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To The Honble Major Gen.
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council Comman-
der in Chief &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 2d Instant, and are with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir

Your Most Obedient
and Very humble Servt.
(Signed) James Anderson P. Gen.
Colley L. Lucas C. Surg.

Hospital Board
2d January 1788

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The Hospital Board having not had it in their power to report to Government sooner, on the state of the Medicines received from Europe agreeable to the Orders of the Honble Board communicated to them on the 20th of last month, owing to the returns of the Apothecary not being transmitted, have now the honor to acquaint Government, that by these returns they find all the Medicines received are in good condition except Cantharides which they had the honor to mention in their Proceedings of the 8th October and a few of the Instruments that were damaged on the Passage.

The Board have given Directions to the Apothecary to make out the Indent necessary for the ensuing Year, which they are in

hopes

hopes to be able to transmit in a few days, and have directed him therein to include Chymical and Pharmaceutical apparatus, as by that means the different Ingredients in Tinctures Electuaries &c. may be sent out in Substance and compounded in this Country by which they will be better, and less liable to leakage Breakage &c. and occupy less room in the Ship as well as be a considerable saving to the Honble Company.

Approved

As the Hospital Board will take particular care that nothing unnecessary shall be indented for, they hope Government will recommend to the Honble the Court of Directors a full compliance with the Indent in which they have likewise directed the Apothecary to include Buspin Styptic, as such Opportunities as have offered have proved its as an External Styptic, they declined administering it in being unacquainted with its tion.

Approved

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The Hospital Board have the honor to forward to Government a Plan of the Waggon mentioned in their Proceedings of the 10th Ultimo agreeable to the Orders of Government communicated on the 26th December.

Conformable to which Mr Lucas has requested, ~~has~~ the Honor to present his, of which he will shortly make a Model if required, and the requisite hands and Materials are provided him.

Approved

Mr Lucas conceives that Springs will not only retard the Completion of the Waggons, but be an Expence to which the convenience cannot be adequate, he has therefore, as in his Plan substituted Supports of the Braces which can be expeditiously made, and in Appearance they will be as neat and the weight considerably decreased.

Mr Lucas desired to make a model for which purpose he will on application to the President, be furnished with the requisite assistance.

With regard to the Expence attending the Field Arrangement, as soon as the Board are acquainted with what will be necessary to make up the Doolies and Waggons they will

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will have the honor of reporting to Government the amount of the whole.

Inclosed the Hospital Board have the honor of transmitting to Government a General Return of Sick for the months of July Augt and September it has been this long delayed from some of the Returns not being forwarded, and even now those of His Majestys Forces are not yet compleate.

The Hospital Board having received the Accounts of the Purveyor for Cotts Cloathing &ca supplied to the different General Hospitals and Regiments during the Months of July August and September have the honor of informing Govert they Amount to Pagd 11438 11 18 and must take this opportunity of observing that as the Board have never been able to get these Accounts countersigned by the Surgeons as a Check, they consider their transmission to them as little more than a Matter of form being thereby deprived the Power of making any adequate remarks.

The Hospital Board are desired to particularize the mode which they wish to recommend Relative to the Auditing of the Purveyors Accounts.

By Order of the President in Council

(Signed) W C Jackson
D. M. Secretary

(Signed) Andw Berry
Secry Hospl Bd

Abstract of the Numbers of Sick in the General Hospitals and their Dependencies during the Months of July August & September 1787 Taken from the Returns of the Head Surgeons

		Scurvy	Flux	Dysentery	Fever	Rheumatism	Consumption	Worms	Ulcers	Wounds Bruises & Contusions	Fractures	Dislocations	Total	Remain from last	Entered	Discharged	Dead	Remain
		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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To Dr James Anderson
Physician General
and to the Members of the
Hospital Board

Military Department

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Hble the President in Council to enclose a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Committee of Circuit, and to desire, that the request of the Committee relative to their Surgeon may be complied with.—

I am further directed to inform you that a Commission having been given to Mr Gahagan specifying the commencement of his Rank as full Surgeon to be from the 1st October 1777, the said Commission is to have full force and Effect and is to entitle him to the Charge of an Hospital next after Mr George Binny.—

I inclose Copy of your Proceedings of the 2 Instant with the Resolutions of Government thereon.—

I am
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant
[Signed] John Chamier Secy

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5th January 1788

A true Copy
And. Berry Secy Hospl Board

To

Fort St George 2 January 1788

To John Chamier Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

I am directed by the Committee of Circuit to acquaint you that Mr Alexander Anderson their Surgeon hath been ordered to Trichinopoly by the Medical Board, but having immediate occasion for his Services they flatter themselves Government will permit him to remain until the business is completed.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
[Signed] Hugh. Maxwell
Secretary

Monsurcotah
19th December 1787

A true Copy
And. Berry Secy Hospl Board

To

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Military Department

To Dr James Anderson
Physician General
& to the Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Proceedings dated the 7th and 15th Instant and to transmit to you a paper containing the ideas of the Purveyor General, upon the Plan recommended by you for the arrangement of his Department.

Government desire you will take the Paper into Consideration & report your Sentiments thereon.

With respect to the Contested rank between Mr Mein & Mr Gahagan, Government have resolved that the Orders of the Court of Directors be obeyed, and that Mr Mein do remain upon the List in the place you have recommended for him, being next below Mr George Binny.

Inclose

To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council Commander in Chief &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 7th Instant, and are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir
Your Most Obedt and
Very humble Servants
(Signed) James Anderson P. Genl
Colley L Lucas C. Surgn

Hospital Board
January 8th 1788.

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I Inclose Copy of your Proceedings with the Resolution of Government thereon; also Extract of a General Order relating thereto.

I am
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt Servt
John Chamier
Jury

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23 January 1788
Recd

Approved

Hospital Board
January 7th 1788.

The Hospital Board have the honor of forwarding to Government a letter from Mr Mein Surgeon to the 1st Battalion of Europeans at Trichinopoly, acquainting them of his Success in Inoculation for the Small Pox.

They have the pleasure to add that he has found means to introduce this beneficial Practice also among the Natives by having inoculated Seven Sepoys of the 13th Battalion which they hope will likewise be honored with the Sanction of the Honble Board, as his Practice has been so successful and that it is well known one half of the natives at least are destroyed by this Disease.

The Board have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of the orders from Government relative to Mr Alexander Anderson whose Duty they sometime ago ordered

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ordered Mr Laird Hospital Mate at Trichinopoly to perform till Mr Anderson could join, but as the Honble Board have been pleased to direct, that Mr Anderson should remain with the Committee of Circuit, and that Mr Laird's Services are wanted at the General Hospital, they beg leave to recommend that another Surgeon be appointed to that Corps, and that Mr Lord Senior Hospital Mate at Vellore, who is the first for promotion. — If Government are pleased to approve of this arrangement, they recommend Mr Lord's promotion and appointment to the 2d Battalion of Artillery at Warriore, being made public in General Orders. —

Approved

Countersigned the Apothecarys Bill of Disbursements for the month of December amounting to Pagodas 2240.. 25.. 50.. for Medicines and Pagodas 336.. 3.. 60.. as his Commission of 15 pr Cent ordered by Government, in all Pagodas 2576.. 29.. 30. —

Approved

Government

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Government having been pleased to direct the Hospital Board to particularize the mode in which they would wish the Purveyors accounts to be audited, they have the honor to recommend to the Honble Board the following which will at least enable them to have a clearer insight into this part of the Medical Department —

That no new Cloathing — Mrs George's Observation Cotts, or other Hospital Stores shall be made up, or purchased without an Indent from the Head Regimental or other Surgeon that may have occasion for such Necessaries, that no Cloathing &c shall be condemned as useless, without being previously shewn to the Surgeons, and certified by them to be such, when such Cloathing &c should be immediately struck off the Returns, that no Repairs shall be made without the Orders of the Surgeon, who being always at hand, can best judge of the propriety of them, that regular Returns should be made

in the Recommendations to be sent to the Hospital Board who are to be desired to take them into Consideration —

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made the Surgeons every month of what Cloathing &ca is in Store specifying the Condition it is in Copies of which Return should be sent to the Hospital Board, that no account of Disbursements for such Articles be passed or paid without the Signature of the Surgeon on the Spot, that the Purveyor General shall not transmit his quarterly Returns and Accounts without being Vouched as above Specified, and that his accounts shall not be paid untill the Hospital Board has passed and signed them,

If the above particulars are approved by Government the Hospital Board beg leave to recommend their being published in General Orders for the information of the Paymasters, Surgeons and Purveyors Deputies.

(Signed) Andw Berry
Secry Hospl Board

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council
(Signed)
W. C. Jackson
Depy M. Secretary

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To James Anderson Esqr M.D.
Physician General and
Directors of the Hospital President
&ca Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

In a former letter to your Secretary I mentioned that Eight out of Twenty Men that I inoculated on the 28th Ultimo had missed taking the Infection and that four of them had been reinoculated at their own desire, but without success.

I have now the satisfaction to inform you, that all the others to the number of Twelve, having had the Disease are perfectly recovered and returned, to their Duty with the Regiment, excepting two, who had a considerable Number of Pustules and the place of insertion is still in an ulcerated State tho in every other respect in perfect good health.

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I have also much pleasure in acquainting you that I have inoculated thirteen Children from six to 8 years of age, Ten of whom are perfectly recovered, the other three have the Eruption and since the 24th with every mild and favorable Symptom they are the Children of Captain Knox, and were inoculated at Tanjore without taking the Disease of Pus I sent from hence, but which being corked up in a Bottle without being sufficiently dried upon the thread has undoubtedly been the cause of its failure in the first operation.

I have inoculated two others this morning the one an Infant of 9 Months and the other about 2 years, I have several others under preparation, of whom I hope I soon shall have the pleasure to give you favorable Accounts. In the mean time it may not be improper to mention that the Eruption in all my Patients generally made its appearance on the 8d or early on the 11th Day from the Accession of the Fever, or on the 9th or 10th from the day of Inoculation thus

included

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included, and out of the Twentytwo that are recovered I could not observe any Symptom of secondary fever which in the natural small Pox, is the Disease; I do not dispair of being able to introduce the practice among the natives, & especially the Sepoys, which if once established would be means of saving many thousand.

I have now to request that the Board would be pleased to communicate my success to the Honble the Governor in Council which may induce them to recommend Inoculation in the other Regiments, whereby many useful lives and much expence may be saved to the Honble Company, as is the Custom in his Majesty's Service.

I have the honor to be
With the greatest Respect
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
(signed) Nicol Mein
Surgeon 1st Battn E.I.

Trichinopoly
26th Decr 1767.

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To

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To The Honble. Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council Comander
in Chief &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the
Honor of forwarding our Proceedings
of the 15th Instant, and are with the
greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obed.t and
Very humble Servants
(Signed) James Anderson M.D
Colley L. Lucas Esq.

Hospital Board
15 January 1788

Hospital

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Hospital Board
15 January 1788.

The Hospital Board have
the honor of acknowledging the receipt
of the orders of Government relative
to the Rank Granted to Mr. Gahagan
under date the 5th Instant and beg
leave to inclose the accompanying
letter from Mr. Keir Surgeon
of the 1st Battalion of Europeans
Facts contained therein the Board
think it incumbent upon them to
lay it before the Honble the President
in Council, being confident that strict
Justice & Conformity to former
Resolutions are always intended by
Government, with this view they beg
leave to observe that the Resolutions
of this Board dated the 4th September
1787 which were honored with the
approbation of the Honorable
President in Council are hereby
alluded from, and hope the Honble
Board will see that by the
Commission granted to Mr. Gahagan

As the Orders from the
Court of Directors to which
Mr. Munro alludes in his Letter
are positive Government order
that they be acquiesced in and
that Mr. Munro be allowed to
remain in the Station to
which the Hospital Board
have recommended him being
Next after Mr. George
Bensley.

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Mr Mein is superceded.

The Hospital Board also hope that Government conceive it the Duty of this Board to set in a just point of View the right of Individuals and as they cannot endeavour to shew Mr Mein's prior Claim in a better Light than he has done in his own Letter, they beg leave to refer to it and have only further to add that every passage appears to them strictly true.

The Hospital Board having this moment received a second letter from Mr Mein, have the Honor likewise to transmit it to Government agreeable to his desire.

Andw Berry
Secry Hospl Board

By Order of the Governor in Council
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy M. Secretary

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To James Anderson Esqr M.D.
Physician Genl and Director of the Hospitals President &ca
Members of the Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Your president the Physician General having been pleased to communicate to me Sundry Extracts from the Proceedings of the Hospital Board relative to a Claim made by Mr Gahagan Surgeon of the 3d Regiment getting Rank established Senior to me it is with great reluctance, that I am thereby compelled to intrude upon your time, but as it is in defence of what I consider my incontrovertible and well earned Right, in which my future prospects in life, and particularly the Maintenance of my wife, and a large family are deeply interested, I hope I need not make further apology.

Mr Gahagan in his address to the Hospital Board dated the 4th April 8 C. states "that tho' he does not appear high in the list of Surgeons, begs leave to observe that he has served the Honble Company near Nineteen Years" & while seconding his own Eulogium he might have

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have added, tam marte quam mercurio — first known to many Officers now living, that he first entered their Service as a private Soldier, nor is it likely he was immediately advanced from that ~~situation~~ to the Rank of Assistant Surgeon, more probably he might be first employed in the humble capacity of Substantant at the period he dates his Medical Services, which will better be understood by a Reference to the Government Records of that time.

Mr Cahagan in his address to the Honble the President in Council attributes his Voyage to Europe to bad health and for redress of Grievances, but as the Hospital Board have justly Observed, it would have been more candid to ascribe his leaving the Country to the real cause Viz: that upon his being examined with Regard to his Medical Abilities, he was found unqualified, and rejected as such — his Education being at that time by no means adequate — In the same address to Government he admits, (probably because it is impossible to deny it) that the Honble Court of Directors gave him Rank as full Surgeon on his arrival at Madras only. He expresses his astonishment at it and conceives it to have been a mistake, and indeed in this Instance he was not singular; We them says some of

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of the Directors promised him he should not suffer by it and they have undoubtedly kept their promise, for it is well known that he has profited very considerably by it, but by what Logic or Sophistry a man standing declared incapable by professional judges can pretend to insinuate and bring to Account of his services to the Honble Company the time he was afterwards absent in England, is beyond my Ideas, but his getting any Rank, whatever in their service after such judicial Report is a decisive proof that the Honble Company owed him, and a great mark of their Indulgence.

But from whatever source he has obtained this Rank, as it is evident from his own statement as well as from the public Records, that he was to take Rank as full Surgeon from his arrival at Madras only, and as it is also obvious, that I was promoted to that Rank some months prior to his arrival on 1776, it follows of course that I am Senior and first entitled to promotion agreeably to the established Rules of the service, and fortunate it is for me that the Hospital Board by their Act and date of the 10th November 1787, approved & confirmed by Government have established my seniority of Rank to him or so form a Basis as precludes the

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the necessity of my unlarging much on this subject, but as Mr. Gahagan seems to lay great stress on his arduous services in the field so far I confess he may have the advantage of me, where had it been my good fortune to have been employed I might have reaped some of the Emoluments he so amply enjoyed — I shall pass over my services while employed in the Circars from the year 1772 till 1780. as well as those at Cuddalore while I had the honor of holding the General Hospital, and of my embarking with the sick and wounded Europeans of the Army in the Rice Vessels to Madras after the battle at Portonovo and of my furnishing them with fresh provisions Wine &ca at my own Expence & for which the Government made me no reimbursement, and if I was less arduously I was not withstanding not less assidously employed in services equally essential to the army and to Community, while I had the honor of being entrusted with the Sick and wounded of the Army at Fort St. George from the Month of August 1781 till May 1782, and I flatter myself the Physician General & his Collegue the Chief Surgeon will do me the justice to say that my attention to that Duty met their entire approbation & satisfaction — During this period, it is well known that Mr. Gahagan was in the monthly receipt of several hundred Pags. while I had only my monthly Salary 21.7 and was I to enterfully

into

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into a Discussion or retrospect of events since the Arrival of Mr. Gahagan as full Surgeon in 1776 I could easily prove that he enjoyed several lucrative appointments which as his senior, I might have contended to have been my Right — first in his appointment to the Hospital at Trichinopoly and afterward to Pondichery where he enjoyed the Emoluments of a large Contract Hospital from the time of its capitulation untill the Invasion of the Carnatic in 1780, when the Regiment with which he served, was ordered to the field and altho' he claims on account of his services in the field, I do not conceive he could have done any more than his Duty what every other surgeon could have also done in the same situation —

I could also enumerate many hardships and grievous losses I sustained in repeated Efforts I made during several fruitless embarkations in 1782 to join the Station to which the Honble Board were pleased to appoint me at Tanjore untill I was made a prisoner by the French plundered of my Baggage & effects even to the shirt upon my Back & afterward detained upwards of two months at Cuddalore and narrowly escaped the Disaster that happened to so many of our brave Countrymen of being sent to the mysore Country, and altho' my appointment was to Tanjore in April, yet I was not able to

join

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To James Anderson Esqr. M.D.
Physician General and
Directors of the Hospitals President
&c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I have been duly honored with your Secretary's letter of the 7th Instant containing the following from the Honble Governor &c. Council &c.

"I am further directed to inform "you that a Commission having been given to Mr. "Gahagan specifying the Commencement of his "Rank as full Surgeon to be from the 1st of October "1777 the said Commission is to have full force "and Effect, and is to entitle him to the charge "of an Hospital next after Mr. Binny."

This Resolution I must confess has surprized me so much, and seems fraught with so much injustice as is unexampled in the annals of the Honble Company's Civil, Military or Medical Records, and in my Opinion has been occasioned by some mistake in the Date of Mr. Gahagan's Commission, which has escaped the attention of our just and equitable Government among a Variety of Business otherwise Mr. Gahagan's Claim

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Claim to Seniority, after the act of the Hospital Board so late as the 20th of November last approved and Confirmed by Government could not have operated so suddenly to the destruction of my future and immediate prospects — a Claim that is only founded (in his Ipse Dixit) on a broken promise of some few of the Directors, Ten years ago, that his Rank should be settled next to Mr. Duffin, altho' it is clearly, & specifically mentioned in the General Letter of the Honble the Court of Directors, that he shall only take Rank as full Surgeon from the time of his arrival at Fort St. George agreeably to the long established Rules, and invariable System of the Service, which has ever placed those who came out with Commissions, or Indentures from the Court of Directors Junior to all of the Rank, to which such Commissions may apply unless where the Commission expressly mentions, that the person is to rank immediately below such a person, and immediately above such another which has not been the case in the Indenture brought out by Mr. Gahagan but to bring the matter more clearly to view I will state a Case exactly in point, by adducing the Instance of the Captains & Lieutenants of the King's Service, who obtaining Commissions from the Court of Directors in the year 1770 were placed under all the officers who

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who held these two Ranks at the time of their Arrival & many similar Instances will be found on a Reference to the Records of the Honble Company.

I have therefore Gentlemen to request that your respectable Board will be pleased to lay this Letter before the Honble the Governor & Council, as an appendix to my letter on the same Subject of the 10th Instant and to declare to the Honble and Equitable Board that I am fully determined, and most solemnly declare before the Omnipotent God — that I never will serve under Mr. Cahagan, that I will sacrifice my life, my Wife and family to Misery sooner than submit to such decree, & therefore pray that they may be pleased to rescind it.

I have further to offer my warmest acknowledgements to the Hospital Board for the firmness with which they have supported my Seniority and for the Honorable mention they have been pleased to make of my humble exertions to the Honorable Government.

I have the honor to be with the most perfect Gratitude & Respects.

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient and Most faithful Servant

(Signed) Jacob Mein

Surgeon

Military

Trichinopoly
12th January 1788.

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Military Department.

To D. James Anderson

Physician General &c to the

Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble President in Council to desire you will lay before him a Report of the Quantity of Wine furnished each Station specifying the different Sorts.

Government are pleased to direct you will also send in an abstract of the Bill for Medicines and Medical Stores furnished by Indent at each Station for the last 2 Months commencing from the 1st January 1787 and ending the 31st December last according to the following Form.

