded for instance
the Annual expenditure of Anti-
monium Tartarizatum is 65th 5th
the

428

Fort St. George 23rd July 1809.

the quantity in Store is 124 lbs the quantity demanded is 100 lbs. which is double what it ought to be.

We apprehend that an unnecessary accumulation of Medicines in this way is likely to be productive of carelessness & profusion besides that many of the Articles from the Vegetable Kingdom suffer a decay of their virtues the longer they are kept, and in all such the annual supply and Expenditure should balance each other as nearly as possible.

Having pointed out these Circumstances we hope that the Medical Indents from your Presidency will in future be as correct as those which have been received from Bengal for a long time since.

We In considering the Medical Indents for the present copy of this plan
Ordered that
Season

8

429

Fort St. George 23rd July 1809.

Season from the several parts of graphs be sent to India we have reduced the quantity the Medical Board ty of Opium Indented for very for their information & guidance considerably as it is believed that this Article can be purified in India, and be otherwise procured of as good quality for all Medical purposes as any that could be sent from this Country.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. H. Peile
Secy to Govt

To

Fort St. George 24th July 1809.
 To the Honble Sir G. H. Barlow Baronet &c. &c.
 Governor in Council

Yes Yes Yes

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We beg leave to report to your Honor in Council, that we have received a letter from the Town Major of Fort St. George stating that a Malabar Man named Gondapen was supposed to be labouring under mental derangement, and that we agreeably to the request contained in that letter, directed our Third Member to examine into, and report on his case.

2 Doctor Berry having examined him reports, that he is in a state of insanity, and we have accordingly directed, that he be admitted a patient into the Lunatic Hospital.

3 We have received from the Medical Storekeeper a Memorial addressed to the Superintendent of the Dispensary by the Widow of the deceased Magapah who was employed in the Dispensary for 13 years, We beg leave to forward a Certificate from

Fort St. George 24th July 1809.

from Mr. Goldie to that effect, and to recommend that the family of Magapah receive such an allowance from the Native fund as your honor in Council may deem proper.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Peel's letter under date the 8th instant, transmitting to us 100 Copies of Mr. Ingledew's treatise on the Venereal disease, & the use of Mercury translated into the Tuloongo language, with the desire of Government, that these Copies may be circulated in the manner which may appear most useful in conformity to these instructions, we shall accordingly take measures to that effect by forwarding a certain number of Copies to the Superintendent of Vaccination with directions that Copies should be furnished to each of the Medical Officers attached to the Zillah Courts to be by them circulated amongst the Native Doctors & Vaccinators, and to recommend further that a Copy of the Treatises should be kept amongst the record of the Court & the Courtcheries of the principal Villages, to which intelligent natives of all descriptions may have a ready access.

With

432

Fort St. George 24th July 1809.

With the same view we beg leave to add that copies shall be forwarded to the Superintending Surgeon under this Presidency.

Fort St. George
Med. & S. Office
24th July 1809.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir,
Your most obedient Servants
Signed / Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" J. Gashagan M.D.
2^d Member Med. & S.
" Andrew Berry
3^d Member Med. & S.

I do hereby certify that Nagapah was Employed as a mortal Cooly in the Dispensary for 12 years during which time he conducted himself to the satisfaction of his employers, and that he died in the Service leaving a Wife with two Children and an aged Mother unprovided for - That Stoppages have been made from his pay on account of the Native Fund from the commencement of that Institution on the 1st July 1808 till his Death - his pay being two and a half Pagodas per month.

Madras
18th July 1809

Signed / Jno Goldie
Med. & S. Office

10

433

Fort St. George 26th July 1809

Military Department
To the President and Members of
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

Para 1

The Honorable the Governor in Council directs me to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated 3^d Instant, and to inform that Mr. Mackenzie has been apprized that his application for two Doosies will not be complied with. —

2

The Governor in Council has been pleased to attend to your recommendation in favor of the Medical Gentlemen Stationed at Cuddalore and other places mentioned in your letter, and appointed them Superintendants of Vaccination in the several Zillahs to which they are respectively attached. —

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Fort St. George
26th July 1809. —

Your most obedient Servant
Signed / J. H. Peile
Secretary to Govt.
Med Board

Medical Board

31st July 1809.

1 The Medical Board
have the honor to forward the
General Return of the Sick of
the Army for the Month of
May last. -

2^d The Medical Board are concerned to be under the necessity of stating at the same time, that the Physician General is so much indisposed, as to render him unable to attend this days meeting, and which is the cause of his signature not being affixed to the present Proceedings—

Signed, J. Gahagan M.D.

2^d Member. Med. Socy

Andrew Berry

B. Member Med. Socy

Monthly

nt George in May 1809. —

435-

Return of the Sick of the Army serving under the Presidency of Fort Saint George for May 1809. —

[illegible]

436

Fort St. George 31st July 1809
To the Honble Sir G. W. Barlow Bart & Co.
Governor in Council

Yrs Yrs Yrs

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Para 1

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department, under date the 22nd instant, enclosing Extracts from a letter lately received from the Honble the Court of Directors relative to Indents for Medicines, together with the Resolutions passed by your Honor in Council, Copies of which we have directed to be furnished to the Medical Storekeeper, on the receipt of whose report we shall have the honor of replying to your Honor in Council, more fully on the subject.

