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Hospital Board

4th January 1790.

Read a Letter from Mr Gahagan Head Surgeon Vellore, soliciting leave for Mr Bowie Surgeon to the 3d European Regiment to proceed to the Presidency on his private business which the Hospital Board recommend may be granted.

Read a Letter from Mr Briggs Surgeon, Vizagapatam requesting permission to return to Europe for the Restoration of his Health which is much impaired.

The Hospital Board knowing that Mr Briggs is subject to a Spitting of Blood, think it

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very Necessary this request be complied

with

James Anderson

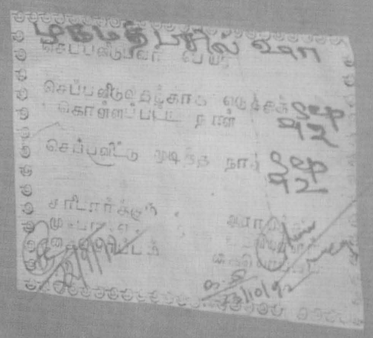
Physician General

(Signed) Colley Lyon Lucas

Chief Surgeon

William Duffin

Head Surgeon



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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen.

I am directed by Government

to inform you, that Mr. Bowie is permitted to visit

the Presidency, agreeably to your Recommendation.

The application of Mr. Briggs

for leave to go to Europe, must be made to the Honble

the President in Council.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

John Chamier

Secy.

Fort St. George

6th January 1790

Hosp.l Board

Fort St. George 10th. January 1790

Hospital Board

10th. January 1790

Read a Letter from

Mr. Briggs Surgeon intimating his

having obtained leave to go to Europe

and resigning his station at Vizagapatam

in consequence of which the Hospital

Board recommend that Mr.

Boure, Surgeon be appointed to Viza-

patam, Mr. Charles Egleton Assistant

Surgeon be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon,

and appointed to the 3d. Regiment

of European Infantry, vice Mr. Boure

and that Mr. Duncan Assistant

Surgeon be promoted to the Rank of

Hospital Mate, vice [illegible]

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Mr. John Egleton, lately arrived

from Europe, having produced the following

Certificate from the Secretary of the India

House Viz.t —

"At a Court of Directors held

"on Monday the 6th. April 1789"

"A Report from the Committee

"of Shipping, dated this day, being

"Read" —

"Resolved that John Egleton

"be permitted to proceed to Madras on

"the usual conditions, to practice there as

"a Surgeon, and to succeed to the post

"of Assistant Surgeon" —

Signed Thomas Morton

The Hospital Board therefore

Recommend he be considered as an

Assistant Surgeon, on the Establishment

[illegible]

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and do duty at the General Hospital

at Madras, untill further Orders.

James Anderson

Physician General

(Signed) Colley Lyon Lucas

Chief Surgeon

William Duffin

Head Surgeon

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

Government acquiesce in your

Recommendations for the promotions of Messrs. Ogilvie and

Duncan and the appointment of Mr. Goldie, and will

issue the Necessary General Orders.

Mr. Ogilvie full Surgeon is appointed

to do duty at the Factory at Vizagapatam.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

(signed) John Chamier

Secretary

Fort St. George

12th January 1790

H. B.

Fort St. George 25th January 1790

Hospital Board
25th January 1790

Mr. Reid Assistant Surgeon to the 7th Battalion of Native Infantry having been for some time in a very ill state of [illegible] health, the Hospital Board recommend that he do duty at the General Hospital at Tritchinopoly untill further orders — That Mr. Johnstone be removed to the 7th Battn. (vice Reid) and Mr. Penton to the 24th (vice Johnstone) —

Approved

Mr. Gahagan Head Surgeon having requested permission to go to Tritchinopoly for a few days on his private Business — The Hospital Board

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6 Approved

Board recommend it may be granted him —

The Hospital Board have the Honor to acquaint Government that Mr. Spalding, Assistant Surgeon, who had been at Bengal on Leave, is returned to his Station at the General Hospital —

Approved

The Hospital Board are [illegible] to acquaint Government with the Death of Mr. Rencontre Sub-assistant at Chingleput — They recommend that John Gabriel be appointed a Sub-assistant, and stationed at that Garrison, in his Room —

Approved and ordered accordingly

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council —

(signed) John Chamier Jun.r

James Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) Colley Lyon Lucas Surgn.

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

H.P.

Fort St. George 1st February 1790

Hospital Board

1st February 1790

Several representations having been made to the Hospital Board by the Surgeon at Cuddalore of the great want of Surveyor's Stores for the accomodation of the Sick — the Hospital Board recommend Government will issue their orders that the Surveyor afford Supplies of Stores in the same manner as for the Chiefships of Vizagapatam and Ganjam. —

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General
Colley L. Lucas Surgeon
Wm. Duffin Head Surgeon

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Fort St. George 2d February 1790

Military Department

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Government to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed to them by the Commissary General & am to desire you will State what mode is in your Opinion most eligible for the Carriage and distribution of Medicines Necessary to an Army in the Field. —

I am
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(signed) John Chamier Secretary

Fort St. George
2d February 1790

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Fort St. George 2d. February 1790

To John Chamier Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

In Answer to your letter of the 22d. Instant informing me that the Indents are to be complied with if conformable to the former usage, and of the quantity of Medical Stores requires the carriage Indented for.

But the former usage has long since been abolished by the introduction of the new medical regulations, and I have not yet seen any new arrangements for the care of the Sick in the field; it is impossible for me therefore to understand what quantity of Medical Stores will be required, and consequently to ascertain what carriage should be indented for, permit me therefore once more to request you will favour me with the commands of the Hon'ble Board, respecting the carriage

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of Medicines for the Troops in the Field, which I understood was long since to be settled by the Medical Board - the Governor in Council will I trust excuse my being rather importunate on this Subject, for I have been lately informed, tho' not officially, that the Medical expences on the Southern Expedition were uncommonly high solely for want of proper Regulations.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St. George

26th. January 1790

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) J. Capper

Commissary Genl. &c.

A true Copy

(signed) Wilbm. C. Jackson

Dept. Mt. Jur.

W. B.

Fort St. George 5th February 1790

Hospital Board

5th February 1790.