Trichinopoly	Indent for January	Do
Tanjore	Do	Do
Madura	Do	Do
&c &c		

inserting the name of the Surgeon and the day on which the Indent was complied with.

The Governor in Council desires also to be informed whether the Diet Tables are kept at each Hospital and what is the Quantity and

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23d. January 1788.

Approved

I enclose the Hospital Board have the honor of forwarding to Government the Indent of Medicines and Medical Articles wanted from Europe with their Signature which they hope the Honble the Governor in Council will be pleased to recommend to the Honble the Court of Directors. They have also the Honor to transmit a List of the old Instruments necessary to be sent to England for Repair agreeable to the Orders of the Honble the Court of Directors communicated to them on the 14th September 1786.

In Compliance with the Orders of Government of the 15th Inst respecting the furnishing a Return of the expenditure of Wine and of the Quantities delivered to each Patient.

The Hospital Board beg leave to observe that they have signed the Indents for Wine with an attention to the average number of Sick and the relative of

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of the Prevailing Disease in the Confidence that the Gentlemen entrusted with the care of the different Corps would distribute it as the Cases required, few of whom it is conceived from the uncertainty of the demand, have kept a regular account of the Expenditure; the Board have therefore ordered the Apothecary to inform them of the Quantity supplied during the last twelve months and to those, when [illegible] the manner of laying it before the Honble Board;

Approved

Particular attention has been paid to the Species of Wine most proper to be used, of which none but Port and Madeira have been admitted as was specified in their Proceedings of the 25 July 1786.

Approved

The Board have also directed the Apothecary to make out the Abstract account of the Bills for Medicines during the same period.

The Hospital Board have the Honor of recommending to Government the appointment of Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment to Mr. Robert Thompson

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Thompson whom they have found well qualified.

If Government are pleased to approve of this recommendation, they beg leave to propose his being stationed at the General Hospital till further Orders.

approved

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council
(Signed)
W. C. Jackson
Dy Secy

Andw Berry
Secry Hospl Board

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The mode recommended by the Hospital Board for the Auditing and passing the Purveyors Accounts, and their ultimate payment seems liable to much objection on the part of the Purveyor, They have recommended that the Quarterly Accounts, shall not be paid, until laid before them and Signed, were the Supplies furnished by the Purveyor confined to Madras alone, this Method (if his accounts were passed Monthly, as is the case with the Apothecary General) might be proper but when, it is considered, that his Appointment by Deputy extends to every place where there are Europeans that no advances are made to him, but the supply paid for at the end of the month when made, it could be found, that the Purveyor could not, under the recommendation of the Hospital Board be enabled to carry on the business of the Employ, for it would take near five Months allowing for their transmission examination, and before the quarterly return to the Station where paid, accounts of supplies could be passed and paid, a period by much too great to admit of any person remaining so long in advance the Accounts could not brought regularly into the Paymaster accounts Monthly under the head of Hospital Charges as at present, nor would he be able to get Gentlemen to act for him, when they found that they were to lay out of the Amount of their Bills so long. The Purveyor cannot have the smallest kind of objection, to any kind of check, that Government may think proper to place over him in respect

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Respect to the Supplies the Stores are and have been at all times open to the inspection of the Surgeons of the Station and the Officer visiting the Hospital, and he is happy in having the Satisfaction of conducting the Employ without a single complaint for so long. The Purveyor with submission would propose a mode, which he trusts would appear equally efficacious with that of the Hospital Board in giving them every insight into the Department without subjecting him, to the very great inconvenience which must result from their plan, particularly in regard to his payments, in which he must (if their recommendation be adopted) suffer considerable loss. The Hospital Board being in possession of the Monthly Returns of Sick at each Station, and with each Regiment, for the last year form an average number that have been in Hospital this number to be sent to the Purveyor, with directions to compleat the Cotts to that number at each Hospl immediately and to furnish each Cott with the settled proportion of three suits of Cloathing an extra number will of course be ordered for the General Hospitals, particularly at Madras when this supply is compleated, a Return to be shewn to the Surgeon of the Station for him to Compare with the Stores and if found just to be countersigned by him that the Surgeon be directed to see, that this quantity is kept up and that no abuse or wast of the Stores is admitted of and at the end of each Month, he be desired to sign the Purveyors Return

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Returns upon an examination of them and give an Indent for such quantity as may be required to Compleat the Consumption of the Month preceeding, that the Purveyor (who is immediately in charge of the Stores) represent to the Surgeon when repairs are required, who shall be directed to see them made accordingly, the unserviciable Stores to be struck off the Returns, the Surgeons Signature to the Returns being considered as a sufficient certificate of their being unserviceable. No supply beyond the Number ordered by the Hospital Board to be made, but by the direction of the Surgeon of the Station, upon obtaining the leave of that Board, to whom he must represent the Necessity of such supply and who will in course acquaint the Purveyor. The Purveyors Accounts including his Commission, allowance for Servants and every Charge in that Department for the preceeding month to be countersigned by the Surgeon on the Spot and to be discharged by the Paymaster. The Copies of those Accounts and the Returns to be laid quarterly before the Hospital Board, as at present by the Purveyor General who must produce the original Returns if required, his Signature to the Copies of the accounts to be a sufficient authentication, as the originals will be delivered to the Company's Paymasters. The above will establish the check which the Hospital Board wish without throwing the whole power out of their own hands into those of individual Surgeons, who will be answerable for their own Signature and orders, to the Purveyor or his Deputies

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Deputies and the whole will come ultimately under the inspection of the Hospital Board.

If the above is approved the Hospl. Board will send their orders to the Surveyor General who will furnish his Deputies with a Copy for their guidance and the information of the Surgeon or the latter may be made acquainted from the Hospital Board themselves this arrangement to commence from the 1st. Instant.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. Mr. Stores

A true Copy
Andrew Berry
Secretary Hospl. Board

Extract

Fort. St. George 23d. January 1788

Extract of a General Order by Government
Dated 23d. January 1788.

Mr. Thomas Lord appointed a full Surgeon, and ordered to do Duty with the 2d. Batt. of Artillery at Wormore.

A true Extract
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. M. Stores

A true Copy
Andrew Berry
Secy. Hospl. Board

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Extract

Fort St George 22d January 1788

Extract of a General Order Dated 22d January 1788

Mr John Thompson is admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, at the Recommendation of the Hospital Board, and is to do Duty at the General Hospital, till further Orders.

A true Extract
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Depy Secretary

A true Copy
Andrew Berry
Secy Hospl Board

Military

Fort St George 4th February 1788

Military Department

To Dr James Anderson
Physician General
&c. &c. the Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to inclose for your Information and Guidance several Extracts of a Letter lately received from the Honble the Court of Directors.

Government expect you will pay particular attention to the Orders of the Honble Court, and desire you will immediately deliver me an accurate List of the Medical Establishment Specifying the Number of Subassistants with every other information required in the accompanying Extracts.

2d

You will be pleased to acquaint Government whether the Service can dispence with the appointments to which the Court of Directors have objected, and what is the Number of Assistant Surgeons required at present to Compleat the Establishment.

3d

I am further to acquaint you that Government have appointed Mr Edward Atkinson
Secretary

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Secretary to your Board in the room of Mr. Berry.

I am
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Servt
(Signed) John Chamier
Secy

Fort St. George
8th February 1788

Extracts

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Extracts of a Letter from the Court of Directors
31st July 1787

Para 8 "We also disapprove of the appointment of
"Mr. Berry to be Secretary to the Hospital Board,
"and direct, that the Office be filled by one of our
"covenanted Servants, at the Salary of 50 Pagodas P.
"Month, as already settled by you."

9 "We consider the Establishment to the
"Military and Hospital Boards as now compleated,
"no addition therefore must be made thereto, nor any
"increase of Allowances
"previous consent & approbation."

26 "For the reasons set forth in these Paragra-
"phs, and in Mr. Davis's Letter of the 17th August
"1786, We hereby confirm the allowances given to him."

27 "With respect to the appointments of
"Assistant Surgeons, made at your Presidency, since
"the institution of the Hospital Board We hereby
"revoke the appointments of such Persons as
"proceeded to India without the Company's licence;
"We observe by your Proceedings that there are a
"Number of Subassistants scattered over the Districts
"under your Presidency, a compleat List of whom was
"to be laid before you. We know of no such Establish-
"ment, and therefore direct that you send us a
"compleat Return of all such Subassistants, and
"when, and by what authority, they were appointed;"

and

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"and whether they have the Company's Licence for being
"in India, and also compleat Lists of the Surgeons
"and Assistants and of the number requisite to form
"the Complete Establishment, according to the Plan
"laid down in our Letter of the 28th September 1785,
"and we hereby prohibit you from making any such
"Appointments in future".

52 "We have read the several Letters referred to in these Paragraphs respecting the different pretentions of Doctor Anderson and Mr. Lucas, and are of opinion, that the latter has not made good his claim to superiority: nor do we see any reason for complying with Mr. Lucas's request to be called Surgeon General instead of Chief Surgeon, and thereby make a variation in the general Establishment of India to answer no one purpose whatever.

True Extracts
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. M. Secry.

To

Fort St. George 8th February 1788

To The Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K. B.
Governor in Council Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

In compliance with the Orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors communicated to us through your Honble Board, we have directed our late Secretary to deliver over his Charge to the Gentleman whom it has been your Pleasure to nominate for that Office.

We beg leave at the same time to observe that from the nature of the Office none but those regularly bread to the Profession can prove adequate to the task. It is not from the Letters we have the honor to lay before your Honorable Board that the Necessity of a Medical Man being our Secry. is evident. The extensive Correspondence with the Apothecary and Surgeons at the different Stations &ca. can only be carried on by such as have been educated in the Profession.

We have thought it our indispensible Duty to lay these our Sentiments before your Honorable Board, in a matter so immediately connected with the Welfare of the Service.

We

Fort St. George 8th February 1788.

We have the Honor to be with great Respect.

Hospital Board
13th February 1788

Honble Sir
Your Most Obedient and
Very humble Servants
(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General
Colley L. Lucas
Chief Surgeon

Fort St. George 15th February 1788

Military Department
To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General
& to the Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of the Minutes of your Proceedings dated the 15th Instant, and to inform you that Mr. Whyte and Mr. Turing are permitted to resign the service.

The Orders of the Court of Directors respecting the return of their Servants to Europe being positive, it is necessary that Messrs. Whyte & Turing should resign the Service — they will however be mentioned in the General Letter in a manner suitable to their merits and long Services.

No Allowance of Passage money can be given to those who have resigned the service.

Inclose Copy of your Proceedings with the resolution of Govt. thereon also Copy of a G.O. issued in consequence.

I am,
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Fort St. George
16th February 1788

To the Honble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council Commander
in Chief &ca &ca

Honble Sir,

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 15th Instant and are with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir
Your Most Obedt. &
Very humble Servts.
(Signed) James Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.

Hospital Board
15th February 1788

Proceedings

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Proceedings of the Hospital Board 15th February 1788

Read the orders of Government and directed our Secretary to have a Return made out of the Surgeons against Monday Next agreeable thereto.

Read Letters from Mr. James Whyte, an Mr. Robert Turing requesting permission to return to Europe, as they both stand high in our estimation, We begleave to submit their application to the Hon'ble Board and hope they will comply with their different requests.

In case Government approve of their resignation, the Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Binny be appointed to the Hospital at Masulipatam Vice Turing, & Mr. Mein to the Hospital at Trichinopoly Vice Whyte Should Government approve of the above appointments they recommend Mr. Stuart to be appointed Surgeon & stationed with the 1st Battalion of European Infantry, and Mr. Richardson to do

Approved

Duty

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Approved

duty at Ganjam till further Orders Mr. Laird at Tanjore, Vice Stuart. Mr. Alexr. Sewewright to be appointed Medical Storekeeper at Vellore, Vice Mr. Lord promoted.

The Hospital Board hope the Honorable Board will be pleased to publish the above in General Orders.

Approved

(signed) Edwd. Atkinson Secry.

By Order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council

(Signed)
W. C. Jackson
Dy. Mr. Secry.

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Fort St. George 15th February 1788

To James Anderson Esqr.
Physician General
&c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Having serv'd the Honorable Company twenty two years, and finding my Constitution thereby so much worn out, as to render me incapable of serving longer, were I call'd upon to do duty in the Field which my Station in the service still subjects me to. I have to request you will do me the favor to address the Hon'ble the Governor in Council for permission, for me to return to my native Country and should the Hon'ble Board not think it proper to grant me leave on any other terms, then my resigning the service, I hope they will be pleas'd to allow me Passage Money or any other Indulgence they shall think me most properly entitled to.

If my resignation is thought necessary before I can have leave to proceed to England I request that the Hon'ble the Governor in Council will be pleas'd to accept of it on the 20th Inst. and that I may be permitted to go on Board the Hon'ble Company's Ship Henry Dundas.

I have the honor to be Gentlemen with the utmost respect.

Your most Obedt.
Humble Servant
James Whyte
Head Surge

Fort St. George
4th February 1788

Fort St. George 15th February 1788

To James Anderson Esqr.
Physician General
& President
&c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Some circumstances relative to family affairs rendering it indispensibly necessary for me to proceed to Europe, I have to request you will apply to Government to procure leave of absence for me for three years, or if the orders lately arrived from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors do not extend the same indulgence to Surgeons as is allowed to Officers, such is the urgency of my particular situation that in compliance with Prescribed Forms I am under the necessity of requesting leave to resign the Company's service at the end of this month.

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But after serving Government faithfully above twenty three years I trust you will make mention of me in such a manner to the Hon'ble the President & Council that they may be induced to recommend me to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors that I may be permitted to return to my situation without prejudice to my Rank in the Honorable Company's Service.

I have the honor to remain
Gentlemen,
Your Obedt. Humble Servant
Robert Turing
Head Surgeon

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G. O.

Mr. James Whyte Head Surgeon of the Hospl. at Trichinopoly, and Mr. Robert Turing Head Surgeon of the Hospital at Masulipatam, permitted to resign the Service.

Mr. George Binny appointed Head Surgeon of the Hospital at Masulipatam vice Turing, and Mr. Nicol Mein Head Surgeon of the Hospital at Trichinopoly, vice Whyte.

Mr. Edward Stuart appointed a full Surgeon, and stationed with the first Battalion of European Infantry — Mr. Richardson to do Duty at Ganjam till further Orders. Mr. Laird to do Duty at Tanjore, vice Stuart and Mr. Alexr. Seivewright to be Medical Storekeeper at Vellore, vice Lord promoted.

Ensign William Preston permitted to resign the Honble Company's Service.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) John Chamier
Secry.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
D. M. Secry.

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To The Honble Major General
Sir Archd. Campbell K. P.
Governor in Council Commander
in Chief &ca. &ca.

Honble Sir,

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 19 Instant, and are with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir,
Your Most Obedt. and
Very humble servants
(Signed) James Anderson P. G.
Colley L. Lucas C. S.

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19th February 1788

Hospital

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Hospital Board
19th. February, 1788.

The Hospital Board have the honor of transmitting a list of the Surgeons Assistant Surgeons and Sub Assistants agreeable to the orders of the Honble Court of Directors, with their remarks on the subsistant as ordered who did not appear on the list when the Surgeons had the contract for the Hospitals as they were paid by themselves.

With regard to the Assistant Surgeons the Hospital Board are ignorant of any that have not had the sanction of the Honble the Court of Directors to proceed to India, to complete the establishment agreeable to the orders of 1785 there are yet 26 wanting which they beg leave to submit to the Honble Board to lay the same before the Honble the Court of Directors for their consideration.

As Mr. Gahagan's particular desire the Hospital Board have the honor

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honor of forwarding the accompanying letters upon which they hope they will be held excusable for having to make any other remark, than from their lenght they have not been able sooner to take copies of them.

The Hospital Board have the honor of enclosing a letter from Mr. Thompson for the perusal of Government which they think merits their particular attention as well in regard to the Doctor as the Surgeon himself.

29 The Hospital Board have the honor of forwarding a Return of Wine and Country Medicines supplied by the apothecary to the Different Surgeons on the Coast from the 1st. January to the 31st. December 1787 agreeable to the Orders of Government under date the 15th. January.

The Hospital Board on account of the removal of Mr. Richardson from Ashra recommend Mr. Fleming assistant

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A Assistant Surgeon to be appointed to the 18th Battalion Doing duty there, and Mr. John Thompson A Assistant Surgeon to be appointed to the 1st Battalion Sepoy at Tanjore. As these appointments seem very necessary, the Hospital Board hope they will be recommended in the General Order to proceed to their respective Stations immediately.

I have the honor &c.
Edward Atkinson
Secretary.

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List of the Medical Gentlemen on this Establishment

Doctor James Anderson Physician General
Colley Lyon Lucas Chief Surgeon
Thomas Davis Head Surgeon of Madras Hospital
William Raine Surgeon Black Town
William Gordon Black Town by permission of Government
William Duffin Head Surgeon Vellore Hospital
George Binny Do Do Masulipatam Hospital
David Simpson gone to Europe on leave
Nicol Mein Head Surgeon Trichinopoly Hospital
Terence Gahagan Surgeon 5th Regiment Vellore
Finlay Fergusson Do 2 Regiment European Hospital fixed
Thomas Howel on leave to Europe
William Rexborough Surgeon Samulcotta by permission of Govt
Robert Rollo — Do Cuddalore.
John Briggs — — Do Vizagapatam
Jeremiah Adderton Do 1 Battalion Artillery fixed
Job Bulman Apothecary 30
James Richardson Surgeon Chiefship Ganjam
Alexander Watson Do Polamcottah
Joshua Gillespie gone to Europe 35
Alexander Blackader gone to Europe
Anthony Simones Invalided Cuddalore
William Roddiman at the Presidency to attend the Nabobs family
George Egilby Surgeon Garrison of Madura
Alexander Anderson Surgeon Committee of Circuit.

George

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George Anderson Brevet Surgeon at Ongole fixed by order of Govr
Maxwell Thompson Surgeon 4th Battn. Europn. Infy. Walajabad
Thomas Lord - - - - Do. 2d Battn. of Artillery Warriore
Edward Stuart - - - Do. 1st Battn. of Europn. Infantry

Assistant Surgeons

Patrick Bowie assistant of Ingeram
Henry Miller Senior assistant Hospital Masulipatam
Robert Trotter Do. - - Do. - - Do. Trichinopoly
Charles Ogilvie assistant Chiefship of Vizagapatam
John Kincaid on leave to Europe
John Walker assistant of Madepollam
Henry Harris Hospital Mate at the General Hospl.
George Bell assistant Nagapatam
Alexr. Sewright Medical Storekeeper Vellore
John Laird assistant at Tanjore
Andrew Berry Do. Hospital Madras
George Lepper Do. Do. Masulipatam
Michl. Corbet Do. 1st Battalion Artillery
Thomas Brae Do. 3d Regiment E. Vellore at present in Bengal
George Baird Hospital Mate at the General Hospital
John Campbell assistant 2d Regt. of Cavalry Arcot
Fowke Moore assistant 1st Regt. Trichinopoly
Bernard Macmahon assistant 17th Battn. Ellore
James Ramsay Do. 1st Regt. of Cavalry Arcot
James Reid Do. 7th Battalion
George Ferguson Do. 4th Regt. Europn. Wallajabad

Charles

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Charles Fleeming assistant Genl. Hospl. Madras
John Inglis Do. 3d Regt. of Cavalry Arcot
Thomas Gifford Do. 2d Battn. Artillery Walajabad
Alexr. Boiswell Do. 27th Do. at Condapillee
John Bannantine Do. 6th Do. Arnee
James Cameron Do. 15th Do. Amboor
John Duncan - - Do. 4th Do. Walajabad
George Baillee Do. Dispensary Fort St. George
John Copeland Do. 2d Regt. Europn. Ellore
Moris Fitzgerald Do. Genl. Hospl. till further Orders
John Tompson Do. Genl. Hospl. till further Orders

Sub-assistants

John Crawford Masulipm. Hospl. a private in the Honble. Company's service
Francis Lupton Madras Do. a Native of India appointed a Subassistant by Mr. Wynch at the recommendation of Mr. Lucas to whom he had served his regular aprenticeship.
Michl. Rencontre Chingleput Born in India from his assiduity in that line appointed a Subassistant.
Thomas Patterson Trichinopoly Hospl. came out a private and is now returned as a matross in the 2d. Battalion Artillery.
Andrew Dewin Vellore Hospl. a private in the Honble. Company's service
Jacob Paschall Do. Do. Born in India apprentice to Mr. Gahagan
Domingos Vancloster D'Roza Madras Hospital native Portuguese formerly apprentice to Mr. Raine

(Signed) James Anderson P. General
Colley L. Lucas C. Surgeon

James

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James Anderson Esqr. M D &ca &ca
Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

By the regulations published on the 25th January only one Dooley Boy is allowed to every 100 Men in the Regiment which will never be more than one Dooley for the whole Regiment, it is frequently necessary to have three or more Doolies with the Regiment when they go out on field days as the lives of the Men may be indangered, from falling Sick or many other Accidents, if obliged to walk into the Hospital at the distance of two or three miles under a hot sun. I also request to know if these Dooley boys are to be under my immediate direction — the difficulty of getting them when wanted, having often occured, from the Dooley boys believing that they are to obey no orders given them but from the person who pays them, I therefore conceive it will appear to you Gentlemen to be much for the benefit of the service, that they be directed to obey me only, and not to receive Instructions from others to go on errands foreign to the service —

The Station of this Regiment at present having placed me in the situation of Senior Surgeon of a large Cantonment, where I am frequently

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frequently consulted, and have to attend Patients at a considerable distance, I should hope I might be indulged with Batta, or at least Palanquin hire, it being impossible for me to refuse my advice & attendance, and unreasonable to expect that I should impire my health, by driving about in the Sun, after the fatigue of attending a large Hospital —

I am
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
and humble Servant
(Signed) Maxwell Thompson
Surgeon 4th Battn. E. Infy.