2

We have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Peile's letter of the 26th instant relative to the appointment of certain Billaah Surgeons, to the duties of Vaccination, which they have directed to be communicated to the Superintendent of that Department.

In

Fort St. George 31st July 1809-

In concluding this letter we are concerned to state, ^{the} indignation at the cause of the Physician's signature not being affixed to it.

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed J. Rahagun M. D.
2^d Member Med. Bd.
" And^o Berry
3^d Member Med. Bd.

Fort St. George
Med. Bd. Office
31st July 1809

Med. Bd.

3rd August

Fort St. George 3rd August 1809-

Resolutions of the Governor
in Council dated 11th August 1809.

Medical Board

3rd August 1809.

Read a letter from the
Staff Surgeon to the Travancore
Subsidiary Force transmitting an
application from Mr. Surgeon

Ordered that Paterson of the 9th Regiment
leave of absence be Native Infantry, for permission
granted to Mr. Paterson to visit this Presidency and
for six months to Fort William, on private business,
visit Calcutta, and that and to be absent from his Corps
the same be published in for the space of six Months.
General Orders. - 2

As the application from
Mr. Paterson is accompanied with the
By Order of the written sanction of his immediate
Honble the Governor Commanding Officer, the Medical
in Council. - Board recommend, that his request

be complied with, provided such
/ Signed J. H. Pile, indulgence can be granted to
Story to Govt. him, consistently with the Gene-
ral Order of the Officer
Commanding the Army
in

439

Fort St. George 3rd, August 1809
 in Chief, under date the
 19th Ultimo. -

1. Signed J. Sahaga
 & 2^d Member
 " Andrew B.
 3^d Member

Med. P.

440

19-
 Fort St. George 7th, August 1809.
 Medical Board
 7th August 1809. -

1 It is with the deepest
 regret, the Medical Board have
 to announce to Government, the
 death of their most lamented and
 venerated President, Doctor James
 Anderson Physician General, who
 died at his Garden house, on the
 morning of the 6th instant. -

2 During a course of most
 useful and highly honorable Services
 of nearly 50 years in India, Doctor
 Anderson's professional Character, has
 uniformly stood conspicuous for
 great ability, unremitting Zeal,
 and the most ardent general
 Philanthropy. -

3 The extensive correspon-
 dence of Dr. Anderson, already be-
 fore the Public, amply evinces how
 much

441
Fort St. George 7th August 1809.

much his pursuits were directed,
to the cultivation of general know-
ledge, and to the advantage of
mankind, and the Records of
this Board, from its first institu-
tion, will show how much the
Profession in particular, benefited
by his labours, and how much
the Service has lost by

Signed / J. Gahan
8th Member
Andrew
3rd Member

442
Fort St. George 9th August 1809.

Military Department

To the President and Members
of the Medical Board.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to transmit for your
information the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the
Officer Commanding in Canara and Malabar and to intimate
the desire of the Honorable the Governor in Council that
the arrangement respecting the Lock Hospital at
Calicut therein proposed, may be carried into effect
unless liable to objections of which the Governor in
Council is not at present aware.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,

Yours most Obedient Servant
Signed / J. W. Peile
Secretary

Fort St. George
9th August 1809.

The

443

Fort St. George 9th August 1809.

The Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Correspondence submitted to me by the Medical Officer officiating as Superintending Surgeon in Malabar and Canara. —

It becomes my duty to represent to the Honorable the Governor in Council the inconvenience and detriment which the Service will sustain by the removal of the Lock Hospital from Cannanore to Calicut, indeed I am inclined to suppose it a mistake in the Medical Board, as it must be fully aware of the necessity of such an Establishment where so many Europeans are stationed, and I speak from Experience when I assert, that since its first Creation the number of Venereal Patients in the Artillery and His Majesty's 80th Regiment are reduced at least two-thirds; I therefore strongly beg leave to recommend that the Establishment of a Lock Hospital should be continued at Cannanore instead of Calicut where there are only a few Company's

444

Fort St. George 9th August 1809.

Companies of Native Infantry stationed.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Wm. Forbes

Surgeon, 80th Regt.

Head Quarters
Cannanore

26th July 1809.

To the Senior Surgeon

Present in the Provinces of

Malabar & Canara.

Sir,

I am directed by the Medical Board to transmit to you the enclosed Extract from their Proceedings of the 12th instant on the subject of Lock Hospitals, with an Extract of a letter from the Secretary in the Military Department under date the 16th instant conveying to them the resolutions of the Honorable the Governor in Council thereon.