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier enclosing a Letter to Government from the Commissary General, and requiring the Hospital Board to State their Opinion of what mode is most eligible for the Carriage and Distribution of Medicines necessary to an Army in the Field.—

In compliance with orders of Government the Hospital Board have the honor to refer to their Proceedings of December 10th 1787 where the Field arrangement

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arrangement is fully discussed in consequence of the Instructions from the Governor in Council dated November 20th 1787 as follows.—

"As it has been already "supposed that every Corps is to have "its own Surgeon, & that he is supplied "with Medicines & Instruments when "he takes the Field, it is necessary "that a Mastry and 12 Coolies be "allowed every Regimental Surgeon "for the purpose of Carriage, "but as that number will not be "sufficient to carry all the Stores; "that the Surgeon of an European "Regiment will find necessary he "should Indent to the Apothecary "in Camp for Wine, Spirits and "other bulky articles from time to

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"to time"

"An Assistant Surgeon with "a Native Corps should be allowed "6 Coolies and should indent to "the Apothecary in Camp for "similar articles"

Should the Army take the Field the Hospital Board recommend an Hospital Staff be established, under the direction of a Surgeon General, who will superintend and arrange the Medical Department

James Anderson
Physician General

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

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Military Department

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the President in Council, to send you, the accompanying Hospital Bills, of the Surgeon of his Majesty's 12d. Regiment, on account of the Detachment lately employed in the Shevigunga Country, and to desire you will examine, and report upon the Propriety & Quantity of the different articles, said to have been expended, for the use of the Sick.

The Board have approved your Proceedings of the 1st. Instant and have given the necessary orders to the Purveyor

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Chamber Secry.

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Hospital Board

26th February 1790

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier enclosing Petit pan the Surgeon of his Majesty's 72d Regiment on account of the detachment lately employed in the Shevagunga Country to be examined and reported on.

As the Arrangement for the Medical Expences for field Service has not yet been Complea-ted — the Hospital Board will take the earliest opportunity of Submitting a plan to Government by which Mr. Brown's accounts may be regulated.

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The Instruments may be purchased being Recommended by the Hospital Board.

Government decline Complying with this Requests being Contrary to the Usage of the Service.

Mr. Johnson Assistant Surgeon having a Sett of Surgical Instruments to dispose of Value £15 and they being much wanted at present, the Hospital Board recommend that they be purchased.

Mr. Goldie Assistant Surgeon having represented that he was unavoidably detained for four Months at China — on his passage from England to this Presidency whereby he incurred a considerable Expence — the Hospital Board recommend that he indulged in drawing pay from the date of his arrival in China.

By Order of the Honorable the President and Council.

(Signed) Will. Collin Jackson
Dep. Military Surg.

James Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) Colley L. Lucas Surgeon

Will.m Duffin H. Surgeon

H. B.

Fort St. George 1st March 1790

Hospital Board

1st March 1790

Read a Letter from Mr. Ruddiman Apothecary, enclosing advices from Mr. McMahon Medical Storekeeper to the General Hospital at Masulipatam, stating, that the Supplies for that Hospital, the Settlement of Ganjam, and the 27th and 28th Battalions of Native Infantry, which had been by the Snow Success had arrived there, but that the greater part of them were destroyed, owing to the neglect of the Captain, to whose care they were committed —

The Hospital Board have directed the Apothecary to make out an

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an estimate of the loss, which they will have the honor of laying before Government

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. John Walker, Senior Assistant Surgeon, be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon and stationed at Chingleput

The Hospital Board having received official Information that Mr. Alexr. Alexander Assistant Surgeon to the 23d Battn. at Trichinopoly is under arrest, they have directed Mr. Mein Head Surgeon to take care that the duty of that Battn. be attended to

James Anderson
Physician General

Signed

Colley L. Lucas C. Surgeon
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

To

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Government to desire you will lay before them, an Arrangement of Medical Staff, for an Army to take the Field, the same to be made at the least possible Expence; but at the same time to be competent to the Securing proper Medical Assistance for the Troops, and to the establishing Suitable Checks in the Disbursements of the Department.

You will be pleased to recommend Such Person, as you may deem adequate to the Charge of Surgeon Major to the Army —

The Board have received your Proceedings of the 1st Instant which are approved —

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[illegible] March 1790

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) John Chamier [illegible]

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Hospital Board
8th March 1790

In obedience to the Orders of Government the Hospital Board have the Honor to lay before them a Medical Arrangement for an Army in the Field.

Mr. Lucas, member of the Hospital Board having offered his services to act as Surgeon General to the Army. The Hospital Board conceiving its Meritorious in him to come forward at this Exigency, recommend he be appointed with the following Staff Vizt. —

Mr. Morris Fitzgerald Assistant Surgeon Secretary — and Mr. Andw. Pontoon Assistant Surgeon, Medical Storekeeper —

Field

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Field Arrangement

Dooleys

The Number of Dooleys being already arranged in G.O. for every Corps according to the Establishment it is unnecessary to remark on them further than that Waggons agreable to the Model in the Arsenal should likewise be got ready without delay as great difficulty is often experienced in procuring Bearers.—

When a Surgeon has received his Complement, he is to give in a Weekly Return of the Sick to the Surgeon-General with the number of Dooleys and Bearers they are to have in Vouchers to the Paymaster by which only they are to

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to be paid. This will prevent Frauds, and no more will be charged to Government than are actually employed. If the Surgeon is to be made responsible, he ought to have them entirely under his direction, subject only to the Orders of the Surgeon General, who may send it necessary, on particular exigencies to distribute them where they may be most wanted.—

In a fixt Camp, a Field Hospital to be established, where the Surgeon-General may think most eligible, and where the Sick and wounded are to be sent.— except those Cases that the Regimental Surgeons think unnecessary to send.—

Every Man to be sent in his Dooley, which is to serve as

as a Cott, and no expence will be incurred for the Hospital Cloathing &ca.

Victualling

The Commissary of Stores and provisions to furnish each patient with his Ratio of Mutton, Rice, Salt &ca. on an indent by the prescribing Surgeon, or Surgeon-General, but as none but the worst cases will be sent into the Field-Hospital; and it will be necessary to procure Fowl, Chickens, Sago, Spices, Curry-Stuff &ca., and which only the Surgeon can judge of 3 fans. ⅌ day for each man to be allowed for every contingent charge whatever.

No Charge to be made for Victualling Sepoys - but 2½ fanams ⅌ day for dressings & attendance, and that in the Field Hospital only.

Wine and Spirits.

Madeira Wine to be allowed at the rate of 6 dozen for every twenty Men, ⅌ Mensem, substituting Port on particular occasions when necessary.

No Spirits to be allowed but for external use, and at an average one dozen of Brandy ⅌ Mensem for every twenty Men.

Servants.

One Cooley to every six men, and an extra Cooley to fluxed & wounded patients, the same as in the General Hospitals, with Tollys, Sweepers, &ca. as have been established by the Hospital Board, and likewise a similar arrangement in the Apothecaries Department.