Wallajahbad
18th February 1788 —

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A Report

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Abstract Account of Musters
taken of Male Slaves formerly
the Property of Lt Col. Fraser
Deceased & Patient from 25th
1787 to 31st December 1787.

Date of Musters	Names	Stations	Age	Value
1787.	Bampton Cæsar	Butler	253	6 14 6
June	2 Mr Hill's Slave Abraham	Ditto	11	" 10 "
	10 Mr Ramsay's Do Peter	Do Pantry Boy	3	" 2 "
	11 Mr Campbell's Do Jack	Do Do	2	" 1 "
	12 Mr Grant's Slave Quash	Cook	20	" 6 "
	15 Mr Mair's Do Bob	Do Pantry Boy	12	" 8 "
	16 Mr Mitchell's Do Caleb	Assistant Cook	1	6 " 6
	17 Mr Cameron's Do Pompey	Butler	25	" 16 8
	23 Mr Mitchell's Do Tom	Do	9	" 6 "
	25 Mr Mitchell's Do Jack	Do	9	" 6 "
	26 Mr Mitchell's Do Peter	Do	2	" 1 "
	28 Mr Mitchell's Do Bob	Do	2	" 1 "
	30 Mr Ramsay's Do Jack	Do	2	" 1 "
	Mr Grant's Slave	Black Cook	6	" 4 "
	Dispensary	Do	12	" 9 "
July	6 Mr Munro's Slave	Surgeon's Mate	3	" 1 6
	11 Mr Main's Do	Do 1st Regt Foot	3	" 1 "
	18 Mr Bain's Do	Do 2d Battalion	12	" 4 "
	26 Mr Inglis's Do	Do Ellore	2	6 1 6
	28 Mr Mitchell's Do	Runners		" " "
	Mr Munro's	Black Cook		" " "
	31 Mr Sinclair's Slave	Artillery	8	" 8 "
	Dispensary	Pensioner	6	" 4 "
	12 Mr Norman's Do	11th Regiment Foot	6	19 6

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14	Mr Dunmore's Slave	Do	20	" 6 "
16	Mr Munro's Do	Do	12	" 2 "
19	Mr Cameron's Do	15th Battalion	1	" 1 "
21	Mr Calcraft's Do	3d Regt Foot	14	6 1 6
21	Mr Bell's Do	Do	8	" 4 "
21	Mr Pattison's Do	Gunner	6	" 3 "
22	Mr Inglis's Do	Assistant Surgeon	3	" 1 6
22	Mr Blackwinter's Do	3d Regt Foot	3	" 1 "
24	Mr Mair's Do	6th Battalion	1	6 " 6
24	Mr Mair's Do	Do	2	" " "
29	Mr Mitchell's Do	Gardener	13	" " "
	Mr Watson's Do	2d Battalion	6	" 1 6
30	Mr Campbell's Do	Assistant Surgeon	6	" 4 "
31	Mr Bell's Do	Surgeon	6	" 4 "
	Mr Dun's Do	Do Black Cook		" " "
	Mr Grant's	Do Black Cook		" " "
	Dispensary	Pensioner	3	" " "
Septr 10	Mr Sinclair's Do	Mate 25th Regt Foot	25	6 12 "
	Mr Bannatyne's Do	Corporal	1	6 " 6
	Mr Mair's Do	73d Regiment	20	" 6 "
22	Mr Ramsay's Do	1st Battalion	5	" 1 "
	Mr Cameron's Do	Do	2	" " "
23	Mr Sinclair's Do	Mate 25th Regt Foot	14	" 10 "
25	Mr Inglis's Do	Assistant Surgeon	6	" 4 "

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General
&ca. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council to inform you that he approves the appointments recommended in your Letter and Proceedings of the 19th Ultimo, and that a General Order has been published of which a Copy is now enclosed.

In consideration of the extent of the Contonment at Wallaujabad Government are pleased to permit the Surgeon of the 4th Battn. of European Infantry to draw the usual allowance for a Palankeen from the 1st Instant.

Government will give Orders for the putting the Dooly Boys attached to the 4th Battalion on Account of the Sick, immediately under the direction of the Surgeon.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) John Chamier
Secy.

Fort St. George
5th of March 1788

G. O.

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G. O.

The Hon'ble the Governor in Council, at the Recommendation of the Hospital Board, is pleased to direct the following appointments.

Mr. Fleming Assistant Surgeon, to do Duty with the 18th Battalion of Native Infantry at Asha, Vice Mr. Richardson.

And Mr. John Thompson, Assistant Surgeon, to do Duty with the first Battalion of Native Infantry at Tanjore.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) John Chamier
Secy.

A true Copy
W. C. Jackson
Deputy M. Secretary

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To

Fort St. George 4th March 1788

To the Honble Major Genl.
Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council Commander
in Chief &ca. &ca.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 4th Instant, and are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your Most obedient and
Very humble servant
(Signed) James Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.

Fort St. George
5th March 1788

Hospital

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Hospital Board
4th March 1788

The Hospital Board have the honor of forwarding the inclosed letter from Mr. Mein Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly, and hope it will be honored with that attention from Government, which he has solicited.

The Hospital Board have also the honor of forwarding a letter from Mr. Ferguson for the consideration of Government.

The Hospital Board to give some information on the Subject of Mr. Ferguson's Letter & to state an opinion upon the propriety of granting his request.

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The Hospital Board have received letters from Mr. Roxborough & Mr. Anderson of Ongole requesting leave to visit the Presidency on account of their private business, which in the belief that they have little to do at their stations, and have the Permission of their Commanding Officers, have directed their Secretary to acquaint them, that they have their Permission which they hope will meet with the approbation of Government.

Approved

The

Fort St. George 4th March 1788

The House allotted for the Hospital Board being in very bad repair, and the records not being safe in it owing to the doors and windows being broke and the floor fallen in, in many parts, they hope the Honorable Board will give an order for their being repaired, with as little loss of time as possible.

(Signed) Edwd. Atkinson
Secretary

A Letter to the Committee of Works directed the necessary Repairs, will be written.

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
D. M. Secretary

Fort St. George 4th March 1788

To Doctor James Anderson
Physician General and
Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

It is with much reluctance that I find myself under the Necessity of applying to you for payment of the expences incurred on account of the Sick in the Regimental Hospital of the 2d Battalion of European Infantry.

The Bills for extra charges victualling & for Servants were paid here by the Paymaster till Augt. last when he received an Order from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam not to pay them in future and to inform me that I was to send the Bills to Mr. Malcolm (who acted for Mr. Dobbyn as Deputy Purveyor) who had instructions to pay them. Mr. Malcolm has accordingly continued to discharge the Bills from that time till last month, when Mr. Dobbyn having returned to Masulipatam and resumed the Office of Deputy Purveyor, refused to pay them.

I have to request therefore Gentlemen that you will be pleased, either to send your Orders to the Purveyor to discharge the Bills monthly, or to procure an order from Government to the Paymaster of Ellore to that effect, as you may judge most proper.

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The

Fort St. George 10th March 1788.

Hospital Board
10th March 1788.

Signed the Apothecary's Bill for the month of February amounting to Pags. 1331. 16. 10. and his Commission at 15 pr. Cent amounting to Pagodas 199. 29. 55. in all Pagodas 1531. 3. 65. agreeable to the Orders of Government.

Approved
An order will be sent to the Paymaster.

Read a letter from Mr. Ferguson at Ellore, respecting his charge for dieting the Men in Hospl. and Servants upon a reference to the Purveyor General they find that when any charges for diet are admitted at a Regimental Hospl. it has always been and should be discharged by the Paymaster of the Station who as Mr. Ferguson has represented has an Head of Hospl. charges to which he carries it in his accounts.

The Hospital Board having taken into consideration the Plan proposed by the Purveyor General for the arrangement and adjustment of his accounts which

Fort St. George 10th March 1788.

Approved
The arrangement to be considered in force.

which was submitted to them by Government have approved of the same, and recommend that the same be carried into execution.

It having been represented to the Hospital Board, by one of the Head Surgeons, that the Surgeons to out Garrisons, have misconceived the General Orders respecting the transmitting their Monthly returns to the Head Surgeon of the district they hope Government will issue an order to that affect as otherways, the returns to the Hospital Board will be imperfect.

(Signed) Edwd. Atkinson
Secretary

The General Order will be repeated.

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council
(Signed)
W. C. Jackson
Dy. M. Secry

Fort St. George 24th March 1788.

To the Honble Major Genl
Sir Archd Campbell K.B.
Governor and Comdr in Chief &c &c

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honour of forwarding our Proceedings of the 24th Instant, and are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir
Your most Obedt
Very humble Servants
Signed { James Anderson Esq
Colley L. Lucas Esq

Fort St George
24th March 1788.

Hospital

Fort St. George 24th March 1788.

Hospital Board
24th March 1788.

The Hospital Board are sorry to inform Government that notwithstanding what has already been done, with respect to stationary, their Secretary informs them that his indent for last Year, has been only complied with in part, & the articles immediately wanted, are intirely expended. He has likewise repeatedly called upon Mr Hughes to complete it, who replied that there was none in Store, The Hospital Board hope Government will devise some method, by which means they can be supplied with this necessary Article.

The Hospital Board are sorry to observe, that they have not been supplied with the Monthly returns from Masulipatam lately which they imagine, is owing to Mr Binny's absence. they therefore hope Government will issue an order, that he may repair to his Station without loss of time.

Read

Stationary will be supplied to the Civil Storekeeper, who will furnish the Hospital Board.

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An order will be sent to Mr Binny

Fort St. George 24th March 1788

Read a letter from Mr. Mein Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly complaining of the want of Assistant Surgeons, for the Duty at Trichinopoly & Worriore, which being entirely out of their power at present to remedy, have directed their Secretary to acquaint Mr. Mein to see the Duty executed in the best manner he can Notwithstanding Mr. Lord Surgeon of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery has their permission to Visit Madras, in his way to join his Corps, they recommend it to Government to withdraw this Indulgence & issue an order for his repairing to his Station without loss of time.

Ordered Accordingly

The Hospital Board have the honor to enclose a Letter from Mr. Thompson (lately appointed to the 1st. Battalion of Sepoys) with a list of Instruments which they

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they have reason to believe are not only will chose, but will preserved, & Hope Government will not think a profit of 50 pr. Cent unreasonable, as they have no doubt but that they are marked at the prime Cost.

The Instruments may be purchased upon the terms recommended

By Order of the Hon.ble the Governor in Council

(Signed) Edw.d Atkinson
Secretary

(Signed)
W. C. Jackson
D. M. Jury

Fort St. George 24th March 1788

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General &
Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Understanding that it is the Custom in this Service to supply the Medical Gentlemen with Instruments of every kind in the Line of their duty, I venture to take the Liberty to acquaint you that I have in my Possession a number of such Instruments, a List of which I have the honor to inclose with their prime Cost.

I shall esteem it a very particular favor if you will direct the same to be purchased for the use of the Honorable Company, and as they are in good Order, I hope an Allowance of a moderate Profit in the disposal of them will not be thought unreasonable.

I have the honor to be with great respect.

Fort St. George
15 March 1788

Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt. humble
Servant
John Thompson
Assistant Surgeon

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A List of Instruments with the Prime Cost in London

	£	s	d
A Case of Amputation Instruments	4	12	6
A Case of Trepan Do	3	6	
two Silver Catheters male and female		13	
Two Trears and Canulas		6	6
A Case of Scalpels	1	1	
two tooth Instruments		16	
A Bellows Machine with Case	1	5	

Military Do

Fort St. George 28th April 1788.

To the Honble Sir
Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor and Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 28th Instant. And are with the greatest respect

Honble Sir
Your most Obedient &
Very humble Servants
Jas. Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.

Fort St. George
28th April 1788. (signed)

Hospital

Fort St. George 28th April 1788.

Hospital Board
28th April 1788.

Read a letter from Mr. Chamier enclosing an extract of a letter from Ganjam, stating the valuetedinary condition of their Surgeon, the number of Inhabitants, and their diffused situations.

The Hospital Board have it not in their power to comply with the General Orders as will appear by their letter of 22d February wherein they have reported a deficiency of 26 Assistant Surgeons.

Approved

Read a letter from Mr. McMahon doing duty with the 17th Battalion, requesting to know where he is to be stationed, as that Battalion is ordered to relieve the 27th in the Garrisons of Rajahmundry, Samulcottah and Condapilly. As the Hospital Board are unacquainted with the motives of Government in the relief of Garrisons, they beg leave to refer it to them, and have the honor to enclose his letter and have in the mean time directed their Secretary to

Mr. Macmahon is to be stationed in that part of Country where his services are most required, of which the Hospital Board are supposed to be the best judges.

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Ordered Accordingly

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they have reason to believe are not only will chose, but will preserved, & Hope Government will not think a profit of 50 pr. Cent unreasonable, as they have no doubt but that they are marked at the prime Cost.

The Instruments may be purchased upon the terms recommended

By Order of the Hon.ble the Governor in Council

(Signed) Edw.d Atkinson
Secretary

(Signed)
W. C. Jackson
D. Mr. Surg.

Fort St. George 28th April 1788

To

Edward Atkinson Esqr.

Secretary to the

Hospital Board

Sir

The 27th Battalion being ordered to relieve the 27th in the Garrisons of Rajamundry Samulcottah and Condapilly, I have to request that you will be pleased to inform me immediately which of these Garrisons the Hospital Board are pleased to station me at

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Sir

Your most

Obedient Servant

(Signed) B. Macmahon

Assist. Surgn. 27th Bn. N. Infy.

Ellore

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Military

Fort St. George 28th April 1788

Military Department

Doctor James Anderson

Physician General

and to the Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I return by order of the Honble the President in Council your Proceedings of the 28th Instant with the resolution of Government thereupon.

In reply to that part which recommends a Succession to the late Mr. Davis, I am directed to inform you that Government consider the Head Surgeons of General Hospital as the best entitled to succeed to Vacancies at your Board, and upon this principle they have appointed Mr. Duffin to the Charge of the General Hospital at the Presidency and to the vacant Seat at the Hospital Board.

With respect to the Claim made by Mr. Raine, I am instructed to remark that it would have had greater force, if he had applied for the Charge of a General Hospital when two were vacant a short time ago, but as he declined coming forward at that time,

Government

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Government can only date his return to active Service from the present period, and desire that the Hospital vacated by Mr. Duffin he tendered to him, by which means he will hereafter have it in his power should he be disposed to prefer a strong Claim to succession in the event of a future Vacancy in the Hospital Board —

I enclose Extract of a General Order this day published &am

Gentlemen,
Your most Obed. Servant
(Signed) John Chamier Secy

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30th April 1788

Extract

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Extract of a General Order
Dated 30th April 1788

The Honble. the President in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. Duffin a Member of the Hospital Board, and Head Surgeon to the General Hospital at the Presidency, vice Mr. Thomas Davis deceased. —

A true Extract
(signed) John Chamier Secretary

To

Fort St George 12th May 1788

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council
&c &c

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 12th Instant. And are with the greatest respect

Honble Sir
Your Most Obedient &c
Very humble Servants
James Anderson P.G.
(Signed) Colley L. Lucas C.J.

Fort St George
12th May 1788

Hospital

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Hospital Board
12th May 1788

The Honble Board having been pleased to nominate Mr Duffin to succeed to the vacancy at the Hospital Board occasioned by the death of Mr Davis, the Hospital Board communicated to Mr Raine the Orders of Government respecting him, and have the honor to enclose Mr Raine's answer.

Read a letter from Mr Gordon with memorandums annexed the Hospital Board being incapable of deviating from the opinion formerly given respecting that Gentleman have the honor of enclosing his claims for the consideration of Government. Sensible of the distress Mr Gordon at present labours under and of his former good services they have to recommend him to the attention of Government which from his readings still to come forward

on

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on a vacancy they think incumbent on themselves to do.

Read a letter from Mr. Grahagan claiming the succession of Vellore Hospital in consequence of Mr. Duffin removal to Madras which the Hospital Board have the honor to enclose to Government. From his Seniority and attention to that Hospital they beg leave to recommend him to succeed to the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Duffin's removal, and in case Government approve of this arrangement, they beg leave to recommend Mr. Bowie eldest Assistant Surgeon to be appointed full Surgeon, and Attached with the 2nd Regiment European Infantry —

Signed by Edwd. Atkinson
Secretary

To

Fort St. George 12th May 1788

To James Anderson Esqr. Physician General.
Colley Lyon Lucas Esqr. } Members of the
William Duffin Esqr. } Medical Board

Gentlemen.

I shall not now trespass upon your leisure by a detail of the distresses and inconveniences, which the former Resolutions of your Board have brought upon me, nor shall I enumerate claims so often repeated and which were hitherto fruitless whilst a certain Member of Your Board acted upon the pointed and personal principle he did — That impediment being now removed, I am far from supposing any of you Gentlemen to be actuated by any other Motive, in the Arrangement of the Department over which you preside, than the discharge of your Duty with equal justice towards all concerned, and under this Idea, I trust that your feelings for my present situation with which you are pretty well acquainted, as well as a Retrospective view of my long, active, and faithful Services, as well as the losses I have sustained during the last and former Wars where my Exertions in the field, were always attended with the best effects towards the patients which fell to my Charge nor has any Medical Gentlemen

save

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save the late Member of your Board seen brought forward any charge or Complaint whatsoever against me for defect of attention or Skill in the course of my practice — These considerations I hope will induce you to reconsider your former Resolutions and my Claims with impartial attention, and as far as is consistent with your Stations and the principles of justice, suffer my rank and progress in the Service to go on, unless I should forfeit it by the Commission of some improper act, or the omission of the duties to which I may be appointed — Mr Raine having informed me of his having declined the appointment to Vellore, as next in Relation to him, permit me the liberty to request your kind recommendation of me to the Honble Board, to fill that Station —

Your kind attention to this letter and forwarding the same to the Honble Board with such favourable Minutes as you may think proper, will confer a permanent favor on him who has the honor to remain —

Madras
May 1788

Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) William Gordon

Fort St. George 12th May 1788.