The Board being particularly anxious to guard against the distress which might probably occur by the sudden reduction of supernumerary Hospitals, and the consequent exposure of the unhappy women received into them to the united horrors of famine and disease, direct me to call your attention in the strongest

Fort St. George 9th August 1809-

Strongest manner to the suggestions in the Military Secretary's letter. you will therefore be pleased to instruct the Medical Officers under your Superintendence in charge of Lock Hospitals not to discharge from the Hospitals any of the patients who have already been admitted, until they are cured or at least until they have had every Medical aid which the nature of their cases admits of, but at the same time you are to direct that no new cases shall be received until the Supernumerary ones are discharged and the number reduced to the standard which can be accommodated in the Hospitals upon the plan which has been proposed by the Government.

I am further directed by the Medical Board to request, that you will instruct the several Medical Officers in your Division both in Civil and Military Situations (where no Lock Hospitals are Established) to afford every Medical assistance in their power to such unhappy Women as may require it.

As the Board have been induced to recommend the present plan for Lock Hospitals from an attentive consideration of the several reports submitted to them by Superintending Surgeons

I am

Fort St. George 9th August 1809-

I am desired to request that you will be pleased from time to time to transmit to the Board such observations upon the practical success of the present plan as you may have in your power.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) William Mackenzie
Actg Secy. Med. Board.

Fort St. George
Med. B^d Office
30th June 1809.

True copy
(Signed) Geo. Alexander
Actg. Superintend. Surgeon
Malabar and Canara.

Extract of a Letter from the Medical Board to the Honorable the Governor in Council - Dated the 12th June 1809-

Paras.

On these principles we beg leave to propose to your Honor in Council, that instead of 17 Lock Hospitals that appear in the Return now forwarded to Government, & only continue under this denomination at the following Stations Viz. -

Seringapatam
Bellary

Calicut

447

Fort St. George 9th August 1809.

Calcutta

Masulipatam

Vizagapatam

Chittoor

Chingleput

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to Government in the Military Department to the Medical Board. Dated 16th June 1809.

Para 2.

The Honorable the Governor in Council approves the continuance of the Lock Hospitals under the modification and restrictions you have proposed, and directs that means be adopted for the immediate reduction of the number of

448

Fort St. George 9th August 1809.

of these receptacles to the extent stated in your letter, in carrying this object into effect however it is not the intention of the Governor in Council that the abolition of the Supernumerary Hospitals shall be so sudden as at once to expose the unhappy objects now under cure in them to the united evils of famine and disease; but the Governor in Council trusts that this object may be speedily effected by the cure of the present Patients and refusal of admittance to new Cases.

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Trichinopoly

Mr. Assistant Surgeon Richardson.
Acting Garrison Surgeon Cannanore.

Sir,

Accompanying I have the honor to transmit to you copies of Letters received a few days

449

Fort St. George 9th August 1809 -

days ago from the Medical Board wherein the abolition of several Local Hospitals is ordered to be carried into effect, including the one at present established at Cannanore; at the same time it is strongly recommended that those patients who are at present under cure, are not to be discharged from the Hospital till they are entirely free from Disease.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
[Signed] Geo. Alexander
Adj. Surg. Major
Malabar and Canara.

True copies

[Signed] J. H. Peile

Surg. Major

Go

Tellicherry
16th July 1809. -

450

Fort St. George 11th August 1809 -

To
The Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

By direction of the officer commanding the Army in Chief, I have the honor to forward a copy of a Letter which it is requested you will submit to the Medical Board, from the Chief Secretary to Government dated 29th ultimo calling upon Major General Goudie to state whether or not there are any objections to the appointment of Mr. John Underwood Junior to the duties of Dispenser to Naval Hospital. - this appointment Major General Goudie would wish to recommend should the Medical Board find no objections thereto existing.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient
Humble servant.

[Signed] John R. Vernon
Mily Secy to the
Comm. in Chief

Go

Comm. in Chief's office
Fort St. George
11th August 1809.

Fort St. George 11th August 1809 -

To Major General Gowdie

Commanding the Army in Chief

Sir,

His Excellency Rear Admiral Drury being desirous of obtaining the services of Mr. John Underwood Junion as Dispenser to the Naval Hospital at this Presidency, I am directed by the Governor in Council to request you would be pleased to state whether there be any objection to the appointment of Mr. Underwood to perform the duties of the situation.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) Alex. Falcon

Chief Secy to Gov

(A true copy)

John R. M.

Medy Secy to Gov

Commr in

Medl B

Fort St. George
29th July 1809.

Fort St. George 11th August 1809 -

Medical Board

11th August 1809.

Para 1.

Having observed in the Garrison Orderly Book, that Mr. Surgeon Gilman is appointed Staff Surgeon to the Troops assembled under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Conran - and having received from Mr. Staff Surgeon Gilman an application for one Surgeon - two Assistant Surgeons, one Field Apothecary and two Sub-assistants as a Field Medical Establishment, which they approve, as requisite for so large a Force.