A Proportion for 100 Men to be in readiness with the Field Hospital, a Cart with 12 Bullocks for the Medicine Chest, and 50 Cooleys for the Conveyance of Wine, and Bazar Medicines —

Oil for Lamps as served by the Barrack Master —

Candles at the rate of one every Night for each Hospital Tent or every twenty Men, and one for the Dispensary —

Bazar Medicines

The charges for Bazar medicines, including Fire wood, Milk, Bread, and flower for Poultices, Oil, Vinegar, Sugar Candy, Bandage Cloth, Lint, Quicksilver, Opium, Nitre, Gum arabic, Spogle seeds, Limes, Aloes, Allum, Assafœtida, Camphor, Liquorice Root, Cinnamon, Nutmegs, Cloves, and whatever comes under the Head of Bazar Medicines should not exceed in any case more than thirty Pagodas pr month for every twenty Men —

Regimental Surgeons

Regimental Surgeons, when they can send their Sick to the Field-Hospital, will have less occasion for carrying, or expending Medicines, But as there must always be a number of Slight cases, which require the attention of the Surgeon, it is supposed 60 Pagodas pr month will be enough for the purchase of every Bazar Medicine Wine, Spirits, &c as specified for the General Hospital — But

no Victualling account to be allowed.

Eight Coolies with a Mastry to be allowed Regimental Surgeons for the Conveyance of Europe Medicines, and Instruments, And twelve with a Mastry for Wine, Spirits, & Bazar Medicines, for each of his Majesties Regiments, supposing them 800 Strong; So in proportion to the Companies Regiments.

Assistant Surgeons to Native Corps.

Each Assistant Surgeon to be allowed 20 Pagodas a month in Lieu of Wine, Spirits, and every contingent Charge for Bazar Medicines.

Head

Read a Letter from Mr. Robert Stuart, a Copy of which they have the honor to forward to Government.

They also have the honor to enclose an account of the medicines &c. which were lost thro' inattention by Captain Jefferies of the Snow Success.

The Hospital Board recommend Mr. George Baillie assistant Surgeon be promoted to the rank of Hospital mate vice Mr. Walker promoted.

James Anderson
Physician General

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

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To James Anderson Esqr. M.D.

Physician General & President &c.

Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen

Having been at this presidency from Bombay at which place I have the honor to hold the appointment of Assistant Surgeon in the Honorable Company's Service, and not having had it in my power to return to that Presidency so soon as I intended, and understanding that the Service here is in want of Assistant Surgeons, I beg leave to offer my Services in the above Capacity.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) Robert Stuart

A true copy
(signed) V. Conolly
Secy

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An account of Sundry Medicine which were in good condition when Delivered over to the Charge of Captain Jefferies Commanding the Snow Success.

Mr. Kennedy

Zio Aloes			60
Hy Gum arabic		8	
Zio Caryophil		13	10
Zio Cardamom		1	60
7 Bottles of Brandy		1 19	20
Zio Cinnamon		6	
Hs Calomus aromatic		1	
Zio Nutmegs		27	40
16 Bottles of Madeira Wine		4	
Zio Opium		26	20
6 Quires of Writing Paper		1 23	
1 Box of Wafers		20	
Hi Senna		10	40
7 Bottles of Vinegar		1 7	
12 Quires of Wraping Paper		30	
Zio Sponge	L. 1 3		
1 Large Elastic Bottle	1 14 1/2		
1 Small do	9 1		
1 Piece of Tape	1 9		
1 Paper of Pins	1 1	5 40	70
	Pcs	57	23
Carried		8	20

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Mr. Macmahon

Brought Over	Pag.	17	23
Hij Sem Cardamon			14
Hij Cinnamon		1	6
Hij Pepper			11
Hss Mace		2	13
Hxi Rad Columba		5	30
Hij Galangal			2
Hij Bezoar			6
Hw Fol Senna		1	
4 Bottles of Vinegar			28
1/2 Ream Post Paper			
1/2 Do. Demmy		17	28
1/2 Do. Foolscape			
100 Quills		1	
1 Box of Wafers			20
		30	25
Pagodas		48	6
Carried Over		48	6

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Mr. Richardson

Brought Over				48 6
Hi aloes		3		
1 Dozen & 5 Bottles of arrack	2	5	20	
4 Bottles of Brandy		35		
Zw Cloves		13	10	
Hi Cardamom		7		
49 Wax Candles	2	19		
Hij Cort Cinnamon	1	6		
Hij Fenicul Dulce		4		
Hij Gum Mastic	1	14		
Hi Myrrh		16		
Zij Mace		24	20	
16 Bottles of Madeira	4			
Hvijss Nitre	1	3		
Zij Nutmegs		41	20	
Hss Opium	1	10	40	
Hi Pepper		5	40	
Hi Rad Rhubarb		28		
Hss Lang Dracon	1	28		
Hij Senna		21		
Hiv Sulphur		16		
Hxij Tamarind		6		
1 Bottle of Vinegar		7		20 4
Pagodas				68 10

(Signed) Willm. Rudeman
Apothecary or Vice Storekeeper

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Hospital Board

15th March 1790

The Hospital Board notwithstanding they made out a Return of the State of the Medical Department by the last dispatch, think it necessary at this Juncture, to represent to Government that there are 10 Native Corps without Assistant Surgeons as well as deficiencies in the General Hospitals & European Regiments.

The Hospital Board have no Doubt but there are Gentlemen on the Coast qualified to act as Assistant Surgeons, and who would willingly come forward provided their Rank was established from the

The Hospital Board to specify the Number deficient and to report, what number of proper People, can be procured. If admitted they can only be appointed to act until the pleasure of the Court of Directors, shall be known.

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date of their admission into the Service.

The Hospital Board recommend that Purveyors Stores for 300 Sick be sent to each of the General Hospitals of Vellore and Trichinopoly.

Approved

Received an application from the Secretary requesting that he be permitted to draw the usual allowance of Oil, Candles, &c. as in other public Offices — which the Hospital Board hope will be complied with.

Consideration deferred

The Hospital Board have the pleasure to inform Government, that Mr. Bingham Assistant Surgeon is returned from China, where he had been on Leave of absence for the recovery of his health.

Approved

By Order of the Honble the President & Council

Signed W. C. Jackson Secretary

(Signed) James Anderson Physician General
Colleg. L. Lucas Chf. Surgeon
William Duffin Surgeon

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Governor in Council,

to send you the enclosed Extract of a General Order issued this day —

I am

Fort St. George

16th March 1790

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Servant

(Signed) Willm. C. Jackson

Dy. M. Secretary

Extract of a General Order published by Government

Dated 16th March 1790 —

"The Honorable the President in Council

has been pleased to appoint Colley Lyons Lucas Esqr. Surgeon

General to the Army, and Director & Superintendant of

Field Hospitals with the following Staff"

Mr. Morris Fitzgerald Assistant Surgeon

Secretary

Mr. Andw. Poulton Assistant Surgeon

to be Med. Storekeeper

Attest Extract

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

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Military Department

To Doctor James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to send you

the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Mr. William Gordon, and to

desire that you will point out, in what manner he can be

employed in the Field, with advantage to the Publick Service —

I am

Fort St. George

16th March 1790 —

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

John Chamier Secy.