The following Memorandums in favor of Mr Gordon's claims on the Honble Company, are submitted to the consideration of the Medical Board

Mr Gordon having had a long trying, and fatiguing service during the space of 24 Years in India, most of which space he has had the Opportunities of an extensive practice, in the line of his profession, his good conduct and care in which, he flatter himself must appear, from the numerous acknowledgements of the Commanders under whom he had the honor to serve, and which, if necessary he can produce — to those must be added, a circumstance of more weight, Vizt his endeavours being crowned with a success that fully justifies his abilities and skill as a Surgeon & Practitioner — in consideration, then, of the above mentioned claims, joined with the many losses he has from time to time sustained, since his arrival in India, particularly when he had the misfortune to be taken prisoner at Erode, in the former War, by Hyder Ally Cawn Bahauder and, also when his baggage, and necessaries for the use of the Sick and wounded of the first Brigade were seized in the Pollams, at the time, when General Sir Eyre Coote marched the Army to Chittore it appearing likewise, that Mr Gordon, when a prisoner, attempted to

escape

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escape, in order to give interesting intelligence, and be otherwise useful to the late Colonel Brown, then commanding at Palamcottah, in which attempt he received many Wounds and narrowly escaped Death — these, together with his Conduct, when upon actual Service, and at the former and last siege of Pondicherry and when he was Field Hospital Surgeon to Colonel Woods division of the Army — and also his Services at the first and Second siege of Tanjore, joined with his exertions during the Marrawar expedition, the battle of Porto Nov, and the attack of the French in their trenches the 13th of June for his conduct in which, he was thanked, by Generals Sir Eyre Coote & Stuart, as also by many others — Further being sensible, that Mr Gordon had never an opportunity of making a provision for himself or family, on account of his being ordered to attend the Nabob's second Son Amoor Ull Omrah Bahauder, who with difficulty gave him new Consolidated Bonds for the ballance of Pay, Batta, and Money expended for the use of the Patients he attended while in that Employ; all which it appears are yet unpaid — and having further considered his present reduced circumstances, which are rendered more distressing at the prospect of having an increase of family, without the means of subsisting them,

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in a manner suitable to his expectations or deserts — and sensible that his pretensions and claims to the notice of Government are well founded, from an impartial review of the circumstances above cited — we in consequence have reconsidered his services with the most mature deliberation, and hereby recommend him to your Honble Board to fill up the first vacancy, and in the mean time solicit Government to allow him a suitable allowance during that period

To Mr Edward Atkinson
Secretary to the
Medical Board

Sir

I have received your letter of the 1st Instant enclosing an Extract of a letter from Government desiring me with as little loss of time as possible to inform the Board whether I mean to accept the Hospital of Vellore, as ordered by Government to be tendered to me, in answer to which I beg you will represent to the Board that I am resolved on declining the Hospital of Vellore, tho at the same time I have the highest sense of the indulgent Intentions of the Honble the Governor in Council and the greatest Respect for the resolution they have been pleased to pass

I am Sir
Your most Obedt
Sam Wm Raine

Fort St George
12 May 1788

Fort St. George 12th May 1788.

To James Anderson Esqr.

Physician General &c.

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

As there is a vacancy at present in the line of Staff Surgeons, And as Mr. Duffin expects to be called to fill Mr. Davis's place, I trust and hope that it is unnecessary for me to remind you of my being the first Surgeon upon the List after Mr. Duffin removal to the Hospital Board, and that you will be pleased to recommend me for the Succession to the General Hospital in the Garrison.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedt. Servant

(Signed) T. Gahagan

Vellore

29th April 1788

To

Fort St. George 12th May 1788

Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General and to the

Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Proceedings dated 12th Instant, and to inform you, that he has approved your recommendations in favor of Mr. Gahagan and Mr. Bowie, as will appear by a General Order, of which I enclose a Copy.

With respect to the representations of Mr. Gordon, I am directed to inform you that Government taking into their Serious Consideration his active and unwearied exertions in his professional line during a period of 29 Years, have thought him worthy of some particular mark of favor and attention, and have in consequence resolved, that he shall for the future be permitted

to

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to draw an Extra Gratuity of Pagodas 50 ⅌ Month

As Mr. Gordon is both Capable and willing to serve the Honble Company, Government recommend his being stationed at some Chiefship or Residency, and Suggest that the Vacancy occasioned at Ingeram by the preferment of Mr. Bowie, might possibly be filled by Mr. Gordon, with advantage to the Publick Service —

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt. Servant

(Signed) John Chamier Secry

Fort St. George
14th May 1788

Fort St. George

Fort St. George 12th May 1788

Fort St. George
13th May 1788

G. O.

The Honorable the President in Council at the Recommendation of the Hospital Board, is pleased to order the following appointments —

Mr. Gahagan to be Head Surgeon of the General Hospital at Vellore Vice Mr. Duffin, who is to proceed immediately to the Presidency —

Mr. Gahagan's Allowances as Head Surgeon to commence from the 30th Ultimo —

Mr. Bowie, Assistant Surgeon, appointed a full Surgeon, and Stationed with the 3d Regiment of European Infantry at Vellore —

By Order of the Honble Governor in Council

(Signed) John Chamier Secry

A true Copy

(Signed) W C Jackson
Dy Mr Secry

To

Fort St. George 26th May 1788

To the Honorable Sir
Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 26th Instant. And are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir
Your most obedient &
Very humble Servants
(Signed) Jamr. Anderson P. General
Colby L. Lucas C. Surgeon
William Duffin H. Surgn.

Fort St. George
26th May 1788

Hospital

Fort St. George 26th May 1788

Hospital Board
26th May 1788

The Hospital Board have received a Letter from Mr. Gordon in consequence of the resolution of Government respecting him, which they have the honor to enclose, and hope his application will meet with the approbation of Government.

Read a Letter from Mr. Pepper, Assistant Surgeon at Masulipatam Hospital stating his apprehensions that if he returns to his Station, that his Old complaints will return, and requesting to be appointed to the General Hospital at Madras, which the Hospital Board hope he may be indulged in particularly as Mr. Baird has been under the Necessity of proceeding to Sea, for the recovery of his Health.

(Signed) Edwd. Atkinson Secy.

Fort St. George 26th May 1788

To

James Anderson Esqr. Physician General
Colley L. Lucas Esqr. } Members of the
William Duffin Esqr. } Medical Board

Gentlemen,

Being informed that Government have been pleased to grant me Pagr. 50 ℘ month, in addition to my present Allowances, and directed that I may be stationed to some Chiefship or Residency, but there being at present no Vacancy to the former with your permission I am desirous to remain at the Residency, till an Opportunity offers of being employed more advantageously to my Hon'ble Employers than I can be possible, at Ingeram where there are so few Company's Servants, and am of opinion that should I accept that Appointment, which has hitherto been held by an Assistant Surgeon, I should lower myself in the eyes of the Hon'ble Governor & Council, and your Board, whose good opinion I have ever been studious to maintain — I have the honor to be

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) William Gordon

Madras
24th May 1788

Fort St. George 26th May 1788

Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General &c.a
Members of the
Hospital Board,

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Proceedings dated the 26th Ultimo — and to inform you that the same have been approved by Government

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obed Servant
(Signed) John Chamiers
Secretary

Fort St. George
1st June 1788

To the Hon'ble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c.a &c.a

Hon'ble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 25th Instant, and are with the greatest Respect

Hon'ble Sir
Your most obedient and very humble servants
(Signed) Jamr. Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.
William Duffin H.S.

Fort St. George
23rd June 1788

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Fort St. George 23d June 1788

Hospital Board
23d June 1788

Read a letter from Mr. Binny requesting three months leave of absence for Mr. Bowie to settle his private affairs at Ingeram. The Hospital Board have no objection provided he obtains the permission of the commanding Officer of the 3d Regiment to which he has been lately appointed, and have directed their Secretary to write Mr. Binny to that effect.

Read a letter from Mr. Gahagan requesting leave for Mr. Ingles Assistant Surgeon with the 4th Regiment of Cavalry to visit the Presidency for one month which the Hospital Board have no objection provided he obtains the leave of the Officer commanding his Regiment.

Read

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Read a Letter from Colonel Knox recommending Mr. Steele Surgeons Mate of the 36th Regt. who from the vouchers he produces. The Hospital Board are satisfied that he is fully qualified to do the duty of Assistant Surgeon and recommend him to be appointed accordingly.

Having received an application from Mr. Gallaway to be admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, The Hospital Board sensible of his abilities have the honor to recommend him and in hopes of the approval of Government being so deficient in the requisite number of Assistant Surgeons recommend that Mr. Duncan be appointed to the first Regiment of Cavalry, and Mr. Steele to the 4th Sepoy Battn. in his room, and that Mr. Bannantine be appointed to the 2nd Regiment of Cavalry Mr. Fitzgerald to relieve him in the Duty with the 6th Battalion of Native Infantry, and

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G. O.

Mr. Hugh Vaughan appointed Paymaster and Storekeeper at Madura vice Mr. Latham deceased.

Messrs. Steele and Galloway admitted Assistant Surgeons on the Establishment. The former to be Stationed with the 4th Battalion of Sepoys in the Room of Mr. D[illegible] who is removed to the 2d Regiment of Cavalry and the latter appointed to the General Hospital in the Room of Mr. Fitzgerald who is to do Duty with the 6th Battalion of Native Infantry, vice Mr. Bannantine appointed to the 2d Regiment of Cavalry.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) John Chamier Secy.

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Fort St. George 30th June 1788

To the Honble Sir
Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 30th Ultimo; and are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient and
Very humble Servants

(signed) James Anderson Sr. Genl.
Colley L. Lucas C. Surgeon
William Duffin W. Surgn.

Fort St. George
30th June 1788

Hospl.

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Hospital Board
30th June 1788

Mr. Samuel Barber having arrived on the Carnatic with the Indentures from the Court of Directors, the Hospital Board recommend his being admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment and stationed at the General Hospital, they likewise recommend Mr. Robert Stuart to be admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

Approved

Mr. Bowie having been removed from Ingeram, the Hospital Board in consequence of the few Assistant Surgeons have ordered Mr. Walker at Maddepollam to attend both Stations from the great distance of the places, hope he may be allowed full Batta monthly.

Approved
So long as Mr. Walker shall attend both Factories —

The Hospital Board have

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have the honor of forwarding to Government a Letter from Mr. Binny, enclosing one from Mr. Miller, which they beg leave to submit to their consideration, and have directed their Secretary to acquaint Mr. Binny thereof.

The Hospital Board have directed the Apothecary to deliver in an account of the Stores for last year.

Approved

The Secretary represents to the Hospital Board, that the Quarters alotted for them are finished, and hopes he may be allowed to draw the usual Sum for an Office as he has been under the Necessity of taking house to keep the Records in, which they beg leave to recommend to be granted him.

Approved

(Signed) Edward Atkinson
Secretary

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. Secretary

To

Fort St. George 30th June 1788

To Doctor James Anderson
Physician General &c.
Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose with this a Letter I have this day received from Mr. Miller Senior Assistant and Medical Storekeeper to this General Hospital.

In extenuation of the charges that has been given in against Mr. Miller by the Court Martial, I must take the liberty to observe to you that from a Disposition to accommodate, his forbearance for the space of three or four days, was so far from giving him credit with the Officers &c. of this Garrison, that I am well informed had he delayed writing the note he did to Captain Prescott for four and twenty hours longer a resolution would have been put into execution, of neither associating with or speaking to him. Under such circumstances I leave it to your feelings Gentlemen to Determine, what alternative Mr. Miller had it in his power to adopt.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your much obliged & most obedient Servant
Signed George Binny
Head Surgeon

Masulipatam
23th June 1788

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George Binny Esqr.
Head Surgeon
Masulipatam

Sir,

In Consequence of what lately happened between Captain Prescott and me, I am by order of the Court Martial under arrest.

I therefore beg leave hereby to Communicate the same to you as being my Superior in this Settlement, and request the favour of you as such to convey this information to the Medical Board at Madras, It appears by the Charge of the Court given me to be in Consequence of a letter I wrote Captain Prescott which they conceived couched in improper terms.

At the same time I cannot help observing to you, that it was occasioned by the very extraordinary ill treatment, I received from Captain Prescott, a thing I never expected from him whose family I have given much attendance to since my arrival here, without any view of reward whatever.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed Henry Miller

Masulipatam
[illegible]th June 1788

Fort St. George 7th July 1788

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell KB
Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 7th Instant; and are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir
Your most obedient and
Very humble Servants

Signed { Jamd. Anderson P. General
Colley L. Lucas C. Surgeon
William Duffin H. Surgeon

Fort St. George
7th July 1788

Hospital

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Hospital Board
7th July 1788

Approved

Mr. Morris and Mr. Kennedy having arrived from Europe on the Ship Earl Cornwallis, the Board recommend their doing duty at the General Hospital untill further orders.

As it appears to this Board that the different Gentlemen who arrive here should do duty at the General Hospitals in order to acquire a due knowledge of the Practice and diseases of the Country, before their attachment to other Stations, and as this gives them an Idea of their being Hospital mates, contrary to our direct instructions from Europe, we beg leave to suggest, that on account of the Expences they are liable to, it is proper all the Assistant

Surgeons

Fort St. George 7th July 1788

Surgeons should receive pay as Lieutenants and as the difference must be very trifling, the Board hope Government will comply with their request, that the young Gentlemen may remain satisfied with the Service.

inadmissible

The Hospital Board feel themselves much distressed on account of the two Letters they had the honor to transmit Government from Masulipatam, as well as from the situation of the Stores, owing to the arrest of Mr Miller, they think it incumbent on them to recommend an Assistant Surgeon to be sent thither immediately, and propose that Mr Galloway should repair there without loss of time, and put himself under the direction of Mr Binny.

Approved

(Signed) Edwd Atkinson
Secry

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council
(Signed) W C Jackson
Dy M. Secry

Fort St. George 7th July 1788

Military Department

To Dr James Anderson
Physician General &ca
Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to send you the enclosed Copy of your Proceedings dated the 7th Instant with his remarks thereon.

I am further directed to send you the accompanying Extract of a Letter from Ganjam, and to recommend the same to your early attention.

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servt
(Signed) John Chamier
Secry

Fort St. George
15th July 1788

Extract

Fort St George 7th July 1788

Extract of a Letter from Gayam
Dated 22d June 1788

"We have had the honor of addressing
"to you on our address of the 9th April last, the
"Expediency of our being allotted some further Medical
"Assistance, and are now concerned to acquaint
"you, that the pressing of our apprehensions has
"since been in proof which compels us upon principles
"of Humanity meriting the greater attention from
"our Station, to press the Subject upon your
"recollection, and to request you will admit it to
"an early consideration"

A true Extract
(Signed) Wm C Jackson
Dpty Mr Secy

To

Fort St George 16th July 1788

Military Department

To Dr James Anderson
Physician General
& Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honble the
President in Council to send for your Signifi-
cation and Guidance the accompanying Extract
of a General Letter from the Court of Directors
dated 26th March last, and to desire you will
Report the actual State of the Medical Establishment,
including those Gentlemen appointed this Season
by the Honorable Court

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) John Shannier Dpty

Fort St George
16th July 1788

Extract

Fort St. George 16th July 1788.

Extract of the General Letter from the Court of Directors to Fort St. George dated 28th. March 1788.

Para 9 The Applications from the Supernumerary Officers returning to Europe on half pay for an Allowance of Passage money should have been referred to our determination previous to your final resolution on the Subject, but wishing to pay every attention to the Situation of Your Officers whom we cannot at present employ, we do not disapprove of your following Resolution you have adopted, but we cannot consent to your extending the Indulgence to such Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons as may be under the necessity of returning to Europe for the reestablishment of their health nor to your recommendation in favor of the Supernumerary Surgeons returning to England that they may be allowed half pay.—

A true Extract

Signed W.C. Jackson

D. M. Jury

Extract

Fort St. George 16th July 1788.

Extract of the General Letter from the Court of Directors to Fort St. George dated 28th. March 1788.

Para 18 In the 27th Paragraph of our Letter in the Military Department of the 21st July last we expressed our disapprobation of your having appointed Several Assistant Surgeons, and recorded the Appointment of such Persons as proceeded to India without the Company's License you must observe the same Rule respecting Messrs Boswell and Bannantine, and such others as you may have appointed Assistant Surgeons, but who were not within the contemplation of our Orders of the 21st July last.

19 Inasmuch as completing the number of Assistant Surgeons requisite to form the Establishment according to the plan laid down in our letter of the 21st September 1786, we have come to the Resolution to appoint twenty six Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency, you will be advised of their Names by a future Dispatch.

A true Extract

Signed W.C. Jackson

D. M. Jury

Extract

Fort St. George 16th July 1788.

Extract of the General Letter from the Court of Directors to Fort St. George dated 28th March 1788.

Para 20 You will perceive by our letter of the 31st July last that we were extremely desirous of receiving from you a complete return of all Sub-Assistant Surgeons serving under your Presidency, by what authority they were appointed and whether they had the Company's License for being in India we find by the proceedings of the Hospital Board of the 18th December 1786 and 11th January 1787 that they are only nine in number, and that they each of them receive an allowance of 10 Pag. a month several of them appear to be foreigners. We must repeat the same order with regard to the Sub-Assistants as we issued in respect to the Assistants that such of them as proceeded to India without the Company's License be removed the rest may if qualified succeed as Assistant Surgeons whenever such appointments may be necessary and we hereby renew our prohibition of similar appointments in future.

A true Extract

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
D. M. Secy.

Extract

Fort St. George 16th July 1788.

Extract of the General Letter from the Court of Directors to Fort St. George Dated 28th March 1788.

Para 32, We have resolved to appoint 26 Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency the following one part of that number Viz.

Alexander Kennedy
Wm. Todd
Robert Little
Thomas Thackeray
Samuel Barber
James Bingham
George Wilson
Henry Morris
William Norman
John Scudamore Hathway
John Cooper

The remainder of the appointments with their rank will be advised by a future opportunity.

A true Extract

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dt. M. Secy.

Extract

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Extract of the General Letter from the Court of Directors to Fort St. George 28th March 1788.

Para 47. The following persons have been appointed Assistant Surgeons in further part of the number to be sent to your Presidency viz.

Willm. Pearson
Francis Duncan
Alexander Mackenzie
Thomas Shippard
Valentine Connolly
Whitelaw Ainslie
Andw. Panton
Thomas Pollard
Alexr. Alexander
James Johnstone
James Brady

A true Extract
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Depy. Mr. Surgt.

To

Fort St. George 21st July 1788

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 21st Instant, And are with the greater Respect,

Honble Sir
Your most obedt. &
Very humble Servants

(Signed) James Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.
William Duffin H.S.

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Hospital Board
21st July 1788

Messrs. Robert Little
Thomas Pollard Alexr. Alexander
having arrived on the William
Pitt Mr. William Norman on
the Manship, Mr. James
Brady on the Tritan Messrs.
Andrew Ponton, and Jamd. Johnstone
on the Beddam Messrs. Thomas
Thackeray Francis Duncan &
Thomas Spalding and John
Scudamore Hathway on the
Ceres, — The Hospital Board
recommend their being admitted
Assistant Surgeons on this
Establishment, and the following
appointments should take place
Mr. Macmahon 11th Battn. Sepoys
James Barber 22d Battn. Sepoys
Henry Morris 20th Battn. Sepoys
Alexr.

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Alexander Kennedy 28th Battn. Sepoys
Robert Little General Hospl. Masulipm.
Thomas Pollard 3d Europs. Regiment
Alexander Alexander 23d Battn. Sepoys
William Norman Genl. Hospl. Madras
Jamd. Brady Genl. Hospl. Trichinopoly
Andw. Ponton Genl. Hospl. Madras
James Johnston 3d Battn. Sepoys
Thomas Thackeray 13th Battn. Sepoys
Francis Duncan 10th Battn. Sepoys
Thomas Spalding Ganjam
John Scudamore Hathway General
Hospital Trichinopoly —

Received a letter from
Mr. Chamier, enclosing Sundry
extracts of the General Letter from
the Court of Directors, which they
will have the honor of replying
to, at their next meeting —

The Hospital Board
have received a memorial from
Mr. Charles Ogilvie claiming Rank
from

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from his appointment at the India House, which they have the honor to forward agreeable to his Request, and have directed their Secretary to send him their remarks on his claim in September last which was approved of by Government

Signed Edwd. Atkinson
Secretary

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General and to the
Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to enclose an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board relating to the Memorial of Mr. Ogilvie and fixing the Rank for the assistant Surgeons appointed in the present year —

I also enclose Copy of a General Order —

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servt.
Signed John Chamier
Secy.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Dated 25th July 1788.