The Medical Board recommend there being no efficient Assistant for Field Service unemployed at the Presidency that Mr. Surgeon Sherwood be

Fort St. George 15th August 1809

be removed from the 2nd Battalion Pioneers, and appointed to the 1st Battalion 20th Regiment Native Infantry - that Mr. Surgeon Carmichael at present unattached be appointed to the (vacant) 7th Regt. of Native Cavalry, and that these two Medical officers be directed forthwith to join their respective Corps now encamped near the Mount.

3 That Mr. Surgeon Thomas Trotter of the 18th Regt. Native Infantry, and Messrs Assistant Surgeons George Anderson Duncan Brodie, and A. B. Phipps be directed to place themselves under the orders of Mr. Staff Surgeon Gilman.

11 That Mr. Assistant Surgeon George Anderson be appointed Field Apothecary, with the allowances usually attached to that situation.

26
Fort St. George 15th August 1809.

situation, and that Mr. Surgeon Trotter and Messrs Assistant Surgeons Brodie and Phipps be eventually employed in Field-Hospital, or otherwise with the Force as the Staff Surgeon, or Commanding Officer may deem expedient.

5 The Med. B. at the same time recommend, that Mr. Surgeon Colin Rogers at present unattached be appointed to the (vacant) 25th Regiment Native Infantry, and directed to join the 1st Battalion of that Corps at the Presidency.

6 There not being any disposable Sub-Assistants at the Presidency, the Med. B. recommend that Francis Gabriel who is found to be well qualified for the situation, be appointed a Sub-Assistant on this Establishment, and that he

Fort St. George's. August 1809.

he, and Matthew Macfarlane at present doing duty in the Garrison of Ballary be directed to place themselves under the orders of the Staff Surgeon of the Force assembling in the Field.

Being aware that the Male Asylum and Female Asylum, when attended by Surgeons, or Assistant Surgeons, attached to Fort St. George, are occasionally subjected to inconvenience on the removal of these Corps and finding it incumbent on them to dispose of the Medical Officers of the Establishment in a manner most conducive to the Public Service - the Medical Board deem it advisable, that Medical aid be afforded to those Institutions by the Medical Officers holding fixed situations at the Presidency, and accordingly

Fort St. George's. August 1809.

accordingly recommend that the Male Asylum be in future attended by the Assistant Surgeon Superintendent of the Dispensary for the time being, that the Female Asylum receive Medical aid in like manner from the Assistant Surgeon appointed to the Garrison of Fort St. George, and that this be considered a permanent arrangement.

(Signed) J. Gahagan M.D.
 & 2.^d Member Med. Bd.
 Andrew Berry
 3.^d Member Med. Bd.

Military Depart.

457

Fort St. George 12th August 1809 -

Military Department.
To the Members
of the
Medical Board

Para 1.

Gentlemen,
I am directed by the Honorable
the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter, dated 2nd ult. -

2 The operation of the Native Fund
towards the support of the families of the subscribers
has not yet commenced but on this point talking
place the Certificate in favor of Nagapah forwarded
in your letter will be duly attended to.

3 The Governor in Council approves
the mode proposed by you for the distribution of
Mr. Ingledeu's Treatises.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) A. H. Peile

Surgeon to Govt

Fort St. George
12th August 1809.

28

458

Fort St. George 14th August 1809
Medical Board
14th August 1809.

1 Read a Letter from
Mr. Surgeon Sherwood bearing
date the 13th instant accompa-
nied by one addressed to the Hono-
rable the Governor in Council,
and Papers Nos 1 & 2 which
at Mr. Sherwood's Request, they
have now the honor to forward.

2 In handing up for
the Approbation of the Officer
Commanding the Army in
Chief, and Government, the arrange-
ments for the Medical Department
of the Force now assembling in
the Field, the Med. B^d were alto-
gether guided by such general prin-
ciples as seemed inseparable from
the welfare of the Public Service,
and accordingly deemed it incum-
bent on them to point out in the
present

Fort St. George 14th August 1809 -

present scarcity of disposable Medical officers, such as from their standing in the Service, & professional experience, seemed to be the best fitted for the more urgent and important practice in the Field, where Accidents, and a greater variety of severe diseases amongst the Troops more frequently, and inevitably occur.

3 With this view Mr. Surgeon Sherwood has been recommended for the vacant 20th Regiment and to join the 1st Battalion as well to fulfill the immediate duties of that Corps, as to be ready for those of a more general & important nature in the Field when called upon by the Staff Surgeon or commanding officer of the Force.

4 At any time that Medical aid has been required for the Male and Female Asylums
Assistant

Fort St. George 14th August 1809 -

Assistant Surgeons, otherwise attached at the Presidency, have been invariably appointed to them nor have the Medical Board any authority whatever to suppose, that these subordinate and detached situations were ever to be considered distinct appointments for Full Surgeons, and thereby the means of bringing together more Medical Officers, than such as may be really deemed sufficient for the Public duties at the Presidency.