To the Honble Major General William Medows

President, Governor, Commander in Chief &ca. &ca. &ca.

in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

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As I understand the Hospital Board are now making their arrangements for the Field Permit me the Liberty Honble Sir, to repeat my Tender of Services which I had the honor to make to your Honble Board, on the 2d instant, having submitted my Claims to the decision of my Honble Employers at home, my wish is not to remain inactive whilst my exertions in the field may be wanted, and under this Idea, should you Honble Sir, think proper to Employ me as Field Hospital Surgeon or on any other actual Service, I shall on this occasion, most chearfully accept of such field allowances, as under the present Circumstances you may think me entitled to

I have the honor to be with great respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Willm. Gordon

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15th March 1790

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

To Dr.

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I enclose a Copy of a General Orders containing the Decisions of Government, upon the Medical Arrangement, submitted with your Proceedings of the 8th Instant

The Board are of Opinion, that Mr. Robert Stuart, should return to the Presidency to which he belongs

Mr. Baillie Assistant Surgeon has been promoted, to the Rank of Hospital Mate as recommended

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(signed) John Chamier Surg.

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G. O.

The following Regulations for a General Field Hospital are ordered to take place —

The Field Hospital to be under the Charge of the Surgeon General —

Mr Ponton one of the Staff attached to the Surgeon General being unable to take the Field, Mr Bingham is appointed in his Room, and is to be Stiled Field Apothecary, instead of Medical Storekeeper, and to Report, thro' the Apothecary at Madras, to the Hospital Board, all Receipts and Issues of Medicines — All his Insults for Medicines, and Stores, are to be countersigned by the Surgeon General.

Doolies

In order to obviate the difficulties frequently experienced in procuring dooly Boys, the Military Storekeeper will be ordered to construct Carts upon a certain Model, to be approved by the Military Board.

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The Doolies to be under the care of the Regimental Surgeons, who are to give in a weekly Return of their Sick to the Surgeon General, to whom he is likewise to report any Deficiency in the Number of Dooley Boys, and the Repairs Necessary to the Doolies, The Indent to Serve as a voucher to the Regimental and the repairs of the Doolies to be made by the Artificers belonging to the Corps, assisted when necessary by those of the Commissary General or Commissary of Stores, all orders of the Surgeon General to the Regimental Surgeons respecting Doolies to be strictly obeyed —

Whilst the Army continues marching, It will seldom happen that the Sick must be removed from their own Tents — But when the Army is distant from any Garrison, and Considered in a fixed Camp, or Cantonment of Choultries or other public Buildings of that kind, cannot be found in the Neighbourhood of the Camp, proper for the reception of the Sick — Marquis must be pitched to accommodate the Sick, who must be sent to this temporary Field Hospital.

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The Surgeon General by Authority of the Commander in Chief, to fix upon a proper place, to establish this field Hospital, where those who are dangerously ill, or badly wounded, are to be collected together, and it is considered his duty to take care that the Regimental Surgeons, and their Assistants duly attend the Sick of their respective Corps every man to be sent in his Dooley, which is to serve as a Cott and no Expences to be incurred for Hospital Cloathing —

Victualling

When a man is sent from the Regimental, to the Field Hospital, he is no longer to be included in the daily Indents for Provisions, but Dry Batta at the rate of 3f 30c is to be drawn for all the Patients sent to the Field Hospital, agreeable to the following form and likewise 2f 46c are to be stopped out of each Man's Pay by the Captains or Officers Commanding Companies, who are to pay the same into the hands of the Surgeon General and he is to Victual the Sick in the General Hospital for this money, amounting to the Sum of 5f 76c without subjecting the Company to any extra

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extra or contingent charge whatever

Form of Indent for Provisions and Batta

Sir

Please to order Field allowance to Eighty Seven Men of Captain J. B. Company —

Arrack and Provisions for Eighty Men

Dry Batta for ... Seven Men

Total

For Sepoys who are put under the care of the Surgeons in the field Hospital only 2f 40c is to be allowed for Medicines and Bandages, and as they will not be Victualled, Batta is to be drawn for them by the Commanding Officer of the Corps in the same manner, as for the other Sepoys who are in health —

Wine & Spirits

Madeira Wine will be allowed at the rate of 6 Dozen in the Field Hospital for every 20 Men per month substituting Port, on particular occasions when Necessary —

No Spirits to be allowed but for external use, and

and at an average one Dozen of Brandy per Mensem for every 20 Men.

Servants

In the Temporary Field Hospital one Coolay is to be allowed to every 6 men, and an Extra Coolay to fluxed and Wounded Patients, the same as in the General Hospital with the like proportion of Fomentation, Injection and Dressing Coolies, Toties, Sweepers &c.a as have been established by the Hospital Board, and likewise a Similar arrangement in the Apothecary's Department.

A proper proportion of attendance for 100 Men to be in readiness with the Temporary Field Hospital, a Cart with 12 Bullocks for the Medicine Chest, and 50 Coolies for the Conveyance of Wine and Bazar Medicines.

Oil for Lamps in the Tents of the Temporary field Hospital is to be furnished by the Paymaster upon the Indent of the Surgeon General, but not to be exceed 2 Lamps for each Marquee, nor more than 2 Olocks of Oil for each Lamp.

Candles at the rate of one every Night for

each Hospital Tent, or every 20 Men, and one for the Dispensary.

Bazar Medicines

The Charges of Bazar Medicines including Forewood, Milk, Bread, and Flower for Cultices, Oil Vinegar, Sugar Candy, Bandage Cloth, Lint Quicksilver, Opium, Nitre, Gum, Arabic, Spogele Seeds, Limes, Aloes, Allum, Assafœtida Camphor, Liquorice Root, Cinnamon Nutmegs Cloves and whatever comes under the head of Bazar Medicines to be limited to 10 Pagodas Per month for 20 Men.