"Upon Considering the Memorial
"of Mr. Charles Ogilvie Assistant Surgeon
"noticed on the Proceedings of the Hospital
"Board entered on the Minute of the 22d Instant
"it is Resolved to refer the Claim made for Rank
"to the determination of the Court of Directors &
"for this purpose it is agreed to send Mr. Ogilvies
"Memorial to Europe as a number on the Packet

"On the Subject of the Rank to be
"given to the Assistant Surgeons recommended for this
"Establishment in the Letter from the Court of
"Directors undated the 28th March last It is Resolved
"that the Gentlemen thereon named, in the order
"prescribed by the Honble Court, shall take rank
"prior to Messrs Thompson Reed, Galloway and
"Swan Appointed since the beginning of the year
"by this Government. The Date of Rank for Mr.
"Alex. Kennedy (the first on the List in the General
"Letter of the 28th March) to be the 1st June 1787. the
other

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"other 25 Assistant Surgeons to rank in succession
"Days from that date. Messrs Thompson &c. to
"rank subsequent to the 26th June."

Ordered that the above be published
"in General Orders and notified to the Hospital
"Board"

A true Extract
Signed John Shannier
Secy

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G. O.

The Honorable President in Council is pleased to publish the Names of the Assistant Surgeons appointed this Season by the Court of Directors, who are to take rank of those appointed during the present Year by this Government.

Assistant Surgeons appointed by the Court of Directors

	Date of Rank	
Mr. Alexander Kennedy	1st June 1788	
Mr. Wm. Todd	2d	Do
Mr. Robert Little	3d	Do
Mr. Thomas Thackeray	4th	Do
Mr. Samuel Barber	5th	Do
Mr. James Bingham	6th	Do
Mr. George Wilson	7th	Do
Mr. Henry Morris	8th	Do
Mr. Wm. Norman	9th	Do
Mr. John Soudamore Hathway	10th	Do
Mr. John Cooper	11th	Do

Mr.

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	Date of Rank	
Mr. Wm. Pearson	12th	June
Mr. Francis Duncan	13th	Do
Mr. Alexr. Mackenzie	14th	Do
Mr. Thomas Phippard	15th	Do
Mr. Valentine Conolly	16th	Do
Mr. Whitelaw Ainslie	17th	Do
Mr. Andw. Panton	18th	Do
Mr. Thomas Pollard	19th	Do
Mr. Alexr. Alexander	20th	Do
Mr. Jamd. Johnstone	21st	Do
Mr. James Brady	22	Do

Messrs. Thompson, Steele Gallaway and Stuart appointed since the 1st January by this Government are to rank as follows.—

Mr. John Thompson the 28th June 1788

James Steele . . the 29th Do

Robert Gallaway the 30th Do

Robert Stuart . . the 5th July

Commissions conformable to the above Dates of Rank will be issued from the Secretary's Office

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council

(Signed) John Chamier Jun.y

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Cambell K.B.
Governor in Council &c &c

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 28th Instant, And are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir
Your most obedient and
Very humble Servants
(Signed) James Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.
William Duffin H.S.

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Hospital Board
28th July 1788

The Hospital Board have the honor to enclose the present state of the Medical Establishment agreeable to the orders of the 16th Instant, and to remark in answer to the several extracts from the General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors transmitted by Government, that the Gentlemen whom they have recommended as Assistant Surgeons, do no more than fill up the vacancies that have happened by death, or otherways since their Institution, which they have enumerated to shew the absolute necessity there was for such appointments, as otherways a number of Stations and Garrisons far removed from Medical Aid must have been left Destitute the

Casualties

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Casualties are as follows

Mr. Sinclair Dead

Mr. Davis dead

Mr. Gordon pensioned

Mr. Whyte resigned

Mr. Turing resigned

Mr. Stingle dead

Mr. Mallet dismissed

Mr. Simpson home on leave

Mr. Nestore dead

Mr. Terrier resigned

Mr. Howel home on leave

Mr. Gillespie home on leave

Mr. Blackadder home on leave

Mr. Ruddiman with the Nabob

Mr. Simoens Invalided

Mr. Meur dead

Mr. Kincaid home on leave

in all 17 Vacancies, the number of Assistant Surgeons that have been appointed are 22, 4 of whom are now off the list

Mr. Vaughan resigned

Mr. Brae never joined & struck off

Mr.

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Mr. Gifford absent without leave

Mr. Baird gone to China for his health so that there are not more now on the Establishment appointed in the Country, than were when the Board was established.

It is presumed unnecessary to represent to Government how inadequate the number of Surgeons were at their Institution to give relief in many parts where Troops were stationed, and how fatal the consequences would have been, if after so many Casualties those young men had not been appointed, of which Government were fully sensible when they were pleased to confirm the Recommendation of the Hospital Board, with respect to the Sub Assistants the Hospital Board have already replied to it, in their Proceedings of the 19th February last, to which they beg leave to refer them and have only to remark

that

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Approved

that they are Natives of this Country, and are not qualified to be promoted, yet they are absolutely necessary for the inferior duties of an Hospital.

Read the Paragraph of a General Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated March 28th 1788 refusing half pay to Surgeons who are under the necessity of quitting the Service on account of ill health.

The Hospital Board reflecting, they had already said some what on this subject in their Proceedings of January 11th 1787 in behalf of Mr. Gillespie, will only further remark, that during the late War, 11 Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons were killed wounded or taken Prisoners by the Enemy, and from their own experience, the Service in this Country admits of no more Shelter to a Surgeon than any Military Officer.

The Hospital Board are

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are sensible the situation of the Officers, who are Supernumerary, and the Surgeons who are obliged to go home from Ill health, differ essentially, but they have no doubt that the distresses of the one, merit the attention of the Honble the Court of Directors equally with the other.

The Hospital Board have the honor to transmit Letters from Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Thackeray and Barber Assistant Surgeons, and hope Government will be pleased to order the Instruments they mention to be purchased as they are apprehensive the supplies of Surgical Instruments will hardly be equal to the present Service.

Approved

Signed the Apothecary's account for last month, amounting to Pagd. 2573..14..55 and his Commission at 15 pr. Cent. 385..40.30. as ordered by Government.

Approved

By Order of the Honble the Govr. in Council (signed) W. C. Jackson D. M. Secry.

(Signed) E. Atkinson Secry.

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List of the Medical Gentlemen on this Establishment

Doctor James Anderson Physician General
Colley Lyon Lucas Chief Surgeon
William Duffin Head Surgeon Madras Hospital
William Raine Surgeon Black Town
William Gordon pensioned
George Binny Head Surgeon Masulipatam Hospital
David Simpson home on leave
Nicol Mein Head Surgeon Trichinopoly Hospital
Terence Gorhagan Head Surgeon Vellore Hospital
Finlay Ferguson 2d Regiment Europeans Ellore
Thomas Howel home on leave
William Roxborough Samulcottah by permission of Government
Robert Rollo Cuddalore
John Briggs Vizagapatam
Jeremiah Adderton 1st Battalion of Artillery
Job Bulman Apothecary
James Richardson Ganjam
Alexander Watson Pattamcottah
Joshua Gillespie home on leave
Alexander Blackadder home on leave
Anthony Simeons Invalided

William

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William Ruddeman with His Highness the Nabob
George Ogilvy Madura
Alexander Anderson Committee of Circuit
George Anderson Ongole by order of Government
Maxwell Thompson 4th Regiment of Europ. Arnee
Thomas Lord 2d Regiment of Artillery Warriore
Edward Stuart 1st Regiment Europeans Trichinopoly
Patrick Bowie 3d Regiment Vellore

Assistant Surgeons

Henry Miller Medical Storekeeper Masulipatam
Robert Trotter Medical Storekeeper Trichinopoly
Charles Ogilvie Vizagapatam
John Kincaid home on leave
John Walker Maddepollam & Ingoram
Henry Harris Medical Storekeeper General Hospital Madras
George Bell Negapatam
Alexander Sawright Medical Storekeeper Vellore
John Laird Tanjore
Andr. Berry General Hospital Madras
George Lepper General Hospital Madras
Michael Corbet 1st Battalion Artillery
George Baird gone to Sea for his health
John Campbell 4th Regiment Cavalry Arcot

Tonke

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Towke Moore 1st Regiment Europeans Trichinopoly
Bernard Macmahon 11th Battalion Sepoys
James Ramsay 1st Regiment Cavalry Arcot
James Reid 7th Battalion Sepoys Trichinopoly
George Ferguson 4th Regiment Europr. Arnie
Charles Fleming 18th Battalion Sepoys Aska
John Inglis 3d Regiment Cavalry Arcot
Thomas Gifford 2d Battn. Artillery Walajabaad absent without leave
Alexander Boiswell 27th Battalion Condapilly
John Bannantine 2d Regiment Cavalry Trichinopoly
James Cameron 15th Battalion Amboor
John Duncan 1st Regiment Cavalry
George Bailler Dispensary Fort St. George
Joseph Copeland 2d Regiment Europeans Ellore
Morris Fitzgerald 6th Battalion Walajabaad
Alexander Kennedy 28th Battalion Sepoys
William Todd not arrived
Robert Little General Hospital Masulipatam
Thomas Thacheray 13th Battalion Sepoys
Samuel Barber 22d Battalion Sepoys
James Bingham not arrived
George Wilson not arrived
Henry Morris 26th Battalion Sepoys
William Norman General Hospital Madras

John Scudamore

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John Scudamore Wathway General Hospital Trichinopoly
John Cooper not arrived
William Pearson not arrived
Francis Duncan 10th Battalion Sepoys Tanjore
Alexander Mackenzie not arrived
Thomas Phippard not arrived
Valentine Connolly not arrived
Whitelane Ainslie not arrived
Andr. Panton General Hospital Madras
Thomas Pollard 3d Regiment Europeans Vellore
Alexander Alexander 23d Battalion Sepoys
James Johnstone 3d Battalion Sepoys Tiagar
James Brady General Hospital Trichinopoly
John Thompson 1st Battalion Sepoys Tanjore
James Steele 4th Battalion Sepoys Walajabaad
Robert Gallaway General Hospital Masulipatam
Robert Stuart

Signed Edwd. Atkinson Secry.

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Military

Fort St George 6th August 1788

Military Department

To Dr James Anderson
Physician General
and to the Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable the President and Council to send you the enclosed Letter from Mr Keith Surgeon of the Boddam and to inform you that he is desired to lay before you the particulars of the Medicines tendered by him for Sale, where you will be pleased to report upon the propriety of complying with his Request.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
John Chamier Secy

Fort St George
6th August 1788.

Honorable

Fort St George 6th August 1788

Honorable Sir

Being informed, previous to our departure from England, that a considerable number of Troops were to embark for Fort St George on board the Honble Company's Ship Boddam, I thought it proper from the Station I held to purchase a quantity of Medicines for those we should I cannot now dispose of, therefore, beg leave to be informed whether the Honorable Company will be pleased to purchase them for the use of this Settlement.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect—

Honorable Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
Signed/ G: Keith
Surgeon

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6th August 1788

A true Copy
Signed/ H.C. Jackson
Dy. Mr Secy

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Fort St. George 11th August 1788

To the Honorable Sir
Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c &c

Honorable Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 11th Instant; and are with the greatest Respect,

Honorable Sir
Your most obedient and
Very humble Servants
James Anderson P. Genl
(Signed) Colley L. Lucas C. Surgeon
William Duffin H. Surgeon

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11th August 1788

Hospital

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Hospital Board
11th August 1788

Read a letter from Mr Chamier enclosing a Letter from Mr Keith Surgeon of the Boddam recommending his application to the consideration of the Hospital Board.

They have likewise received similar application from the Surgeon of the Ceres, and hope Government will order the Medicines to be received into the Stores.

Approved

They have received a representation from Mr Gahagan of their present want of Surgical Instruments at Vellore and recommend a Sett of Mr Pollards to be purchased in which they hope the acquiescence of Government.

Approved

Messrs Todd and
Amslie

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Approved
and has been announced in
G. O. of the 26th July

By order of the Honble the
President in Council

Signed John Chamier
Secry

Amslie having arrived on the
Albion, they recommend their
being admitted Assistant Surgeons
on this Establishment

Signed Edd Atkinson
Secry

Military

Fort St George 14th August 1788

Military Department

To Dr James Anderson
Physician General
& to the Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board
to send you the enclosed application from the
Surgeon of the Ceres and to request your opinion
thereon

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servt
John Chamier
Secry

Fort St George
14th August 1788

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Sir

According to advice received from Dr. Anderson (to whom I have written) I have taken the liberty to trouble you with the enclosed Invoice of Medicines contained in the Military Medicine Chest of the Corps in order that the Governor and Council may be acquainted with its value, and myself reimbursed to the amount they may judge proper —

I am with much respect

Sir

Your Obedient humble Servt.

(Signed) F. Oldham

Madras
August 12th 1788
(at Mr. Antiss)

Fort St. George 18th August 1788

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council
&ca &ca

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 18th Instant and are with the greatest respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient and very humble Servants

(Signed) James Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.
Willm. Duffin H.S.

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18th August 1788

Hospital

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Hospital Board

18th August 1788

Read a Letter from Mr Addenbrooke Surgeon of the 1st Battalion Artillery setting forth the necessity of his proceeding to Sea for the recovery of his health which the Hospital Board consible of the Necessity recommend may be granted Him, and that Mr Alexander Anderson be appointed to do duty at the present until he returns

Messrs Cooper and Mackenzie having arrived on the Lord Macartney, the Hospital Board recommend their being admitted Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment

Read a Letter from Mr Spalding requesting leave to be excused from going to Ganjam on account of some private concerns which

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which require his attendance at the Presidency

The Hospital Board are sorry that any delay should have prevented the accomplishment of their wishes in fulfilling the request of the Chief and Council at Ganjam, and recommend that Mr. Sinclair be ordered to proceed there by the first Sea conveyance

Read a letter from Mr Cooper, requesting permission to go to Bengal for six months on account of his private affairs, which they recommend may be granted Him

They likewise recommend that Mr Todd be appointed to do Duty with the 2d Battalion of Sepoys, and Mr Mackenzie to the 1st Battalion

Signed Edwd Atkinson
Secy

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General &c.
Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the Receipt of your Proceedings, under date the 18th Instant, and to inform you that the Board have approved the same. The necessary General Order will be issued in Consequence.

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) John Chamier Secry.

Fort St. George
19th August 1788

To

Fort St. George 25th August 1788

To the Honble Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 25th Instant, and are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir
Your Most Obedient
& very humble Servants
(Signed) James Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.
Willm. Duffin H.C. Surgn.

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25th August 1788

Hospital

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Hospital Board
25th August 1788

Approved

Mr. Thomas Phippard having arrived on the Bridgewater with Indentures from the Court of Directors, they recommend his being admitted an Assistant Surgeon on this establishment

Approved
A General Order will be published

Mr. Todd having been appointed in the last General Orders to the 8th Battalion they recommend his being removed to the 2d Battalion as the Physician General thinks his present state of health not equal to field Service, and Mr. Phippard to the 8th Vice Todd. Mr. Norman to the 12th Battalion Mr. Galway to the 14th Battalion

Mr. Phippard having informed the Hospital Board that he has brought with him from England a Complete Sett of Instruments

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Approved
By Order of the Honble the President in Council
(Signed) Wm. C. Jackson
Dy. Secry.

Instruments they recommend them to be purchased, and that he be allowed to keep them as the Corps he is recommended to is on Field Service

(Signed) Edwd. Atkinson
Secry.

To

Fort St. George 1st September 1788.

To the Honble Sir Archd. Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council
&c. &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 1st Instant and are with the greatest respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedient and very humble Servants

James Anderson P.G.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.
Wm. Duffin H.S.

Signed

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1st September 1788

Hospl.

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Hospital Board
1st September 1788

Approved

Mr. Bingham having arrived on the Contractor with an Indenture from the Honble the Court of Directors they recommend his being appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

The Physician General has ordered him to proceed with a Detachment of Artillery on the expedition to the Northward.

He has likewise from an Opinion of his acquaintance of the field detail and long standing in the Service, ordered Mr. Gordon to proceed with that Detachment as field Hospital Surgeon, and Mr. Ponton as an Assistant to such

Approved

Hospital

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Hospital as may be necessary —

The Hospital Board hope Government will approve of the above Arrangements as connected with the well ordering of the Service.

The Hospital Board are sorry to inform Government that notwithstanding their orders respecting the arrest of Surgeons, no less than three Assistant Surgeons Messrs. Gifford Miller and Ferguson have been put in arrest without any Official report being made to them, and hope Government will take this matter into their Serious consideration —

(Signed) Edwd. Atkinson
Secretary

A G.O. will be published to prevent this in future. —

By order of the Honble the President and Council —

Signed W.C. Jackson
Dy. M. Secy.

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General &ca.

Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

The Governor having been informed that a native at Tanjore was in possession of a Composition of Snake Pills as also of one which prevented any bad effects from the bite of a mad Dog, directed the man to be sent to Madras where he is now arrived for the purpose of having the merits of his discovery ascertained —

In order to determine in the most Satisfactory manner the efficacy of these Compositions, Government desire you will make such trials & experiments as may fix the reliance which may be placed upon the discovery —

The Man will be ordered to attend the Physician General who will appoint a time and place for the investigation and disclosure of his Secrets and you are requested to desire the attendance of such of the other Medical Gentlemen who may be at Madras to be present on the occasion —

I

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I enclose Copies of the Papers sent from Tanjore which relate to the Subject

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

Fort St. George
17th September 1788

From Mr. Strange to the Governor

Dear Sir

Althó I have hitherto been silent yet I have not however been unmindful of the Commission with which you honored me on my leaving Madras, to make Enquiry after the man who possesses the Secret of the Composition of the Snake Pills as also that against the Effects of the Bite of a Mad Dog & to purchase the same from him in your name.

It was my wish before I came to terms of agreement with him not only to make myself acquainted with the various Ingredients of which these medicines are composed, and the quantities of each employed: I was further desirous to be present on some Occasion wherein they

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they were administered, in order to be enabled to speak with Certainty as to their Efficacy — I have long watched this occasion, but hitherto none has presented itself, should any further delay take place, it is possible in the meantime that some accident may befall the possession of these invaluable Secrets, which might defeat those liberal & laudable Intentions on your part, to publish and make them generally known for the good of Society — Under this Impression, I have therefore (with the Advice & Concurrence, of our Southern Oracle Mr. Swartz) come to a final Agreement with this man, that, on his disclosure of the mode of procuring and preparing the above Medicines in presence of such Gentlemen as shall be Appointed to Superintend the Process, he shall immediately receive a Reward of two hundred Pagodas —

It has occured to me that you might wish to be personally present, or at least, that the above disclosure may be made, before such of the Faculty as yourself should name, I have therefore directed the Man to proceed immediately to Madras, and he will accordingly have the honor of delivering this Letter to you, accompanied by a Letter from Mr. Swartz —

Althó I cannot from any Personal knowledge, speak to the Virtues of these Medicines, yet

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yet all doubt is removed from my mind as to their Efficacy from the Concurring Testimony of many Gentlemen of my acquaintance who have seen them applied in each case with Success - Mr. Swartz has repeatedly seen them administered with Effect and who can doubt his Word?

I shall be highly flattered, if what I have done, meets with your approbation and I beg you will do me the honn to beleive that I ever am with much Respect

Dear Sir

Your faithfully devoted and Obliged humble Servant

(Signed) Jas. Strange

Tanjore
23. July 1788

A true Copy

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. M. Secry.