5 The Medical Board are aware that Mr. Sherwood may have made himself useful in situations unconnected with the Medical Service, but those situations they presume, are now, or may soon be filled up with equal effect from any other Department.

6 On the general principle which

Fort St. George 14th August 1809 -

which they have now stated then, and that a greater proportion of experienced Medical officers may be forth coming for the duties of the Field and out-Station, the great want of which has so frequently been the subject of Representation, and as the Assistant Surgeons whom the Med. H^{rs} have recommended as holding their present offices, are in every way qualified for the Medical duties of the Male & Female Asylums, they trust that their Proceedings of the 11th inst. will meet with the support of the Officer commanding the Army in Chief and Government.

As the 3rd Member cannot entirely acquiesce in the opinion given by the Med. H^{rs} on Mr. Sherwood's letter he begs leave to state his sentiments in the subjoined Minute. -
 (Signed) Jeremy Gahagan 106.
 2nd Member 105.
 Andrew Perry,
 3rd Member 104.
 Minute

Fort St. George 14th August 1809 -

Minute of the 3rd Member.

1. The 3rd Member feels himself called upon to support one of the requests in Mr. Sherwood's letter which is consonant with the usage of the Service and granted to every Military Officers in a Staff a fixed situation when ordered on Field Service vizt that of resuming his duties at the Presidency upon the Service on which he may be ordered is over. -

2. That Mr. Sherwood must be considered to have been in a fixed Station is evident by the orders of Government under date 6th of May 1806, where the Surgeons of the Male Asylum, Lunatic, and native Hospitals, are expressly specified as fixed and not liable to be ordered on Field Service & on that account placed on an allowance for House Rent in lieu

Port St. George 14th August 1809.

1st Item of an allowance for a Tent. —

2nd This being the case the Third Member cannot but consider it a hardship to Mr. Sherwood that the reverse of a rule so long acted upon, should take place in his Instance, who has made himself actively useful at the Presidency for some years back, and which is acknowledged by the Board. —

3rd Doctor Berry cannot speak of his services at the Male Asylum from personal knowledge, but he has heard his attention and success praised; & is convinced that it was such as is stated in the Extracts he has submitted. —

4th In his other duty as Secretary to the Committee for managing the Native Poor Fund Dr. Berry has had opportunities of witnessing his exertions and Labours,

Port St. George 14th August 1809.

Labours, and the Statements forwarded to Government will shew that they were not of a trifling nature, & particularly those for the year 1807 when Famine caused the utmost distress in the vicinity — indeed the then President Mr. Dick always acknowledged how much himself and the Committee were obliged to Mr. Sherwood for what was done. —

5th In this year Dr. Berry can also speak to his exertions, and that he is at present engaged in arranging for Government a plan for the consolidation of the two Native Charities. —

6th Under these circumstances as a useful Man at Madras and as a reward for exertion for which he could have received little or no remuneration — the 3rd Member trusts he will be excused in recommending to the favorable

465

Fort St. George 14th August 1809

favorable consideration of Government
Mr. Shaw's request of being permitted to
return to Madras on his present duty
being over and that during his
absence no permanent appointment
to the Male Asylum be made.

8 D^r Berry in making
this recommendation, when by his
signature to the Proceedings of the 11th
Instant he sanctioned another arrange-
ment begs leave to state these Proce-
dings were sent to him for signature
only, with an apology that there had
not been time for previous circulation,
and he signed them when his mind
from a melancholy loss was ill calcula-
ted to enter into public business - he
mentions this now only as an expla-
nation of his present seeming inconsis-
tency.

Signed / And^r Berry
3rd Member Med. B.
To

466

3rd
Fort St. George 14th August 1809
To the Honble Sir G. W. Barlow Bart. & K. B.
Governor in Council
Honble Sir,

1. I have received authentic informa-
tion that the Med. B.^s have recently recommended for
the approbation of Government, certain arrangement
connected with the Medical Department of the force
about to take the field - The proposed arrangements as
far as they respect me are, that I should be appointed
Surgeon to the 20th Regiment N. I. and join the
5th Battalion in camp; - That I should be removed
from the Medical charge of the Military Male
Asylum, & that another Gentleman should be perma-
nently appointed to that Institution.

2. With respect to the former part
of the plan, that of serving in the Field, I acquiesce in
it with cheerfulness, but the latter part, by which I am
proposed to be in future excluded from resuming my
situation at the Male Asylum will, I am confident,
appear on a due consideration of every circumstance,
to use the mildest term, a great hardship; I have served
in that situation nearly 8 years, not merely with
credit, but as the accompanying Papers N^o 182
will

Fort St. George 14th August 1809.

will testify with distinguished applause. I blush, Sir, to speak in this manner of myself, but when it is proposed to dismiss me, without any real cause, from a situation which I have filled so long, and with the unqualified approbation of my superiors, I must speak in my own defence.