Regimental Surgeons

Regimental Surgeons, when they send their Sick to the Field Hospital, will have less occasion for carrying on expending Medicines — therefore, for slight cases which require the attention of the Surgeon an allowance of 60 Pagodas Per month to be drawn for the purchase of every Bazar Medicine, Wine, Spirits &c.a as specified for the General Hospital But no Victualling account or Charges for taking care of the Sick on any account to be allowed in a Field Hospital while the

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the Army is in the Vicinity of a General Hospital —

Eight Coolies, with a mastry to be allowed Regimental Surgeons for the conveyance of Europe Medicines and Instruments, and 12 with a Mastry for Wine, Spirits and Bazar Medicines for each of his Majesty's Regiments supposing them 800 Strong so in proportion to the Honble Company's European Regiments of Infantry, or any other European Corps in the Field —

Assistant Surgeons to Native Corps —

Assistant Surgeons to Native Corps having charge of 8 Serjeants only to be allowed 10 Pagodas per month in lieu of Wine Spirits & every contingent charge for Bazar Medicines —

Six Coolies with a mastry to be allowed each Assistant Surgeon to native Corps for the Conveyance of Medicines —

Purveyors to supply the General Hospitals as in time of Peace —

By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council —

(Signed) John Chamier Surgt

A true Copy

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Hospital Board

22d March 1790

The Hospital Board have the honor to annex a List of Vacancies in the Medical Department — according to the Orders of Government (Vizt.)

2d Battalion of Native Infantry

5th ..... Do

6th ..... Do

9th ..... Do

21st ..... Do

24th ..... Do

25th ..... Do

26th ..... Do

30th ..... Do

5th Regiment Native Cavalry

3d Regiment European Infantry

1st Regiment European Infantry

The Chiefship of Vizagapatam

..... of Madipollam & Ingeram

The General Hospital of Vellore — 3 Vacancies

Tritchinopoly 2 Do

Masulipatam 1 Do

The Assistant Surgeon to the 1st Battn of Native Infantry is unfit for duty from ill Health — which makes the number of deficiencies amount to 21 —

Appointed until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known —

The Hospital Board can only recommend Mr. James Barter, and Edward Mackay to be appointed assistant Surgeons and Mr. Joseph Atkinson, Sub-assistant.

Should these Gentlemen be approved by Government. The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Barter be appointed [illegible] Infantry Mr.

Approved

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Mackay to the 1st Battalion, and Mr. Atkinson to be under the immediate direction of the Surgeon General —

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, enclosing Copy of a Letter from Mr. William Gordon to Government.

Government do not approve establishing the Office of Apothecary General. Mr. Gordon's Zeal approved and attention will be paid to him when it may be possible —

The Hospital Board, though they cannot recommend Mr. Gordon to be employed as Field Hospital Surgeon, yet they approve the Zeal he has always shewn for the Service and recommend he be appointed Field Apothecary General, and Mr. Robert Trotter Field Hospital Surgeon.

Mr. Trotter to be stationed to some Corps to which a full Surgeon is necessary —

Mr. Baillie having 60 pounds of peruvian Bark to dispose of the Hospital Board recommend that [illegible]

Approved

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Quantity remaining in Store is very inconsiderable —

By Order of the Honble the President in Council —

James Anderson
Physician General

(Signed)

(signed)

Colley L Lucas
Surgeon General

Willm. E. Jackson
Depy. Military Secretary

Williams Duffin
Head Surgeon

Fort St. George 28th March 1790

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Military Department

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Proceedings dated the 22d Instant, and to inform you, that in consideration of the great want of Medical Assistance, Government approve the Appointment of Messrs. Baxter, Mackay, and Atkinson, and will nominate them to the Stations recommended by you — It is to be expressly understood, that these Appointments are subject to the restriction heretofore made Vizt. Untill the Pleasure of the Court of Directors be known. —

Government direct that Mr. Trotter be stationed to some Corps to which a full Surgeon is necessary —

I enclose Copies of Letters written by order of the Board to Messrs. Lewis and Gordon

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and a copy of your Proceedings with remarks thereon —

Iam

Fort St. George

23d March 1790

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Willm. C. Jackson

Deputy Military Secretary

Military Department

To Mr. Colley Lyons Lucas

Surgeon General of the Army —

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 19th Instant, and to inform you, that the Board have resolved to annex to your allowances as Second Member of the Hospital Board, the full Balla of a Colonel which is six Pagodas a Pr. Diem, during the time of your Services in the Field —

With respect to the allowances of Field Hospital [illegible] will be given [illegible]

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conformable to the Regulations —

Mr. Bingham has been appointed Field Apothecary in room of Mr. Ponton —

Government do not think it proper to make any alteration respecting Recommendations for appointments and Removals in the Medical Department, your request therefore to be permitted to recommend Surgeons & Assistant Surgeons for Field Service, cannot be complied with —

Iam

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Willm. C. Jackson

Deputy Mr. Secretary

Military Department

Fort St. George

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To Mr. William Gordon

Surgeon —

Sir

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters and to inform you that [illegible]

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present, your Services are not required in the Field

The Board highly approve the Zeal you have uniformly manifested for the Public Service, and will pay attention to your Application to be employed, whenever a proper Opportunity may offer

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

Depy. Mr. Surg.

Fort St. George
23d March 1790

Attest Copy
Signed W. C. Jackson
Dy. Mr. Surg.

Fort St. George 26th March 1790

Hospital Board
26th March 1790

The Hospital Board have the honor to return Mr. Browne accounts, to be regulated according to the Field Arrangement lately published by Government — but, considering that he had no guidance at the time, they hope some attention will be paid to that Circumstance, in auditing them —

Ordered that the Bills be sent to the Commissary General, to be audited according to the late Regulations —

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. McArthur be withdrawn from the General Hospital, Masulipatam, and appointed to the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry — and that Mr. Alexr. Boswell, Assistant Surgeon be removed from the 27th Battalion of Native Infantry, now in Cantonment, to the 25th (in Camp) —

Approved

Fort St. George 26th March 1790

The 5th and 6th Battalions of native Infantry being without Medical Assistance, the Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Tutter do the duty of these Battalions for the present

Approved

By Order of the Honorable the President in Council

(Signed) Wm. C. Jackson
Dy. M. Secretary

James Anderson
Bt. Genl.

(Signed) Colley L. Lucas Surg. Genl.
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Fort St. George 29th March 1790

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Hospital Board
29th March 1790

Read a letter from Mr. Boiswell, Assistant Surgeon to the 27th Battalion of Native Infantry representing that he had been first put under arrest, and afterward more closely confined.

The Hospital Board, are sorry to notice inattention to the Orders of Government, in being left without Official information in the event of the arrest of a Surgeon, or Assistant Surgeon, but deeming any interference on their part improper, beg leave to transmit Mr. Boiswell's letter to Government

for

for their perusal.