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Tanjore Septemr. 4th 1788

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council

Honourable Sir

Mr. Strange has called for the Man who prepareth Pills which hitherto have been highly beneficial to many people who have been bit by Snakes, Europeans and black people have been witnesses to the good effects -

Besides those Pills he has administered another Medicine to those who have had the misfortune of being bit by a mad dog - This last Medicine many Europeans and Natives have taken and not one has got the Hydrophobia - or suffered any Inconvenience from the bite -

Both these Medicines he has made up before Messrs. Stewart and Laird When General Horne sent up the European who had been bit by a mad Dog, the Medicine was given to the afflicted person in Mr. Laird's house with good Success -

Mr.

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Mr. Strange desired at last that the Man, who prepares the Medicines should go to Madras and make up both those Medicines before a Gentleman appointed by you Honble Sir, Accordingly he sets out to day, and will soon deliver this letter to you and obey the Commands in making up the Medicines.

I am respectfully

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) C. F. Swartz

A true Copy

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

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Directions for making the Snake Pills

The Ingredients used in making the Medicine for the cure of the Venom of Snakes are the following Viz.

[illegible] Welley Pashnam

[illegible] Welley Nave

[illegible] Nari visham

[illegible] Milagu Pepper

The Kernell of a small fruit called [illegible] Nare walam without its small Shoot.

[illegible] Rasam Nerdy

For composing the Medicine take of the four first Ingredients, beat them into small powder, and strain them separately — and then take an equal Weight of each of those pulverized Ingredients, and put them all in a Vessel — Afterwards take an equal Weight of the two last Ingredients, grind them till the Kernell of that small Fruit, becomes like Pap; and grind them the second time, with the Milk of a Shrub called Welley Eeek kilan Shedi ([illegible]) Then put all the Ingredients together, and grind them with such a Quantity of the Milk of the above mentioned Shrub as will be found necessary.

This

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It is being done make up the Medicine into Pills according to the Bigness of a Fruit called Tudusse [illegible] and let them be dried in the Shade —

Directions for giving the Snake Pills

When a person is bit by a Nallapomba [illegible] Pulverize one of these Pills mix it with a little cold or warm water and give it to the patient. And let another pulverized Pill mixed with a little warm, or cold Water or the Liver of a Fowl be applied to the wound. Within a Quarter of an Hour or less than a quarter of an hour after the patient has taken the Pill he will find whether the poison ceases to operate or not; If not let him take two Pills more. If the Patient finds himself giddy let half a Pill mixed with a few Drops of water be applied to his Eyes —

For the Bite of all kinds of Vipers [illegible] of Wa[illegible] la ney [illegible] Sodamand Eli [illegible] & Rettamand Eli [illegible] let the patient take two Pills, and apply half a Pill or the Liver of a Fowl to the wound — If the poison does not cease to operate within half an hour give him two Pills more — If the patient be bit by the Vipers called Reta Viri[illegible] then it will cause a flooding of Blood at

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at the mouth and the wound to stop which mix the Pills which he takes internally with the juice of the Bark of the Sree Wilamaram [illegible]

If the Patient appears almost dead without Breath, and motion, let two Pills mixed with a little Water or with the juice of the Leaf of the White Erechkilan Shrub [illegible] be poured into his mouth and let half a Pill be applied to both his Eyes — Shave off the Hair on the Crown of His Head make an Incision on his Scull, put some moist Clay about the Incision (which is to prevent the Medicine to be applied on the Head from running off) and let a Vessel made in the Form of a Tube of 4 Inches Length be fixed on the Clay — pour into that Vessel about a Table Spoon full of the juice of the Waley Leaf [illegible] and half a [illegible] weight of Mercury, and let a small earthen pot with some burning Coals be placed on the Tube, till the Medicine applied on the Incision be heated

The Patient must keep a strict Regimen for 6 Days by eating nothing but Conjee and Rice or milk and Rice without Salt, and drink nothing but warm water NB. The Rice which is dressed for the patient must be boiled in a new pot without any Salt, and it must be such

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which has not been tried before for the Malabar people before they beat the Jaddy into Rice thoroughly but first

If the Pills should operate by vomiting let the Patient eat a little Conjee and Rice or milk and Rice — If a part of the Pill has been applied to the Patients Eye and he finds afterwards some Inconvenience by it let a little boiled Rice be tied in a Cloth and let the Patient apply it to his Eye after stopping it in Water

Directions for Making the Medicine for the Cure of the Venom of mad Dogs

For compleating the Medicine for the Cure of the Venom of mad Dogs, take the following Ingredients

1st Four S. Pag: Weights of the grinded Leaves of the Shrub Nada-mattey 4 3 0 3 0 3

2nd A Quarter S. Pag: weight of the grinded Leaves of the Shrub Kodaga Saley 0 3 1 — 0 3 0 0 0

3d A quarter S. Pag: weight of the grinded Leaves of the Shrub Kere kade maruneu 0 3 0 1 7 0 3 3 3 or such as otherwise called viara Valley Poorden 3 0 3 0 0 3 0 3 Mix these three Ingredients with 2 S. Pag: weights of soft Sugar, and a quarter S. Pag: weight of the ashes of Tyger Skin, and let it be given to the Patient. If the Leaves of the Shrub Kodagasaley

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Kodagasaley and nara valley Poorden are not immediately to be had the Medicine may be made up only of the grinded Leaves of madamattey 4 3 0 3 0 3 mixed with soft Sugar and the Ashes of Tygers Skin and be given to the Patient the same Quantity he must take on the second and third Day — The patient upon taking this Medicine will be quite intoxicated in a few hours, three or four persons ought therefore to keep a strict Watch over him to prevent his eating or doing any thing which might be prejudicial unto him — About three hours after taking the Medicine the Patient will be excessively dry The persons who are to take care of him must oblige him to drink the Conjee of Rice and green grain (viz 0 3 0 0 0 3) boiled together in a new pot without any Salt, and an hour after he may drink a little Conjee and eat of the Rice boiled with the green grain, and whenever the Patient finds himself Dry he may drink of the Conjee —

At five or six in the Evening let fifty or sixty Large Pots of cold Water be poured on the Head of the Patient — and let him eat of the Rice boiled with the green Grain — After that he must eat nothing till the next Day, four or five hours after he has taken the Medicine — He may only drink some thin Conjee or warme water whenever he finds himself dry — These prescriptions must

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ment be strictly observed on the second and third Day in which the Patient is to take the same Quantity of the Medicine that he took on the first Day.

On the fourth and fifth day, the Patient is only to observe a strict Regimen by eating nothing but the Rice boiled with green Gram without Salt, and drink nothing but warm water, & the Conjee of the boiled Rice — On the Sixth day he may bath in cold or warm Water — rubbing his Head with those things he is used to do at Bathing and after that he may eat and drink whatever he has a liking to

A true Copy
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Dy. M. Secry.

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To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c. &c.

Honble Sir

Inclosed we have the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 26th Instant — And are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your Most Obedient &
Very humble Servants

Signed
Jamt. Anderson P. Genl.
Colley L. Lucas C. Surgeon
Willm. Duffin F.C. Surgeon

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Hospital Board
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Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier enclosing sundry papers respecting Antidotes for the bite of Mad Dogs and Serpents —

The Hospital Board being assured by Mr. Duffin one of their Members that he has repeatedly exhibited the Snake Pill as it is called as an Antidote in cases, where persons were bit by Serpents, supposed to be Venemous, as well as in cases where persons were bit by Dogs, of which there were very Satisfactory proofs of Madness without perceiving any deleterious effects from the use of this medicine, yet some of the component parts of these Medicines, being such as they are unacquainted with, and in a state in which it may be difficult to Analyse, they can

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can only recommend to Government to leave every practitioner to administer remedies, as his own judgement may direct as heretofore in cases of Venemous bites —

Approved

At the same time they cannot too much extoll the laudable intentions of Government in publishing the Names of the Ingredients of a Medicine which promises so much in Diseases that are the Opprobrium of Physicians, as in this way Men of Leisure and research are furnished with some Clue to investigation.

Approved

Mr. Steel who Stands appointed to the 4th Battalion is recommend to be removed to the 9th Battalion at Walajabaad where his Services are more wanted.

Approved

Mr. Gordon having gone to Northward with the Detachment as Field Hospital Surgeon, the Hospital Board recommend that he draw Majors allowances while acting

Approved

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acting with that Detachment.

Mr. Lepper being in a bad state of health the Hospital Board recommend his trying a Sea Voyage, & that he be advanced three months pay. Mr. Hathway who stands appointed to the General Hospital at Trichinopoly they recommend to be stationed at the General Hospital at Madras vice Lepper —

Approved

The Secretary represents the Board the want of Candles Leathers &c. to bind the Books which the Hospital Board recommend may be allowed, as also another Peon, as they find one insufficient to carry about the Letter & Indents to the different Members for their approval —

cannot be admitted as it is not thought necessary —

(Signed) Edwd. Atkinson
Secry.

By Order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council

(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Dy. M. Secry.

Extract

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Extract of a General Order dated 29th September 1788

"Mr. Steel Assistant Surgeon removed "to the 9th Battalion at Walanjaubaad — Mr. "Hathway to be stationed at the General Hospital "at Madras, vice Lepper, permitted to proceed to "Sea for the Recovery of his Health" —

A true Extract
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Dy. M. Secry.

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To Doctor James Anderson
Physician General &ca Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I am directed to transmit you Copy of a Letter from Doctor Patrick Russell, dated 13th Instant together with copy of the Report mentioned by him, and to acquaint you that Government have accepted of the Botanical Cabinet for the Honble Company to be deposited at this Presidency — It will, on its arrival from Vizagapatam be committed to your care, and Government have the fullest reliance on your exertion for augmenting the collection and in rendering it of much public utility —

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servt
(Signed) Chas. A. White Secy

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To the Honble Major General Sir Archd Campbell Kt
Governor in Council

Honble Sir

In a Report which I had the honor to transmit to the Board in December last, I mentioned my intention of making a present to the Honble Company of a Botanical Cabinet, to be placed, with your approbation at the Presidency for the public use of their servants —

A favourable opportunity of sending it offering at present, I have this day delivered the Cabinet to the Board of Vizagapatam, in order to be forwarded to Madras where I hope it will be honoured with acceptance, as a testimony of my gratitude to the Honble Company, and of my earnest desire to contribute, in however small a degree to the promoting of science in their Settlements —

Having in the Report above referred to enumerated some of the advantages which I conceived might probably be expected from a Collection of this nature, preserved at the Presidency, to which all such as are disposed might find easy access, it were needless to say more on that head —

I am sorry it was not in my power to render

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render the Collection more full, but a foundation being once laid, I make no doubt the Madras Cabinet will in progress of time be greatly augmented by the exertions of others inspired with equal Zeal, but assisted by superior knowledge and wider practice in Botany -

I am
Hon'ble Sir
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Signed Pat. Russell

Vizagapatam
19th September 1788

A true Copy
Signed Robert Clerk Secy

To the Hon'ble Major General
Sir Archibald Campbell K.B
Governor &c &c &c in Council -

Hon'ble Sir

I have already, in compliance with the desire of the Hon'ble Court of Directors, laid before you two Papers addressed to the President of the Royal Society

I now

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I now have the honor to present a Report of another kind, which, with all deference, I presume to think more likely to promote the views of the Honble Directors than any regular periodical Communications to the Royal Society - This I hope will appear in a clearer light when it is considered that the acquisition of Materials for such a public Communication, depends not merely on diligence, but partly on the Concurrence of various contingencies; and that the ascertaining of facts, the repeating Experiments, and the Reducing them to a form suited to the inspection of that Learned Body scarcely, in the nature of things, admits of being confined to stated periods —

On the Contrary, an annual Report of the nature now offered exacted from whomsoever may happen to enjoy the office I now hold, will undoubtedly be of use - It will put it in the power of the Board to judge, whether he is negligent, or misapplies his time, and consequently better enable the Board, or the Hon'ble Court of Directors, to correct his plans, & to furnish him from time to time with specific Instructions —

In pursuance of the General Plan sketched

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sketched in my Letter of the 2d. of December 1785, to the Board of Madras, soon after my appointment, I considered it a primary object to endeavour, as far as I was able, to prevent the botanical knowledge relating to this Coast, established by the late Doctor Koenig, from being in some measure lost to India: as also to prevent those who may come after me, from being under the necessity of setting out as it were anew, and in wandering over tracts already explored, losing that time which might more advantageously be employed in the pursuit of new subjects or in the investigation of the properties of subjects already described.

With this view I set about the collecting of such specimens of the Circar plants, and the preparing them in such a manner as might, with a little care secure their preservation for many years. Those which now amount to near nine hundred, and so accumulated by gradual additions, I have arranged distinctly under their respective Classes, and disposed in a Cabinet, which it is my intention, before leaving the Country, to present to the Honble Company, in order, with your approbation, to be deposited at the Presidency.

As a large proportion of the Carnatic Plants are the same with those of the Circars, among the

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the probable advantages to result from the establishment of a Botanical Cabinet at the Presidency, I reckon the following, viz.

I. It may to some prove an inducement to dedicate part of their leisure to a study in itself pleasing as well as useful, but attended with difficulties, which discourage many from engaging in it without some assistance.

II. To the young Medical Gentlemen, on their first arrival, who have brought the principles of the science along with them, it will afford an opportunity of acquiring, in a short time, with little trouble, an acquaintance with several hundred of the India plants, which they probably never before had an opportunity of seeing; and may eventually qualify them to add to the Collection by their own industry, when removed to the subordinacies.

III. To Gentlemen on that line, who may before have bestowed little, or no attention upon Botany, it may at least prove an inducement to attempt an acquaintance with the principal Indian Medicinal plants, which is more generally known, & it is probable would by degrees be more generally brought into use; on preference to some pernicious

article

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articles, were imported from England, and which often arrive in a decayed condition —

IV It may assist in ascertaining plants, of which the botanical names may happen to be unknown to Gentlemen who are conversible acquainted with their properties and uses; for by sending a Specimen to Madras, together with a description of the flower, sufficient to indicate the Class the plant belongs to, it may be known by a search of half an hour, in looking over the box of Specimens allotted to that particular Class, whether the plant is, or is not, in the Collection: and even where the description happens to be different, the plant may come to be discovered on a more general search through the other Classes —

V Lastly, it will be of some service to the professed Botanist who, seeing at a view a great part of what has already been done, will be the better enabled to direct his Researches, and to enrich the Collection with new acquisitions —

This Collection has been effected not without labour, and has engrossed a considerable portion of my time, but the notion of its utility will encourage me to prosecute an undertaking at no ample

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& free from errors, as I am able.

Prior to my appointment, I had made considerable progress in describing, and making drawings of the Tribes found on the Coast, this branch of Natural History, how of most others been the least cultivated in India; and being first led to it by a favourable situation close to the Sea, I was afterwards incited to proceed by Letters from some eminent english Naturalists. Some time since my appointment, has consequently been devoted to that pursuit, and at present the Number of my drawings amounts to above one hundred and seventy. Among these, I have reason to think there are many species not before described, but till I shall have an opportunity of confronting them to the importation of some of the Genera in Europe, I do not presume to pronounce on the merit of a Collection upon which much pains, time and application have been bestowed —

In the intervals of the above occupations, I formed and digested the design of an Herbarium Carnaticum, which you have been pleased to approve of, and to refer, accompanied with your recommendation, to the Honble Court of Directors —

In

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In the present year, I have employed the leisure I could spare from other Matters, in researches into the nature and properties of Snakes; on which subject, I lately had the honor to lay a Memoir before you —

It may perhaps be proper, in a Report of this kind, to mention that the sending seeds for the botanical Gardens in Britain, in particular for His Majesty's Garden at Kew, has not been neglected: though, owing to intervening accidents, not carried to the extent I could wish & intend —

I have also lately, through the favour of the Board, sent a Chest, addressed to Sir Joseph Banks, containing various articles relative to Natural History: among others some Specimens of Plants to me unknown — of these last, correspondent specimens are reserved in the Cabinet, and when determined by the Botanists in England, the plants will be disposed in their proper places —

Such Honble Sir, have been my occupations in the Course of the last two years, my pursuits, with whatever success they may ultimately be attended, have, to the best of my judgement been strictly conducted with a view to utility. — It is my intention,

during

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During the remainder of my stay in this Country, should this meet with your approbation, to prosecute future researches on a similar plan —

(Signed) Pat. Russel —

Vizagapatam
Decem^r 3^d 1787

A true Copy
(Signed) Robert Clerk Secry^t

To

Fort St. George 10th October 1788.

To the Honble Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.
Governor in Council &c &c

Honble Sir

Inclosed we the honor of forwarding our Proceedings of the 10th Instant and are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient & Very humble Servants

(Signed) James Anderson P. Genl
Colley L. Lucas C. Surgeon
William Duffin H. Surgeon

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10 October 1788

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Hospital Board
10th October 1788.

Read a letter from Secretary to the Civil Department, stating that Government had been presented by Doctor Russell with a Hortus Siccus of about nine hundred Circar plants, which are committed by Government to the care of the Hospital Board —

The Hospital Board fully aware of the value of a Work of this nature, executed by a person of Doctor Russell's learning & ability, hope its preservation to render it useful in the way Doctor Russell has so properly stated, will appear worthy of the further attention of Government, and for this purpose it appears to them absolutely necessary that Apartments sufficient to lay out and air the plants and prevent their rotting or moulding adjacent

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adjacent to some enclosed ground that might serve as a Botanical Garden for supplying new and fresh Specimens should be appropriated, and an intelligent Botanist appointed to this immediate care of which should Government be pleased to approve, they recommend Mr. Rutler at Tranquebar, who they understand was instructed by the late Dr. Koenig, and has made great proficiency in the Knowledge of Botany, in which way it will serve as a deposit of Botanical discoveries, and excite the exertions of such, as may be qualified to make additions —

The Hospital Board sensible of the attention of Government in promoting natural History, are solely guided by a view to its preservation being placed on a certain and fixed Establishment, in which way they will spare no pains in their power to superintend it —

In the hope that a plan

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plan of this kind will meet the approbation of Government they likewise recommend Elaboratory to be fitted up for the reception of the Chemical apparatus already indented for from Europe to the immediate care of which they will recommend a Person Skilled in Chimistry and in this way enable the Hospital Board to make a proper analysis of any Subjects that may appear interesting to Government —

Mr. Mein Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly having taken a Sett of Surgical Instruments belonging to Mr. Morris newly arrived, the Hospital Board recommend their being received in the Store and payment of their prime Cost amount 40 Pagodas ordered to Mr. Morris —

A Quantity of Brandy Port Wine, Vinegar, Sugar Soap Lime juice and Essence of Malt having been received by the Apothecary in consequence of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier —

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The Hospital Board have directed the Apothecary to issue them for the Quarterly Indents —

The Hospital Board having referred to Mr. Duffin the examination of the last six months accounts of the Apothecary's department beg leave to lay his Letter to them before Government as the most perfect report in their power to execute of this part of their Duty which they think is indispensably necessary on account of the increasing expence as well as the heavy charge for some Articles to bring forward —

They also beg leave to recommend to the consideration of Government a Letter from Mr. Duffin as an object worthy their attention in pointing out a useful reform of Hospital Cloathing at little more than half the present expence —

Read a Letter from Mr.

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Mr. Gordon stating the necessity of a person to take charge of the medical and Surgical Stores

The Hospital Board sensible of the extent of the department recommend Mr. Ponten Assistant Hospital Mate already on that Service to be appointed Medical Storekeeper in General Orders —

(Signed) Edward Atkinson
Secretary

James

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James Anderson Esqr.
Physician General
&c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Having examined the Apothecary's accounts for the last six months commencing in February. I think it proper to inform you of their amounting to the sum of Pagodas 11507 his Commission of 15 ℘ Cent 1726, Total Pagodas 13233 the expenditure of Liquors has been very considerable Pr.