Officers holding situations when the public Service requires that they should be employed elsewhere, have usually been permitted to resume the duties of their former stations, if they think proper, when the particular Service is ended. But the Medical Board in their proposed arrangements exclude me for ever from the Asylum, because, as I am informed, they do not consider it a Government appointment, or a situation in the Service. Whether this be the case or not must be for the Government to determine. I shall only remark that according to the G. O. by the Right Honble the Governor in Council of the 6th May 1808, the Surgeon to the Male Asylum is enumerated among several Military and Med^l Officers who, as holding public fixed appointments, are not liable to

Fort St. George 14th August 1809.

to be called upon for field Service, and are consequently not permitted to draw Tent allowance. Since the division and removal from Madras of the 2nd Battalion Pioneers the Corps to which I stood appointed, I have, conformably to this Regulation drawn, not Tent allowance, but House Rent.

With respect to the proposal of the Board for providing Medical aid for the two Asylums, I shall merely observe, that the Garrison Assistant Surgeon, whom as holding a fixed situation at the Presidency the Med^l B^d have recommended for one of the Asylums, has never hitherto been considered as fixed at Madras. on the contrary, he has always been considered as particularly liable to removal in cases of Detachments requiring Medical aid, or on other occasional duties.

The Members of the Med^l B^d exercising no superintendence over the Surgeon to the Asylum, can have a very imperfect knowledge of the state of that Institution, of the diseases which are prevalent in it, and of various particulars

connected

Fort St. George 14th August 1809-

connected with the general economy of the Charity. I need not mention that the importance of the Institution has increased considerably within the last ten years. The original establishment consisted only of 50 boys, whereas there are now 300 boys supported in it. The Government Printing Office, and other employments which are carried on within the precincts of the Asylum, have also contributed greatly to its reputation and utility.

But, whatever may be the relative importance of the Male Asylum to other appointments at the Presidency, the Records of Government bear ample evidence that my Services have not been confined to that Institution. I could, but to do so would bear the appearance of ostentation; lay before the Hon^{ble} Board many other testimonials to prove that I have not been wholly indifferent to the good of the community - as the present moment, as Secretary to the Poor Fund Committee, I am engaged in an important and intricate enquiry connected with the proposal for blending the Establishments of the Native Infirmary & Monigarr

Fort St. George 14th August 1809-

Monigarr Choultry. —

7 I trust that I shall ever evince a laudable Zeal for the public Service; I have expressed my ready acquiescence in any orders I may receive for field duty; - yet I may, perhaps with all difference, be allowed to observe, that of the Regiment to which I am proposed to be appointed one Battalion is at the Mount - the other at the Presidency. I believe it is not an unusual indulgence to permit the Surgeon to a Regiment to join that Battalion he finds most convenient. Were I appointed to the 2^d instead of the 1st Battalion I could continue to perform my duty at the Male Asylum, and I apprehend it would not be inconvenient to the Asst Surgeon Mr. Shaden to be removed from the 2^d to the 1st while such an arrangement, certainly, would not be attended with any inquiry to the Service.

8 Thus, Hon^{ble} Sir, have I presumed, most respectfully, to appeal my case to you as the Governor, and as the President of the Military Male Asylum, I could say a great deal more on the subject, but I fear I may already have trespassed

471

Fort St George 14th August 1809

I enclose too much on your time. On your
justice & candor I have full reliance.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant

(Signed) R. C. Sherwood

Surgeon

Madras
13th August
1809

N.B.
Extract from the Annual Report of the Superin-
tendent of the Military Male Orphan Asylum for
the year 1807. Given in to the General Annual
Meeting of the President, Vice Presidents and
Directors of the Institution on Monday the
11th January 1808.

There is another circumstance to
which I would wish to call your particular
attention, which is in my opinion nearly con-
nected with that charity, the cause of which it
so extensively and humanely maintains.

R. C. Sherwood

472

3
Fort St George 14th August 1809

Mr. Sherwood more than six years
ago, during the absence of the surgeon appointed to
the Institution, gave Medical assistance to the
School. It happened at that period, that a di-
sease of the most fatal kind was very prevalent
amongst the Children, - and on Reference to our
list of Casualties, it will appear that more than
20 had been carried off by it. This Disease which
in every stage of the School was more or less com-
mon, was not then generally understood, and
different Practitioners adopted different modes
of treatment, but success seldom attended their
endeavors, Mr. Sherwood with a zealous perse-
rance which gained him much of my esteem, assid-
uously devoted his attention to ascertain the cause
of this complaint, little known in Europe, and
to suggest proper Remedies to eradicate it, and I had
the happiness to witness the most beneficial effects
immediately resulting from his practice and
so satisfied were the Directors of the Value of
Mr. Sherwood's services, that on the decease of
the Medical Gentleman, who belonged to the
Institution, Mr. Sherwood's claim to the situation
appeared

Fort St. George 14th August 1809.

appeared so strong from the skill and attention he had evinced in the temporary charge of the School, that tho' then but lately arrived in the Country, it was resolved to appoint him Surgeon to the Institution notwithstanding another candidate was intended to fill the situation. Since that period Mr. Sherwood has continued to act with the same uniform attention to his charge, has suggested various useful alterations in the diet of the children; has received the public thanks of this Board, and the Number of Casualties at the School has been diminished one third. Under these Circumstances I cannot contemplate the loss of Mr. Sherwood's services to the School, without very great uneasiness, and as he is now situated, attached to a Corps liable to Removal from the Presidency his remaining appears very uncertain. I would therefore beg leave to suggest to the Meeting, that the services of Dr. Sherwood and his value at the Asylum, may be brought to the notice of Government, in order that in the event of any fixed situation at the Asylum Presidency

Fort St. George 14th August 1809.