Read a letter from Mr. Blackader Surgeon, stating, that he had arrived at Pallamcottah, on his way to the Presidency, from Europe, when he had been on leave of absence.

James Anderson.

Physician General

(Signed) William Duffin

Head Surgeon

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To James Anderson Esqr.

President &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

In consequence of a private dispute between me and an Officer of the Battalion to which I am attached, I was put under an Arrest by Captain Stewart Commanding the Battalion, not being sufficiently acquainted with the nature of an Arrest by reason of want of knowledge of the Military Laws, and in consequence not attending to my Confinement so strictly as perhaps I ought to have done, Captain Stewart has accused me of breaking my Arrest, ordered me into close Confinement and given in a Crime against me accordingly, which has been forwarded to the Commander in Chief. I was no sooner informed of the encroachment I had made on the Military Law (although not intended) than I made every possible Concession to Captain Stewart, but found that, as my Crime had gone to General Medows it now

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rested solely with him.

Allow me therefore Gentlemen to request your protection and interest with the Commander in Chief, that the matter may be compromised without being brought to a Court Martial as I am willing to make every requisite acknowledgement in order to have the business accommodated even although I am not conscious of any wilful breach of the Rules of the Service, but Courts Martial are what above all things I wish to avoid. — If the General can be prevailed upon to give a latitude to the Commanding Officer here towards settling the business, from what has lately passed I am convinced it can be done. Submitting myself therefore entirely to your protection and soliciting your influence in my favor

I have the honor to remain with the utmost Respect

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

Alex Buswell

Wallajabad

27th March 1790

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. Member of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

It having been judged necessary to make some alterations in the Medical Field arrangement lately published in G.O., I am directed to transmit you the enclosed a letter to the Surgeon General of the Army in which will be found the alterations alluded to.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

John Chamier Secy.

Fort St. George

1st April 1790

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Military Department

To Mr. Lucas

Surgeon General to the Army

Sir

The Board have received your Letter of the 22d Instant, & the same has been taken into Consideration & has in consequence been resolved, that the average Rate for Bazar Medicines may be established at Pagodas 15d pr. month for every Twenty Men, & that the same Sum may be allowed on account of Bazar Medicines to a Native Corps, because the Officers when sick find Wine & Spirits themselves, and the Serjeants when much indisposed are to be sent into the Field Hospitals —

With regard to your apprehension of not being able to attend to the application of the Sum for Victualling the Sick without neglecting other important Duties, it is resolved, that you may consign this charge

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Fort St. George 19th April 1790

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Hospital Board

19th April 1790

Read a Letter from Major Gosmonde to the Physician General accompanied by an Invoice of Carpe Medicines, to be disposed of, amounting to £ 44. s. 3. d. 9.

The late indents for supplying the Army in the Field having nearly exhausted the Medical Stores — the Hospital Board recommend that the Medicines be purchased, with the usual advance of 50 pr. Cent upon the prime Cost.

Jamd. Anderson P.G.

(Signed) Willm. Duffin

Head Surgeon

Approved

By Order of the Honorable the President in Council

(signed) W. C. Jackson

Secy.

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Medicines if you judge it necessary to do so

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed John Shannon Surg.

Fort St George

1st April 1790

A true Copy

Signed William Collins Secretary

To the Military Secretary

Fort St. George 5th May 1790

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Military Department

To D. James Anderson

Physician General &c. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor

in Council, to send for your Information, the 4th & 5th Paragraphs

of a General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors under

date the 22nd December 1789.

I am,

Fort St George

5th May 1790

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed John Shannon Surg.

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Fort St. George 5th May 1790

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Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors Dated 2nd 1789

Para 4 "Messrs. Adam Blackader "John Kincaid and Joshua Gillespie have obtained our "permission to return to their Rank in the List of Surgeons "on your Establishment, the former has proceeded to his "Duty overland"

5 "The following Assistant Surgeons "have been appointed for Fort Saint George in part of the "ten you were advised in our Letter of the 4th March 1789, we "proposed sending to your Presidency, their Rank will be "settled hereafter Vizt."

"Leopold Benamor
"John Goldie
"Thomas Beckett, and
"John Voyle

A true Extract
(signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. Mr. Secy.

H. Bo

Fort St. George 10th May 1790

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Hospital Board
10th May 1790

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. John Goldie Assistant Surgeon, be removed from the General Hospital to the 2nd Battalion of Native Infantry, and that Mr. John Thompson Assistant Surgeon, who is come to the Presidency for the recovery of his Health, be stationed at the General Hospital —

The Hospital Board have the honor to acquaint Government the arrival of Mr. Thomas Beckett Assistant-Surgeon on the Minerva, and recommend that he do duty at the General Hospital untill further Orders —

Read

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Fort St. George 10th May 1791

Read a Letter from Mr. Anderson Surgeon with the Detachment at Travancore, recommending an Hospital for the care of the sick of the two Carnatic Battalions and Artillery on that Station

Ordered, That the Hospital Board in the Travancore Country might constantly forward to the Storekeeper such Medicines & Comforts for the Sick as Mr. Anderson should direct for the Service

Ordered, That the Secretary do write to Mr. Anderson to direct him to forward to the Hospital Board in the Travancore Country such Medicines & Comforts for the Sick as he may think necessary

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attention to them, as the Sick are unable to attend the detachment in the different movements it may have occasion to make, and in consequence many useful men may be lost to the Service —

I have not a doubt but that you will with me, see the propriety of an Hospital being established here, & if the measure meets with your approbation I have to request you will transmit the necessary orders for that purpose —

I have the honor to be with respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Alexr. Anderson
Surgeon

Camp at Aiacotta
28th April 1790

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Conolly
Surgn.

Fort St. George 11th May 1790

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Military Department

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

Gentlemen

I am directed by Government, to enclose an Extract of a Letter from Vizagapatam, which is recommended to your attention, they approve the Removals and appointments mentioned in your Proceedings of the 10th Instant, but are of opinion that an Hospital at Trevencore may for the present be dispensed with —

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) John Chamier
Surg.

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Fort St. George 11th May 1790

Extract of General Letter from Vizagapatam

Dated 27th April 1790

Vizagapatam being very unhealthy at this time, and the Hospital crowded with Sick, we request the vacancy of Assistant Surgeon may be filled so soon as Gentleman can be spared for that Duty.

Atrue Extract

(Signed) Robert Clerk

Dy Secy

H. B.

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Fort St. George 14th May 1790

Hospital Board

14th May 1790

The Hospital Board have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Charnier, accompanied by an Extract of a General Letter from Vizagapatam, representing the want of an Assistant Surgeon for that Chiefship.