Madeira 563 Dozen Port 292 Dozen
Arrack 135 Do. Brandy 201 Do.
Venegar 146 Do. Those with the annexed articles which bear a high Price have swelled the accounts to such an enormous Sum —

Saffron 24 Pags. ℘ pound Cantharides 10 Pags. ℘ pound
Nutmeg 7 Do. Mace 5.21 Do.
Opium 2:28 Do. Dragons Blood 3 —

Musk 6 ℘ ounce Oil of Cinnamon 5 ℘ ounce

I cannot help observing that the Prices of most articles are at the highest rate of the retail market, and some exceed it 25 ℘ Cent. How far this is consistent with the liberal Indulgence of Government granting 15 ℘ Cent on all purchases, may be a matter

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a matter worthy of consideration — Should it be deemed necessary to have a retrospect to all accounts since the commencement of the present arrangement the Apothecary ought to be informed to produce them, and attend this Board, or any deputed member, when they think most convenient for that purpose. In order to check the growing Expences, Specific accounts should be sent in monthly, that any extraordinary charge may more easily be detected, and all Indents Scrutinized with the utmost care & accuracy —

There are many Articles which may be entirely Struck out of the List of Country Medicines being very expensive and totally unnecessary and many that may be Supplied by the Medical Storekeeper of District at a less expence than the Cooly hire in transporting them from hence: by an attention to the above mentioned Subjects I am perswaded the heavy Charges in the Apothecary's Department will visibly decrease, instead of increasing as they have done —

The examining, correcting and arranging Indents and Apothecary's accounts ought to be the duty of the Secretary previous to their appearing before the Board for their approval and Signature, but as we are deprived of the Assistance of a Medical Man to fill that Station, who alone can judge of those matters, and as professional avocations

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Avocations to often preclude us from paying that attention to a Business of such importance particularly on our stated times of meeting, it becomes the more necessary that some means should be devised to restrain the abuses which have crept in — for the present, if it is agreeable to the Hospital Board, I will look over the different Indents and accounts during any leisure time I may have to spare, and exert my utmost to effect a Reform —

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedt. servant

(Signed) William Duffin

James Anderson Esqr.

Physician General &c.

Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

For some time past I have had it in contemplation to lay before you some better plan for Cloathing the sick in the different Hospital throughout the Establishment the present dismal gloomy blue Cloathing adds to a Sick Bed a chearless and uncomfortable lock and is a sufficient reason to alter it,

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it when it can be done and at a less expence I propose therefore that the Cloathing in future be made of Striped Gingham and that in place of the Cotts being rattaned they should be laced with Tape — the advantages of having Cotts Taped are, that the use of Mattrasses may be laid aside — many Inconveniences attend them — they are too heating in this warm Climate and very difficult to be kept clean, the seeds of an Infectious disease, may lurk in them notwithstanding every precaution where as tapes are easily taken off and washed with the other Cloathing — by that means the Cotts may Constantly be kept pure and free from any Offensive Smell —

that no extra expence may attend the introducing this new mode the present Cloathing should be used till worn out, and whenever a Cott requires to be rattaned the tape may then be put on — no more Mattrasses to be made up, but two Quilts to be allowed to each patient — the Comparative view which I have drawn out will shew the Oconomy and elegibility of the proposed Plan — The Calculation is made from experience — Specimens of the Cloathing to be laid before the Hospital Board and approved of Sealed proposals to be sent in and given to the lowest Proposer —

Comparative

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Comparative Price of the Price of Cloathing

Furnished by the Surveyor	Page	Vs.	Cs.	Now proposed	Page	Vs.	Cs.
Brattan Cott	3	15		Tapped Cott	1	21	
Short	13	60		Short	10		
Gowns	22	53		Gowns	15		
Drawers	18	52		Drawers	14		
Truth	1	4	52	Truth	30		
Pillow	23	70		Pillow	21		
Pillow Case	4	5		Pillow Case	3		
Cap	2	20		Cap	2		
Mattress	1	20	25	an Earth	32		
	8	7	26		4	19	

Pagodas

Pagodas

No. 13 The Cloathing now proposed to be made of Tapped Gingham and lined with white Cott the Cotton crown is use to be Taped at the rate of 36 fanos each —

Signed William Duffin
Head Surgeon

To

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General &c. Members
of the Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Proceedings dated the 10th Instant, and to inform you, that before Government can consent to the appointment of Mr. Rutler to take charge of a Botanical Cabinet, they wish to ascertain whether or not there is among the medical servants of this Establishment any one sufficiently acquainted with Botany to be entrusted with that charge, and that if there be, it is their opinion such Person should have the Preference —

With Respect to the fitting up of an Elaboratory for the reception of the Chemical Apparatus already indented for from Europe, I am directed to inform you, that it is not thought necessary to commence this Work, until it be known that the Company approve the Indent.

An Order will be given to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to discharge Mr. Morris's Bill

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Bill of 40 Pagodas, for Instruments purchased from him by Mr. Mein on account of the Honourable Company —

I am further directed to inform you, that Government highly approve the Exertions of Mr. Duffin, in his Examination of the Apothecary's Accounts, and they request he will prosecute this necessary Work untill he shall have compleated the Reform in the Apothecary's Department. Mr. Bulman will be written to on the Subject.

Government also approve the Suggestion of Mr. Duffin in Regard to the Reform in the Hospital Cloathing, and desire you will advertize for Proposals in the manner pointed out in Mr. Duffin Letter —

You will be pleased to inform Mr. Gordon, that Mr. Ponton the Assistant Hospital Mate is to take charge of the Stores, in the manner practiced by the Head Assistants of all the other Hospitals on the Coast.

I am Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Acting Secry.

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Hospl.

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Hospital Board
17th October 1788

Read a Letter from the Honble Board of the 14th Instant respecting the nomination of a Person for the care of the Hortus Siccus —

The Hospital Board, actuated, thro' their letters accompanying Dr. Russel's, informing them of the Hortus Siccus, presented for their preservation, thought it incumbent on them to represent to the Honble Board the necessity of employing a person, in the habit of collecting and preserving Simples, from which they thought Mr. Rutter the most adequate, for tho' many Gentlemen of the Company's List of Surgeons, have made Botany a part of their Studies yet from the shortness of their residencies in India, they cannot be expected to be so capable of entering immediately on a charge of such Importance, and which in itself

demands

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demands such an exertion as will render it enviable the adding to the collection by the Gentlemen of our Garrisons, in researches as well in Botany as other matters of natural History, in the Assurance, their Collections will not only be preserved, but received with that attention such collections merit

The Hospital Board will cause enquiry to be made if any Gentleman will come forward for the purpose of attending to the Hortus Siccus but are apprehensive, that the such may offer, and which from the nature of it must be a voluntary one, he can only be employed as an aid to Mr. Rutler whose Studies in the Botanical line and collections he has made, which is more than probable he will add to Dr. Russell's demand the highest incomiums and encouragement — and are under the necessity of assuring the Honble. Board that they have it not in

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in their power, to fill up the several vacancies demanding Assistants, in the confidence of which and their ardor to have in readiness a proper person for the charge recommended to them, thought themselves fully acquited in recommending Mr. Rutler, which they again beg leave to urge.

To lie on the Table for future consideration

The Hospital Board have ordered musters of the new Cloathing as proposed by Mr. Duffin, to be laid before them, as also musters of the Barrivers for comparison.

Approved

The Hospital Board have the honor to forward a letter from Captain Eagle and hope Mr. Fleming will be allowed to draw House Rent as formerly.

The Chief and Council at Ganjam will be directed to give an order for the Payment of the usual Allowance of House Rent to Mr. Fleming

Mr. Binny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam having represented that all Medicines should be sent on Board a Vessel commanded by an European as frequent losses and delays have arisen from their being under the charge of

Approved

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of Syrangs they have directed their Jointry to write the Apothecary to that effect.

The Hospital Board have directed their Secretary to acquaint Mr. Gordon of Mr. Pontons appointment

Approved

By Order of the Hon.ble the President in Council

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Act. Secry.

James Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) Colley L. Lucas Chief Surgeon
Willm. Duffin Head Surgeon

Mr.

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Mr. Charles Fleeming
Assistant Surgeon 18th Battalion

Sir

I have received your letter in application for quarters for yourself, and a Godown for the reception of the Medical Stores under your Charge — In answer I have to acquaint you that there is not an habitable Quarter in Aska now unoccupied, and further that there never has been any appropriation of Barracks for the reception of the Surgeon. Your predecessor in this Cantonment, Messrs. Croker Richardson &c. have always been allowed to draw house rent a Circumstance which I presume requires only to be regularly made known to preserve the Continuance of that allowance to you —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Archibald Eagle
Captn. 18th Battalion

Cantonment Aska
September 19th 1788

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General & to the Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to send you the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Mr. Bullman, on the Subject of the Charges in his Accounts, observed upon by Mr. Duffin.

I am further directed to notify to you that the demands of many Articles in the Indents for Medicines from out Garrison appear to Government Enormous, and the Board desire that you will not in future pass any Indents until it has been fully examined & properly checked by you—

I am

Gentlemen.

Your most Obed. Servt.

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Actg. Secretary

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To

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To the Honble Major General

Sir Archibald Campbell K.B.

President & Governor &ca. in Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 16th Instant enclosing an Extract of a letter from Mr. Duffin to the Hospital Board and requiring Satisfactory Answers, to the particular points therein set forth—

Mr. Duffin's Statement of the Amount of Charges for Country Medicines &ca. issued by order of the Hospital Board for six Months commencing last February is perfectly correct and corresponds with my Accounts delivered into the Hospital Board, as doth the Amount of Commission and Sum Total.

I fully concur with him, that the great quantity of Liquors &ca. furnished to the Service during that period, has caused my Accompts to swell, to very considerable height. Yet no blame can be imputed to me, as no article whatever was issued but by the Express permission of the Hospital Board, and to obviate the imputation that those Articles have been charged at

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a high rate, it is incumbent on me, to assign a reason why they may seem to be so, by informing the Honble Board that the Liquors were pure and unadulterated and indeed every Article was of the very best that could be purchased; most of them chosen and picked and perhaps ten p Cent better than those on retail in the Shops and Bazars consequently they bore an adequate price & although high in the purchase and superior in quality. I lessened my Charge in the proportion of about from ten to fifteen p Cent below the selling price of the day.

The other Articles so particularly noticed in the letter are certainly valued at a very extravagant rate; but that it may appear that I have had no unfair advantage thereon, I can obtain Vouchers from most of the people of whom they were bought to evince that no more has been charged than what they cost and to account for those things being so highly rated it may be observed that they were very scarce and difficult to get, at the time they were wanted, and the merchants finding the Service required them, availed themselves of the Scarcity, & of the Opportunity that offered, of a good Market, and demanded a price accordingly. If any other

Article

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Article bears a charge of 25 p Cent above the Market price of the day, I presume it will come within the above discription.

The Honble Board I trust will not deem my charges high when they are informed that there are not any Servants allowed to carry on the very extensive business of providing and issuing Country Medl. Stores - that I am in constant advance of my own Money from six to seven thousand Pagodas - That I pay monthly heavy Godown rent - That, I stand to all damage, resque, and decay occasioned by Vermin, breakage, sellage, difficiencies and every species of accident that is destructive of such property as the Country Medl. Stores consist of - That I have to make good all difficiencies of Indents on delivery that happen by Neglect of Servants, theft or unlucky incidents on the Road - That I am occasionally at extraordinary expence, in procuring additional Means of speedy dispatch, whenever there is an accumulation of Indents to be complied with, and the Necessities of the Service will not admit of delay - And that no Article is admitted into my Accompts that has not bonafide been supplied to the Service, which was the grand Object aimed at by Lord Macartney, and the Select Committee, at the

time

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time of my appointment to my present Office — Indeed if the Honble Company were to advance the Necessary Cash for purchasing of Stock, bear all Charges and stand to every loss; it would be dishonest in me to add a single fanam to the first Cost, and my Commission of 15 p Cent on the money expended would be an ample compensation, for my time and attention in purchasing and distributing the Medl Stores —

I should occasion require I can [illegible] the Testimony of a most respectable Merchant Madras to prove that wastage, breakage, and [illegible] on Merchandize never can be estimated at a lower Rate than . . . . . 13 p Cent p Annum

Godown Rent, Servants wages and incidents will in one year Amount to 10 p Cent p Do

23 p Cent p annum —

This is exclusive of the Interest of money, from the periods when the Articles are purchased, and laid in Store by me to be in readiness for the emergencies of the Service to the time of their being issued, which is never less than two Months —

If Government were to adopt any other mode, the Honble Company would probably find the expences incurred by leakage, waste, Servants wages

&ca

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&ca greatly to exceed the Sum, I have stated, these expences are now at the risque and cost of the Medl Storekeeper by which I think it will appear that the Honble Company have been supplied rather at a Moderate than at a high retail Rate, and will I hope sufficiently plead the Reasonableness of my Charges —

I shall be willing on all occasions to furnish the Hospital Board, with Copies of my Disbursements whenever they shall think proper to call for them —

Having honestly and I hope satisfactorily replied to such parts of the letter, as relate to my Office —

I remain with great Respect

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Honble Sir, & Sirs

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Job Bulman

A true Copy
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Actg Secretary

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To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General
&c. &c. Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

In consequence of your Letter of the 26th September, I am commanded by the Right Hon. Governor and Council to acquaint you that the Board have come to the Resolution of publishing in the Madras Courier, the Medicines lately disclosed to the Medical Board by the native Doctor from Tanjore, as an Antidote for the Bite of Mad Dogs and Serpents as well as the manner of using and applying the same in Cases where Persons have had the Misfortune of meeting with those Accidents —

They are therefore encouraged to make those Antidotes known to the Public, for the perusal of your Letter abovementioned, in which you observe, That Mr. Duffin one of your Hospital Assistants, informed you, That he has repeatedly exhibited the Snake Bill as an Antidote in Cases where Persons had been bit by Serpents suspected to be

Venomous

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Venomous, as well as in Cases where Persons were bit by Dogs of which there were very satisfactory Proofs of Madness, without perceiving any deleterious Effects from the use of the Medicine; and the Board have further learnt, That in no Instance in which these Pills have been applied, has the Patient lost his Life which is a strong additional presumptive Proof of the happy Effects of this Medicine —

As the use of so valuable a Remedy cannot be rendered too Public, for the Attainment of all Descriptions of People and as there are Numbers whose Rank in Life and great Distance from the Opportunity of obtaining Medical Assistance, to whom the knowledge and use of these Pills may be of infinite Importance, the Board direct, That you with without loss of time draw up an accurate Account of the Names and proportion of Articles composing these Pills specifying in particular the Names the Malabar and English Names of each Article, as well as the botanical Names of such Plants or Roots as are used in the Composition of these Pills, and the manner of using the Pills in either Case for the Bite of Serpents or Mad Dogs; The Board at the same time direct, That you with publish

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the same without delay in the Madras Courier, and that a Quantity of these Pills may be immediately made up and sent to every Stations under this Presidency. Where Surgeons are placed these Pills will be sent to the Surgeon who is charged with the Medical Store, and where there are no Surgeons, or Assistant Surgeons, the Pill will be addressed to the Commanding Officer of the Station.

These Pills are to be administered gratis to all such Persons as may require them, & you are to request of those who are charged with the Distribution of the Pills to report to your Board the cases for which the Pills are delivered, and the Effects produced in Consequence of their Application.

Government at the same time direct that you publish in the Madras Courier, for three or four Weeks successively, that the Pills are to be had of the Medical Storekeeper at all Stations where there are Surgeons or Surgeons Assistants, and of the Commanding Officer of Stations where no Surgeons or Surgeons Assistants are appointed.

I am Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Actg. Secretary

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Hospital Board
10th November 1788

Read a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson under date the 28th Ultimo respecting the Antidotes for the bites of Serpents and Mad Dogs.

The Physician General enters the following Minute on the above Subject.

Samoo Vel of Tanjore says the receipts of his Pills are taken from the Chittera Rudum Shaster of the Pandarum; and that the Pills for the bite of a mad Dog consists of the following Articles.

Madamatte Codaga Saley and Sadachi, the first of which Madamatte is the Woomati of the Tamulo Humatu of the Hortus Malabaricus, Datura Metel of Linnaeus or Thorn Apple.

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"It is powerfully Narcotic
"the green leaves of the Plant are
"commonly rubbed on the inside of
"the Still, and Pots for Toddy, to
"render these Spirituous liquors more
"intoxicating, and the seeds of one
"apple are sufficient for those who
"perpetrate self murder, (too frequently
"the Consequence of Family dissentions
"here) to induce immediate applexy
and Death in five or six hours"—

"Codaga Saley of this
"receipt is likewise Codaga Saley of the
"Tamuls and is of the Class Diandria
"Monogynia of Linnaeus and
"appears to be a new Species of
"Justicia"

"The third and last
"Ingredient of these Pills he calls
Sadachi, which is said to be the
"Novei Tali Poondoo, or Keri
"Kaoli Marindoo of the Tamuls
"which they understand to be the
"Medicine of the Mangoose, but the
Specimen

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"Specimen furnished me being withered
"& dry I have been unable to Compare it
"with the description of the Ophyrriza by
"Linnaeus, but the Codaga Saley and Sadachi
"being merely esculent Plants, leaves the
"Medical Qualities of the Pills to the
"Virtues of Datura"—

"I come now to consider the
"receipt of his Pills for the bite of Serpents
"consisting of six Articles viz.t Velley Pashanam,
"Velley Navi, Navi Visham, Milagu,
"Ner Valum and Rasam"—

"The Velley Pashanam is
"ponderous, glossy and white, and exposed
"on live Coals, or red hot Iron is entirely
"dissipated in white Fumes of a Garlic
"smell, from which Characters, no
"doubt can exist that it is Sublimated
"Arsenic— The noxious qualities of which
"Substance being fully known by many
"fatal accounts it is needless for me to
"say more than merely to observe the use
"of it is restrained by Law in Great
"Britain and the Sale limited in a
Similar

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"manner by the different Governments
"in this Peninsula"—

"I understand it is brought
"to this Country from Pegu, and
"think it probably a product of the
"the Silver Mines of Ava"—

"The Velley Nair, and
"Narri Vishram are exotic dry roots
"of which Samuel Vell can give no
"Account"—

"Milagel, is Malay
"Code of the Hortus Malabariens of
"Class Dyanoria Trigynia of Linnaeus
or black Pepper

"The Nee Valum is the kernell
of an exotic Fruit

"The Rasam is Quicksilver

"I must here beg leave to
"observe that the small Quantity of Vegetable
"matter contained in these Pills can have
"little effect on the Arsenic and the
"Quicksilver, none at all in the way of
"humid digestion, that may exist in the
"Stomach a Sublimating heat in close
"Vessells being necessary for their
"Union"—

"Two thirds our Snakes are
not

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"not Venomous and if these Pills are
"Demonstrated to all, that are bit, three
"persons must run the Risque of their lives,
"under the Idea of saving one by a Dose
"of Arsenic"—

"If the part is cut out within
"a Quarter of an hour after the bite of our
"most venomous Snake, no ill consequence
"ensues; and where that has been neglected,
"and giddiness the first Morbid Symptom
"occurred, the life of the Patient has been
"saved by supporting the Vis Vitae with
"Wine and Opium"—

"It has been alledged that
"these Pills have been given with great
"Success in the bite of mad Dogs, and that
"those who took the Pills escaped while
"those who did not, died Rabid, but such
"Arguments are not conclusive, for it is
"well known a disposition must exist in
"the body to receive an Infection,
"otherwise none could escape the Plague,
"or Small Pox, when the Miasme of
"these Diseases prevail, and likewise the
bite

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"bite of the same Dog may not institute
"an equal quantity of Venom into
"all whom he wounds." —

"When I declare as I
"hereby do that I have been 26 Years
"in the Constant and very extensive
"Practise of Physic, in India,
"without ever having it in my power
"to see a person effected with Canine
"Madness, and am Credibly informed
"the exhibition of the Snake Bell (as
"it is called) has been attended with
"such burning pain of the Stomach
"& Bowels, violent vomiting, purging
"and Death in some cases as might
"be expected from the Arsenic it contains" —

"I hope it will appear,
"I have said enough to limit the
"internal use of Thorn Apple and
"Arsenic to the Brute Creation, for
"the destruction of Dogs that are
"Mad, wishing as I do to expell
"for the sake of humanity such
"Noxious Drugs from our Materia
"Medica" —

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician

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Approved

Read a Letter from Mr. Binny requesting leave for Messrs. Ferguson, Briggs and Roxburgh to visit the Presidency — The two former for two Months, the latter for three — Which the Hospital Board recommend may be granted them, as they understand from Mr. Binny the Head Surgeon of that District that the Service will not suffer any inconvenience from their absence.