Presidency to which he may be eligible falling vacant, he may be appointed to it.

(A true copy)

(Signed) A. Stock

Secretary M.A.

N^o 2.

Extract from a Letter of the Honorable the President Vice President and Directors of the Male Asylum, to the Honorable the Governor in Council dated 18th January 1808.

2. The services which Mr. Sherwood has rendered to the Asylum by his unremitting attention during a period of six years, and his professional skill there, have been such as to entitle him in the Superintendent's opinion, to a Recommendation from this Meeting, that he may obtain a fixed situation at the Presidency.

The records of the Institution and an examination into the state of the Hospital during the period Mr. Sherwood has had charge, afford

Fort St. George 14th August 1809.

afford ample testimony for the high value of the
Gentleman's Services, and we therefore recommend
him to the favorable notice of Government to be
rewarded in such manner as may appear most
expedient.

(A true copy)

(Signed) A. Stock
Secretary, High

Extract

Fort St. George 20th August 1809.
Extract of a G. O. By Government.
Dated 20th August 1809.

The Honorable the Governor
in Council directs the following appointments to
take place.

Doctor Terence Cahagan to be
President of the Medical Board from the 7th Instant
vice Doctor James Anderson deceased with the
title of Physician General, until the pleasure of
the Honorable the Court of Directors be known.

M^r Alexander Watson Senior
Superintending Surgeon to be Second Member of
the Medical Board from the 7th Instant vice
Doctor Cahagan promoted.

Doctor Whitlaw Ainslie
Senior Surgeon to be Superintending Surgeon
in the Southern Division of the Army vice
Watson promoted, from the 7th Instant and
M^r John Hay to be Surgeon to the 2^d Battalion
of Artillery and to the Cantonment of Saint Thomas
Mount, from the 7th Instant vice Ainslie promoted.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) A. M. Peile
Secy to Govt.

478

Fort St. George 25th August 1809
Military Department

To The Members of the Medical Board,
Gentlemen,

I am directed, by the Honorable the Governor in Council, to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry, dated 17th Instant, for your information, and to desire that the Lunatic therein mentioned, may be admitted into the Hospital, if on his arrival from that Station, he shall be found a fit object for admission. The Officer Commanding at Pondicherry has been directed to forward him to the Presidency under a proper degree of restraint.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your Most obedient servant
(Signed) J. H. Pile
Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George
22nd August 1809.

38

479

Fort St. George 25th August 1809
To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to transmit to you two Medical Certificates of the Situation of a Lunatic of this place, a Maltese, formerly in the French Service, and on Account of the utter inability of his family to take care of him, and there being no place here proper for the reception of persons in his calamitous Circumstances, I earnestly request that the Honorable the Governor in Council would be pleased to order his removal to a place of Security at the Presidency, as I understand has been formerly done in similar Cases.

I am, Sir,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) W^m Lockhart
L. C. C.

Pondicherry
17th August 1809.

(A True Copy)
(Signed) J. H. Pile
Secretary to Govt.
To

Fort St. George 25th August 1809.

Resolutions of the Governor
in Council, Dated 26th Aug. 1809.

Medical Board.

25th August 1809.

Read a letter from Mr. Davis, Surgeon of the 6th Regt. Native Cavalry, dated the 14th instant, in which he requests permission to proceed to the Cape or St. Helena for the benefit of his health. The accompanying is a copy, to the Cape of Good Hope, or St. Helena, for the recovery of his health.

In forwarding this application, and recommending it to the favorable attention of the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief, and Government, the Medical Board cannot omit taking the opportunity of expressing their regret, that so long continued, and serious an indisposition, should have been the consequence of Mr. Davis's well attested arduous, and meritorious services in the

Fort St. George 25th August 1809.

the Field; from which he appears, to be so truly deserving, of every indulgent consideration.

Read a letter from Mr. Moore, Superintending Surgeon, bearing date the 25th Ultimo, enclosing a copy of an Order, issued by the Officer Commanding the Hyderabad subsidiary Force, copy of which they have herewith the honor to

Ordered, that Mr. Moore's nomination, bearing date the 25th Ultimo, enclosing a copy of an Order, issued by the Officer Commanding the Hyderabad subsidiary Force, copy of which they have herewith the honor to the date of the D.O., (enclose) appointing Mr. Asst. Surg. Moore, to afford Medical aid, to the force of 5000000 General staff of that Force. - and that an allow. Moore, to afford Medical aid, to the force of 5000000 General staff of that Force. - be granted to him.