As there are some Corps, on actual Service, without Medical Assistants — the Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Bowie, Surgeon to the 3d Regiment of European Infantry, be Stationed at the Residencies of Madipollam and Ingeram. And that Mr. Haliburton, the Assistant Surgeon

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Surgeon there, be sent to Vizagapatam

Mr. Blachader Surgeon, lately returned

Approved from Europe, to be appointed to the

3d Regiment of Europeans in the

room of Mr. Bowie.

The Hospital Board having

ordered a Committee of Surgeons to examine

the state of the Medical Stores, it

appears that many of them are

Approved damaged and unfit for use which

they have directed the Apothecary

to throw away.

James Anderson

Physician General

William Duffin

Head Surgeon

By Order of the Honorable

the Governor & Council

(Signed) Willm. C. Jackson

Dy. Mg. Secy.

Fort St. George 18th May 1790

Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

You will be pleased to direct Mr.

Ruddiman, Apothecary and Superintendent of Medical

Stores, to receive Charge of a Chest of Port Wine, shipped

on the Minerva by the Honble Company for the Vicinity,

but which Captain Fairfull has reported unfit for

use.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Willm. C. Jackson

Dy. Mg. Secy.

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Military Department

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Government to send for your Information, the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, dated 29th January 1790

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) Willm. C. Jackson
Dy. Mg. Secretary

Fort St. George
4th June 1790

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Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors
Dated 29th January 1790

Para. 5 We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency in further part of the Number advised in our Military Letter of the 4th March 1789, their Rank will be hereafter settled Vizt.

William Tait
Francis Blake

True Extract
(signed) Willm. C. Jackson
Dy. Mg. Secy.

H. B.

Fort St. George 7th June 1790

Hospital Board

7th June 1790

Read a Letter from the Apothecary General stating that he had received a Chest of Cost Wine from Captain Kirkpatrick which he finds totally unfit for use — The Hospital Board have directed him to account for it as Vinegar.

Approved

The Hospital Board have the honor to acquaint Government, that Mr. William Tait has arrived on the Minerva, with the Appointment of Assistant Surgeon from the Court of Directors, and recommend that he be Stationed at the General Hospital at the Presidency till further Order.

Approved

They

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They recommend that Mr. Becket, Assistant Surgeon, be removed from the General Hospital to the 2d Battalion of European Artillery and that Mr. Steele Assistant Surgeon be appointed to the 6th Battalion of Native Infantry —

Approved

Mr. Loddel, Surgeon of the Minerva, having a few Europe Medicines to dispose of amounting to 9 lb. 18 s. 9 d. the Hospital Board recommend they be purchased at the usual advance of 50 pr. Cent.

Approved — but it is hoped the Hospital Board will not think it necessary to recommend frequent purchases of this nature —

The Hospital Board have the Honor to transmit to Government a letter from Mr. Miller, Surgeon, to the Apothecary

recommended

accompanied by an abstract account of Expenditures for the General Hospital of Masulipatam and its dependencies during the period of his being medical Shrokeeper there.

The Hospital Board have examined the accounts, which are Countersigned by the Head Surgeon, and appear very moderate, they therefore recommend that Government will be pleased to order the payment, as they suppose Mr. Miller's removal from Masulipatam prevented him from sending them Sooner.

As there appears much Irregularity in the not bringing forward these accounts sooner, it will be a matter of Consideration whether they will be admitted — in the meantime it is ordered that they be submitted to the Comptroller General.

Mr. Phippard, Assistant Surgeon, to the 4th Batt. of Water Infantry at Ongole, being frequently called upon to attend at the General Garrisons of Nellore, Rampore and Tinnevelly

Whenever Mr. Phippard is summoned to attend the book in the Plaintiff he will be allowed to draw Batta during his absence from Ongole.

Tinnevelly, the Hospital Board recommend that he be allowed Batta for his extraordinary trouble.

The Hospital Board recommend, that Mr. David Wood be appointed an Assistant Surgeon, on the Establishment and Stationed with the 3d Regiment of European Infantry at Vellore.

It must be stated whether this appointment is absolutely necessary, before it can be admitted.

Colonel Lydenham being recommended to a Voyage at Sea, for the recovery of his health — requests that Mr. Bailler Assistant Surgeon be permitted to accompany him.

The Hospital Board recommend that permission be granted him — As Mr. Conolly will execute his duty at the dispensary during his

Approved — provided Mr. Conolly resides entirely in the Fort and gives Constant attendance at the dispensary — to Expence

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Expence to be incurred by the Company on account of this Indulgence —

his absence —

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council —

(signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy Mt Secretary

To

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To William Ruddiman Esqr
Medical Storekeeper

Sir,

Under cover you will receive a number of papers containing some accounts due to me during the period of my having charge of the Hospital at Masulipatam —

You will much oblige me by laying them before the Hospital Board and to apologize for their not being sent in sooner which has been occasioned by many unforseen accidents —

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Henry Miller
Surgeon

Camp Trichinopoly
Plain 22d May 1790

A true Copy
(Signed) [illegible]
Sec Hosp Board

Abstract

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Abstract of Bazar Medicines furnished to the Masulipatam Hospital and its Dependencies for the following Months Viz.

		Pagd	Fanm	Cash
September 1786		12	41	50
October		12	2	40
November		24	26	10
December		22	37	30
January	1787	22	37	40
February		12	22	40
April		39	3	2
May		33	3	10
June		25	27	60
July		25	19	29
August		43	21	20
September		24	1	25
October		10	25	60
November		10	19	40
December		11	14	40
January	1788	11	16	"
February		11	"	20
March		11	20	60
April		12	36	40
May		12	26	"
June		24	38	40
July		85	11	40
August		27	8	"

Carried Over 525 40 56

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		Pagd	Fanm	Cash
Brought Over		525	40	56
September 1788		18	15	60
October		11	16	"
November		37	34	20
December		43	31	40
January 1789		13	40	"
February		28	6	"
March		12	37	40
To Cooley Hire for Medicines dispatched to the different Garrisons from September 1787 to May 1788		26	40	"
To Country Medicines for Samulcottah the 1st January 1789		8	39	"
To Country Medicines for Ellore		49	5	"
To Do. Do. Rajamundry		10	32	40
To Cooley hire for Medicines dispatched to the different Garrisons, and Godown here from May 1788, to the 1st April 89		163	"	40
Total		951	2	56

(Signed) Henry Miller
Medical Storekeeper

A true Copy
(signed) V. Conolly
Secy

To

Fort St. George 10th June 1790

Military Department

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that such of the Sick of his Majesty's Frigate the Phenix, as are deemed by Captain Byron fit Object are to be received into the Company's Hospital.