Received a letter from Mr. Gahagan announcing the death of Mr. Cameron Assistant Surgeon 15th Battn. Sepoys —

Approved and will be published in G. O. —

The Battalion to which Mr. Steele is appointed to, being ordered to the Presidency, the Hospital Board recommend him to do duty with the Detachment of Artillery at Wallajabad where his Service will be more wanted, they likewise recommend Mr. Pollard to be appointed to the 15th Battalion Sepoys vice Cameron deceased.

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The Hospital Board ought to give an Opinion whether or not Mr. Thompsons Claim is well founded

To lie on the Table

The Hospital Board have the honor to forward a Memorial from Mr. Thompson agreeable to his request

They have also the honor of forwarding a letter from Messrs. Harris and Hathway for Palanquin Allowance which they hope Government will think worthy of their Consideration

The valuation of the Cloathing as well as the particular kind laid before the Hospital Board by Mr. Duffin is approved of and Mr. Garrow having agreed to supply the Cloathing at the rates given in, He is recommended to be continued in that Office

Approved

James Anderson
Physician General
Colley L. Lucas Chief Surgeon
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

(Signed)

By Order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Acting Secretary

To

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To Doctor James Anderson
Physician General and Members of the Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Conceiving myself aggrieved by the late orders arranging the Rank of Assistant Surgeon appointed this year I entreat your Indulgence to the following Statement of facts which, that I may not trespass too much on your valuable time I shall relate as briefly as possible

After supposing myself in the Service more than twelve months and actually doing Duty - more than six I find myself superseded by a number of Assistants just arrived from England, who having been appointed by the Court of Directors are by the orders of the Government of Madras to take Rank of all those appointed the same Year of their Arrival

It is not my Inclination to propose Objections to established Rules, far less would I expect a deviation from such, on account of an individual were there not some circumstances attending my Introduction in to the Service, which appear to me unprecedented & which I flatter myself when taken into consideration will induce you to think my Case not only

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a Jour me but entitled to your exertion to procure its redress.

In June 1787 while engaged in pursuits in the northern Provinces of India and at a considerable Distance from the Presidency of Bengal which I expected would prove more beneficial to my Interest than a prosecution of my Profession I was asked in Consequence of an application to the Supreme Government from the Presidency of Madras to supply one of the many vacancies then open in the Medical line of that Establishment.

In consequence of this application I relinquished all other and perhaps more substantial Views and was just setting off for Calcutta when I was seized with a violent bilious Complaint which incapacitated me from travelling and protracted my Arrival at Madras till the begining of the present year 1788. But for this circumstance it is evident that I should have received my appointment in 1787 & consequently by the invariable Rules of the Service eluded that numerous Supercession I have lately sustained. I hope however your Justice will not suffer a Cause so unavoidable and so distressing in itself to operate thus Materially to my Prejudice — Could I have intertained the

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the most distant notion that all those of the Profession who were to arrive in India during the year 1788 were to take rank of me I most assuredly should not have quitted an eligible Situation to subject myself to such a Series of Mortifications.

This peculiarly circumstanced I humbly entreat that my Case may be Submitted to the Consideration of the Honorable Governor in Council and I doubt not from the Liberality of your Board it will likewise have the addition of your Support.

I have the honor to be
With great Respect
Gentlemen,
Your very humble Servt.
(signed) John Thompson
Asst. Surgeon 1st B. N.I.

To

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. Members of the Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to send you the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Chief and Council at Ganjam, and to inform you, that Government have not any Objection to Mr. Ainslie visiting the Presidency provided he can be spared from the Duties of his Station —

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Secy.

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12th November 1788

Extract of a Letter from the Chief and Council at Ganjam, dated the 23d October 1788

At the instance of Mr. Ainslie, our Assistant Surgeon we have to request permission for him to visit the Presidency upon his private Business

A true Copy
W.C. Jackson
acting Secretary

Hospl.

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Hospital Board
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Approved

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson enclosing an extract from the Chief and Council at Ganjam, requesting permission for Mr. Ainslie to visit the Presidency, to which the Hospital Board have no Objection as he has obtained the regular permission —

The Board approve the Table of Rates and desire that the necessary Instructions may be given to the Apothecary —

Read a Letter from Mr. Duffin containing remarks on the Apothecary's Letter which is so much consistent with their own Ideas, that they beg leave to forward it to Government with the table of Rates for the prices of Country Medicines the adoption of which table of rates, will serve to arrange that Department —

The Hospital Board are to give an Opinion upon Every Letter transmitted by them to Government. — They have not done so in the present Instance —

Read a Letter from Mr. Benny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam which the Hospital Board have the honor to enclose for the perusal of

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of Government.

The Hospital Board have directed their Secretary to acquaint Mr. Binny that the Assistant Surgeons with native Battalions are to draw the Pay and allowances of Ensigns of European Infantry and Ten Pagodas pr. month for Servants, as agreeable to the Orders of Government.

Read a letter from Mr. Mein requesting permission for Mr. Lord to visit the Presidency which the Hospital Board recommend may be granted him.

Approved

Mr. Daffin enters the following Minute –

The Physician General having entered a minute on the 10th Instant relative to the Pills for Poisonous Bites stating his reason why they should not be administered, on account of the deleterious Quality of some of the Ingredients, and that more Mischief was likely to accrue to the

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the Patient by the use of them than from the effects of the Bite –

I think it incumbent on me as a Member of the Hospital Board to state my Opinion in order to afford Government every information towards elucidating a Subject which they have so liberally brought forward with a view of making it public for the benefit of Mankind – I have been in possession of the Formula, made use of aagaunt poisonous bites usually called the Snake Pill for many Years, and being aware of the General received Opinion respecting the deleterious Quality of Arsenic in the human Stomach, my Scruples were as strong as Doctor Andersons, and had not a Desperate case Occured by the bite of a Cobra de Capello, where the patient had lost to all appearance every Sensation, it might still have remained untried by me, but as the administration of

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of it was not attended with any deleterious effect, and the Patient I am persuaded was snatched from the Jaws of Death by its operation I was prompted to go on with further experiments; and since that period have given the Pills to upwards of 50 persons of every description of age & sex in this Country, without ever finding any untoward Symptom to forbid its further use. The case I have drawn up and transmitted to Dr. Russel two months ago who has thought them deserving a Communication to the Royal Society & He is now also making experiments with the Pills to corroborate and exemplify the subject.

The no assimilation can be expected between Arsenic & Quicksilver by trituration. Yet as we are still ignorant of the Analysis of the Vegetable Plants, and other Vegetable Matter which are compounded with those minerals

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minerals and how far they may counteract the Virulence of the Arsenic, we should not hastily condemn a Remedy where experience & occular demonstration have in so many cases proved it may be given with safety, besides the internal use of Arsenic is by no means prohibited, it is given in cancerous cases and Intermittent Fevers by established practitioners in Europe — My Opinion is therefore that the Formula should be published in the Courier & every practitioner be left at liberty to use it or not — The Pills for the Bite of the Mad Dog, the Receipt for which I have only seen lately, and never had an Opportunity of trying, being composed entirely of Vegetable matter, is still less liable to Objection for the one of the Ingredients be of a poisonous quality; Yet we ought not for that reason to reject it, Hemlock by the same analogy of reasoning should be excluded the Materia

The Orders of Government contained in their Secretary's letter of the 28th Ultimo, to be put in Force.

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Materia Medica — I therefore think both remedies worthy the attention of Men of Research, and in order thereto, encouragement should be given to induce Communications from every Quarter, that certain conclusions may be drawn respecting their efficacy —

(signed) W. Duffin
H.C.S.

(Signed) Jamr. Anderson
Physician Genl.
Colley L.L. cas C. Surg.
Wm. Duffin
Head Surgeon

Perfectly of Opinion with Mr. Duffin

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Acting Secretary

James

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James Anderson Esqr.
Physician General and Members of the Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

The Honble Board having ordered the Apothecary's Letter of the 21st Ultimo to be laid before us, in reply to the remarks made on his accounts and assigning reasons for the high Prices charged in them — I think it necessary to observe that his Arguments are neither Satisfactory nor conclusive, and in order to obviate such exorbitant charges in future, or advantage being taken of the fluctuating rates of the Market which has been too glaring to pass over, I have taken some pains to lay before you a Table of Rates of the different Articles that come under the denomination of Country Medicines, they have been ascertained with particular attention to their Qualities, the best of their kind, and with a View of doing Justice to the purchase and Vender — Should it meet your Approbation & the Sanction of Government for its becoming a Standard, it is obvious the considerable Savings which will thereby accrue in the Apothecary's Department in future, and the large sums that might have been saved had such a plan been adopted three years ago —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your &c.
(S.) Wm. Duffin

Madras November 16th
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Rates of Country Medicines &c.a

		Pag.	Fan.	Cash			Pag.	Fan.	Cash
Aloes	pr lb	"	3	"	Gingeter Oil	pr Measure	"	6	40
Alum	pr do	"	1	40	Honey	pr lb	"	1	60
Assafetida	pr do	1	"	"	Hogs Lard	pr do	"	7	"
Almonds	pr do	"	3	"	Sink Powder	pr Paper	"	4	"
Bees wax Yellow	pr do	"	8	"	Jaggery	pr lb	"	1	"
Bees wax White	pr do	"	9	"	Liquorice Root	pr lb	"	3	"
Crude Antimony	pr do	"	29	"	Long Pepper	pr do	"	3	"
China Root	pr do	"	2	40	Lamp Oil	pr Measure	"	5	40
Columbo Root	pr do	"	16	"	Lint	pr lb	"	10	40
Cardamom Seeds	pr do	"	7	"	Musk	pr ℥	5	"	"
Coriander Seeds	pr do	"	1	"	Mace	pr lb	4	26	"
Cinnamon	pr do	"	24	"	Mustard	pr lb	"	3	"
Cloves	pr do	1	10	40	Nutmegs	pr do	2	26	"
Camphor	pr do	"	24	"	Quinine	pr do	2	21	"
Cummin Seeds	pr do	"	4	"	Oil of Cinnamon	pr ℥	3	21	"
Castor Oil	pr do	"	6	"	Oil of Cloves	pr ℥	"	36	"
Cocoanut Oil	pr Measure	"	6	"	Pepper	pr lb	"	5	40
Calamus Aromat	pr lb	"	2	"	Quills	pr 100	1	"	"
Candles	pr Maund	5	"	"	Quicksilver	pr lb	"	22	"
Dragons Blood	pr lb	3	"	"	Rhubarb	pr do	"	21	"
Lammer	pr do	"	1	40	Salep	pr do	1	21	"
Fennel seeds	pr do	"	2	"	Sago	pr do	"	1	40
Gum Ammoniac	pr do	1	21	"	Spuckle seeds	pr do	"	2	40
Gum Mastick	pr do	"	28	"	Saltpetre purified	pr do	"	6	
Gamboge	pr do	1	"	"	Sassafras	pr do	1	"	"
Gum Arabic	pr do	"	4	"	Sasaparilla	pr do	1	"	"
Ginger	pr do	"	2	40	Galangal	pr lb	"	1	"
Gentian	pr do	1	21	"					
Cloth	pr Piece	3	"	"					
Cassia	pr lb	"	1	"					
Benjamin	pr lb	"	5	"					

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Country Medicines &c.a

		Pag.	Fan.	Cash
Senna	pr lb	"	10	40
Squills	pr do	"	1	"
Sal Ammoniac Cr.	pr do	"	6	"
Soft Sugar	pr Maund	1	"	"
Sugar Candy	pr Tub	1		
Sulpher	pr lb	"	4	"
Sealing Wax	pr do			
Tamarind	pr do	"	"	40
Tevine	pr do	"	4	"
Writing paper	pr Ream	5	"	"
Wrapping Do.	pr do	1	8	"
Wafers	pr Box	"	20	"

Liquors of the best Sort

		Pag.	Fan.	Cash
Madeira	pr Dozen	3	"	"
Port Wine	pr do	4	"	"
Brandy	pr do	2	21	"
Arrack	pr do	1	21	"
Vinegar	pr do	2	"	"

(Signed) Willm. Duffin
H. Surgeon

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Doctor James Anderson
Physician General & President &c.
Members of the
Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit with this the monthly Return of this General Hospital and its dependencies for October — I could wish to be able to make some of the returns more correct than they are in their present form, and if you will be pleased to furnish me with your instructions, I will take care that they are so in future — I conceive the number of Civil & Military Servants that are sick, with all men on the European establishment, included the whole that ought to be mentioned in any Return to you, unless it may be cases from accident among the Sepoys, requiring Surgical assistance; But in the returns for this month from more than one station, this rule is not attended to. The scarcity of European Medicines independlly of its propriety in other respects, renders I think a regulation of this sort particularly Necessary. —

The annual supply of European Medicines &c. for this General Hospital & its dependencies arrived

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the latter end of last month, and an account of the quantities received is herewith sent — I was sorry to find many bottles broke, and from not being packed up seperately, several other articles spoilt by their contents, as is specified by a Column in the enclosed List. The Medicines must also have sustained damage from being put into such large Chests, some of which could not be got down the Vessel's hatchway — I have also sent a list of the different quantities of some of the principal articles received both this and last year, that you may observe the present great deficiency in many essential ones, while of others not a particle has this year been received at all. — I am more and more convinced that the whole quantity of Bark sent for the use of the Circars, is not adequate to the expence of this Settlement alone; and I find that two or three Chests of powdered Bark in bottles, brought by Mr Sinclair at the close 1782, served to supply the deficiency from the Presidency, and was not all expended till the latter end of last Year.

I have received a letter from Mr Kennedy Assistant Surgeon to the 28th Battalion Native Infantry at Chicacole, informing me that the Paymaster there has refused to pay him sepoy Allowance, alleging that he is only entitled to the pay of an Ensign of

European

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European Infantry, whereas Mr. Kennedy says, by the General Orders of the 6th July 1786, regulating the Medical Department, Regimental Mates are to have the pay & emoluments of Ensigns upon the establishment to which they belong, as is the case with those serving with the Cavalry, and must also be with Assistants attached to the native infantry; and requesting I would apply to your Board for redress — I know not what the letter of the Honble Company's orders may be upon this subject, but I cannot help observing, the [illegible] construction of their spirit seems to me, to put Regimental Mates upon a footing of equality with regard to pay with Ensigns of native infantry, when they are attached to Native Corps; for it can hardly be imagined to have been intended, that those Gentlemen should be on a worse footing than the youngest Ensign of the Corps they belong to — I hope I may not appear to your Board to intrude unreasonably in going still further on the present occasion & submitting to your opinion, that every Assistant Surgeon should have the pay and Allowances of a Lieutenant, as they cannot live on less & keep a Palankeen, which is absolutely necessary to enable them to discharge the duties of their Station —

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A representation to this effect was made by the Medical Board at Calcutta, at a very early period of Lord Cornwallis's Government; — And, although retrenchment & of unnecessary expences, and a judicious Oeconomy, are well known to be leading maxims in his Lordship's administration, yet, claims founded in reason and justice, are sure of being equally attended to — Such Lord Cornwallis thought the case of Assistant Surgeons; And with that spirit, liberality and candor that distinguish his Character, in the face of a recent order from home; directed that the distinction of Hospital & Regimental Mates, should be abolished; and every Assistant on that establishment receive the pay and Allowances of Lieutenant — A precedent from such Authority might be expected to extend its influence as far as it was known; and I would fain hope a similar representation from you, Gentlemen, to the Honble President in Council, urged with all the energy & arguments that might be adduced in so good a cause, in behalf of a set of Gentlemen who have spent so much time & expence in their education, would be attended with the same success — I feel myself more particularly called upon, to represent to you the situation of Mr. Assistant Little at

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at this General Hospital, who with only the pay of an Ensign of European infantry, is obliged to lay out nearly one half of it for a Palankeen, which his duty obliges him to keep — Regimental Mates, in such station, are even worse off than Assistants attached to native corps, while their duty is laborious and unremitting and that of Assistants to Battalions of Native Infantry, comparatively trifling — I hope you may think these observations deserving your attention; and should you equalize the duty of Assistants in the manner I took the liberty to suggest in my letter of 27th Ultimo, I beg leave to add, it would also be attended with advantage to the Assistant Surgeons to Native Battalions, by enabling them to see Hospital practice in the prevailing diseases of the climate, which they must be very imperfectly informed of, from the mere practice of a native corps, for any given period —

I have the honor to be with the most perfect respect

Gentlemen

Your most obedient &
most obliged servant

Signed / George Binny

Masulipatam
7th November 1788

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Hospital Board
24th November 1788

The Hospital Board taking into their Consideration the Memorial of Mr. Thompson Assistant Surgeon, as mentioned in their Proceedings of the 10th Instant, find that Mr. Thompson was applied to by the Governor General, in consequence of an application from this Government, for Assistant Surgeons to proceed to this Coast, where but for Sickness he would have arrived before the Commencement of the present Year; and therefore think his Memorial merits their attention, and Recommend him to have Rank next to Mr. Fitzgerald as the youngest of 1787 —

Approved

With regard to Mr. Binny's Letter in favor of the Assistant

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Assistant Surgeons, the Hospital Board having taken the subject into consideration, direct their Secretary to enclose Mr. Binny, Copy of their Proceedings of the 7th July, with the observations of Government thereon. The other parts of his letter, they will instruct their Secretary, likewise to reply to

Approved

The Hospital Board understanding that Mr. Lepper is so far recovered from his Journey to Trichinopoly, as to be able to do duty, recommend his being appointed to the 19th Battalion —

That part of Mr. Binny's Letter which Sollicits the Allowances of a Lieutenant for the Assistant Surgeons 'a Set of Gentlemen who have Spent so much time and been at the expence of a Suitable education' The Hospital Board think meriting the attention

Will be recommended to the favorable Consideration of the Hon'ble Court of Directors

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attention of Government as the Establishment is Yet incompleat, and it is Necessary frequently to demand the Regimental Assistants Services in the Hospital, and Sometimes the Assistant with one Battalion is obliged to do the Duty of two or three Battalions —

In this way the requisition of the Head Surgeon to the Commanding Officer will effect a convenience in the Duty of the Service and the Hospital Board Recomend it may be published in the General Orders, that all Applications from the Head Surgeon relative to the Duty of his Station to the Officer Commanding the District, shall be attended to by such Commanding Officer —

Approved

(signed) Jamt. Anderson
Physician Genl.
Colley L. Lucas C.S.
William Duffin
W.S.

By Order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council —
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Actg. Secry.

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Fort St. George 29th Novemr. 1788

The Honorable the President in Council is pleased to direct that strict attention be paid by all Commanding Officers to all Applications from Head Surgeons in the Line of their Duty.

A Mistake having been made in the General Order of the 26th July last respecting the Rank of Mr. John Thompson, Assistant Surgeon, it is hereby ordered that he have Rank next after Mr. Fitzgerald, who stands upon the List as the youngest Assistant Surgeon for the year 1787.

Mr. Lipper Assistant Surgeon to do Duty with the 9th Battalion Native Infantry —

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council —

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Actg. Secry.

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Hospital Board
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Read a Letter from Mr. Gahagan Head Surgeon at Vellore, recommending Andrew Dewin Sub-Assistant to be put on the Pension list on his full pay being unfit for further Service from loss of Eye Sight — At the same time recommending Richard Briggs, who has served gratis in the Hospital for some years past, to have an Allowance of 5 Pagodas pr. month, Both which the Hospital Board hope Government will approve of.

approved

The appointment of Mr. Briggs must be deferred, until the Honble Company's orders respecting Sub-assistants shall be received.

Mr. Spalding having brought a quantity of Medicines with him from Europe amounting to 71 - 10 - 5 of every good quality, and the Service being in want of

If the Hospital Board are of Opinion that there is an absolute Necessity for the purchase of Mr. Spaldings Medicines they may be purchased upon the terms recommended —

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of most of the Articles, the Hospital Board recommend they may be purchased, and that he be allowed an advance of 50 pr. Cent.

James Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) Colley L. Lucas Chief Surgeon
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. Mr. Secy.

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