The Medical Board accordingly recommend, to the Officer Commanding the Army in Chief, and Government, that Mr. Moore be confirmed in this appointment, from the date of the order, issued by

By Order of the Honble the Governor Colonel Montresor. - in Council. -

Signed J. W. M. Secy to Govt. The same time, recommends, that Mr. Asst. Surg. Moore be confirmed in this appointment, from the date of the order, issued by

Fort St. George 25th August 1809-

Assistant Surgeon Moore, be permitted
to draw, while he may continue to
afford Medical aid to the General
Staff of the Hyderabad Subsidiary
Force, the Monthly Sum of Rupees
50 for Medical expenditure Office
Establishment and Medical servants,
the allowance that is granted, on the
same accounts, to the Garrison Surge-
on, of the principal Military Stations
under this Presidency, where the
Medical charge of Staff Officers is
not of so extensive, or active a nature.

Signed/ Terence Cahagan. M.D.

2^d Member Med. Bd.

Andrew Berry

3^d Member Med. Bd.

3d

40
Fort St. George 25th August 1809-

To

The Secretary to the
Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of the Acting Secretary's Letter, under
date 18th Current, and I shall now in Obedience
to the Orders of the Medical Board, contained
in its second paragraph, proceed to state such
additional Information in support of Dr
Moore's Nomination to the Medical Charge
of the Staff of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force,
as will I trust, prove satisfactory, both with
Respect to the Necessity of the Measure itself,
and to the propriety of granting to him such
allowances, as may be adequate to defray the
Expences of the Appointment. I shall also
mention by whom, & upon what Terms, these
duties have hitherto been performed.

For

Fort St. George 25th August 1800.

For the general Grounds upon which all such appointments are founded, as well as the Application of these to the particular case of the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, I beg Leave to refer to my Letter to the Med^l Board under date 11th August 1800, and also to my Subsequent Memorial, forwarded through the Board, to the then Commander in Chief, under date 16th December of the same Year, and in which these Subjects are so amply discussed, as to render any Repetition of the Argument now unnecessary. - I believe I have there shown that the Appointment now in question, and the consequent Indemnification to the Medical Officer performing the duties, are not less proper, than with any other Set of Staff Officers upon this Establishment, whether in Garrison or in the field.

The admission of all these points in the 5th paragraph of the General Military Letter, 7th September 1808, appears to me to be conclusive.

Fort St. George 25th August 1809.

conclusive; nor is this admission in the least invalidated by the Honorable Courts not possessing the means of Estimating the Quantum of Expence. The Medical Board are however better informed upon this Head. I need therefore only Remark, that the Agent of the Medical Board, and the Recommendation they have repeatedly been pleased to give, in favor of a Medical Staff allowance being granted, are both equally applicable to the present occasion; with this additional Circumstance, in favor of Dr. Moore, that the strict Letter of Regulation upon which my Claim was carried, cannot be in any Shape made applicable to him.

With regard to the person by whom these duties have hitherto been performed, I have to add, that while I was Staff Surgeon, they were performed by me, and provided for by the allowances specified in the proceedings of the Medical Board, 17th August 1798. Since I had the Honor to be promoted, they have also been performed by me, though hitherto without any Remuneration. This however, would be

Fort St. George 21st August 1809.

be foreign to the present subject, were it not to observe, that whatever the Reasons of this might have been, they will by no means apply to Dr Moore. For one short period only since my joining the Force after my promotion, have and been absent from its Head Quarters, and during that time I believe it did so happen, that little or no Medical Aid was required among the Staff. But upon that Occasion, these duties were not specifically devolved by Order, either upon the senior, or any other practitioner, there being no funds for their performance to transfer along with them. It is also in point to add, that when I lately quitted Hyderabad, Dr Moore was the senior Medical Officer of the Company's service upon the Spot - Where no Claim upon personal allowances can be supposed to exist, the Medical Apts. Surgeon, ought to be subjected, or can be supposed adequate to an expensive duty of this kind, without an Extension of that public Aid, which, so far

Fort St. George 21st August 1809.

far as I know, has never been withheld from any other similar Situation.

(Signed) Alex. Kennedy
A. S. H. S. F.

Fort St. George
25th July 1809.

I hereby certify, that Mr. Hugh Dove Surgeon of the 16th Regiment of Cavalry, has for a length of time labored under a severe affection of the lungs, induced by a Fever, contracted in the Maharrata Country, which has withstood the usual remedies and a voyage to China. It is my opinion, that he should proceed, with as little delay as possible, to the Cape of Good Hope or St. Helena as a long sea voyage appears absolutely necessary towards his recovery.

(Signed) J. D. White
Garrison Surgeon

Fort St. George
16th August 1809.

Extract