An Account of the Expences incurred in consequence; is to be laid before Government, who will demand Payment from Captain Byron —

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Chamier Secr.

Fort St. George
10th June 1790

H. B.

Fort St. George 14th June 1790

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Hospital Board
14th June 1790

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier regarding a Resolution of Government to admit the Sick of His Majesty's Ship Phenix into the Hospital —

The Hospital Board in consequence direct that a copy of Mr. Chamier's Letter be transmitted to the Purveyor and Medical Storekeeper, with injunctions to return, monthly, a particular account of all expenditures on the Sick of His Majesty's Ship Phenix —

The Hospital Board having reported a deficiency of 88

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Assistant Surgeons, were in consequence ordered to recommend such professional Gentlemen as offered till the pleasure of the Court of Directors appeared, there still remains 16 Vacancies, and in the Recommendation of Mr. Wood they have stated, that he should be stationed with the 3d Regiment of European Infantry who have long been without an Assistant Surgeon —

Mr. Wood appointed to act as Assistant Surgeon until the Company's Pleasure be known —

James Anderson
Physician General
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

(Signed)

By Order of the Honorable the Governor and Council
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. Mg. Secy.

Fort St. George 17th June 1790

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Hospital Board
17th June 1790

Mr. Alexander Anderson Surgeon to the Residency at Travencore, having some private business to transact at the Presidency, of great moment to him — And which requires his personal attendance requests three months leave of absence from his Station which the Hospital Board recommend may be granted to him —

Approved

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. Mg. Secy.

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

In consequence of a Reference for the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, Government have lately decided that the Assistant Surgeons at that Factory should be permitted to retain the difference of Pay which they had been called upon to refund not being Hospital Mates.

But altho' Government as an Indulgence, have waived this Refund they are anxious that these Irregularities should be avoided, and they therefore desire you will make such an Arrangement, of the Assistant Surgeons as may place all the Hospital Mates at the different General Hospitals for which they were originally intended.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed. Servant

John Chamberlain

Fort St. George

June 1790

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Hospital Board

28th June 1790

The Hospital Board have the honor to acquaint Government, that Mr. William Martin, has arrived on the Ores with the appointment of Assistant Surgeon for this Presidency from the Court of Directors and recommend that he be Stationed at the General Hospital Trichinopoly.

(Signed) James Anderson

Physician General

William Duffin

Head Surgeon

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Fort St. George 4th July 1790

Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members

of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Board to send for your Information and Guidance the accompanying Extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors under Date the 5th March 1790

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed John Chamier Secy.

Fort St. George
4th July 1790

Extract

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Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors

Dated 5th March 1790

Para 7

We are by no means satisfied with the appointment of Mr. Duffin to be Head Surgeon and Member of the Hospital Board in preference to Mr. William Raine, his Senior. We find by Mr. Chamier's Letter to the Hospital Board of the 30th April 1788, that a negative was put upon Mr. Raine's application for this appointment on the ground of his not having applied for the charge of a General Hospital when two became vacant. But we observe by the Proceedings of the Hospital Board, that as Mr. Raine had suffered very much from long Captivity, and is a very old Surgeon on the Establishment, he was confirmed in the appointment of Surgeon in the black town — that when the arrangements took place for the Medical Department in consequence of our Orders he made an application to the Hospital Board to be continued in that Station in preference to any other appointment, and that a Minute was made on the

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19th April 1786 to that effect which was understood to have been fully acceded to on the part of Government, his acknowledged Services, especially to the Officers in prison giving him a Claim to that indulgence. This received a further confirmation by the following Minute made in the Margin of the Proceedings of the Hospital Board of the 12th and 13th July 1786 "Mr. Raine permitted to remain in his Station as Surgeon for the care of Sick Officers in the Black Tower" — As therefore it evidently appears that Mr. Raine was continued in the Black Tower, instead of being appointed to an Hospital as an indulgence to him on account of his Services and sufferings as he was recommended to you by the Hospital Board for the appointment of Head Surgeon being the next in standing to the late Mr. Davis, and as you yourselves in the 22d Para of the letter to which we are now replying have borne ample testimony of Mr. Raines professional merit, and humane attention to the Officers and Men Prisoners at Mysore, we direct that he be appointed Head Surgeon and Member of the Hospital Board in the room of Mr. Duffin

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Duffin his Junior in the Service, and whom you have lately nominated to that Station.

Para 16 You will have observed by our Letter of the 4th of March last, that for the reasons therein mentioned we thought proper to confirm the appointment of Several Assistant Surgeons that had been made by you, on the same ground, we now extend that confirmation to the appointment of Messrs. Steele, Galloway and Stuart, We think it necessary to repeat our prohibition in the most positive terms, of any such appointments being made by you in future. The State of your Medical Department will shortly be taken into consideration, and we shall inform you by a subsequent Dispatch of the number of Assistant Surgeons we shall think it necessary to send to your Presidency this Season in order to supply vacancies as they may arise.

Para 31 In regard to the rank of Assistant Surgeons it is our pleasure that they take precedence in the Order in which they are placed by us, without any regard to the time of their arrival in India, unless the same shall appear to have been occasioned by any intentional delay.

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Para 36 The intention of this report being principally to shew the necessity there was for the several appointments made by you of Assistant Surgeons, and as we have already confirmed these appointments any further remarks thereon appear unnecessary.

Para 65 We acquiesce in favor of your recommendation in favor of the Regimental Assistant Surgeons that they may receive the same Allowances as the Hospital Mates, a similar Regulation has lately taken place in the Medical Department at Bengal and Bombay.

A true Extract

(Signed) William Collins Jackson

Dy. Mg. Secry.

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Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors Dated 5th March 1790

Para 10 As you have represented the Services of Mr. Gordon during a period of 29 years to have been of a meritorious kind we shall acquiesce in the present instance in the addition you have made to his allowances in consideration of his distressed Situation and having a family to support, But we never can consent to lay it down as a rule that because a person in any branch of the Service, shall not be found qualified to fill the Post to which, by his standing he would otherwise have succeeded he shall therefore be considered as entitled to a compensation from the Company for his disappointment nor indeed in any case can we admit you in future to grant permanent allowances to any Station in addition to the established ones, without our consent and approbation. This additional allowance to Surgeon Gordon must not be drawn into a Precedent nor be continued to any other person after Mr. Gordon shall have quitted the Services.

A true Extract

(Signed) W.C. Jackson

Dy. Mg. Secry.

500 Fort St. George 4th July 1790

Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. Members

of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Government to send you a Copy of their Resolutions upon the 7th Paragraph (with which you have been already furnished) of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors, dated the 8th March last.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) John Chamier Jun.

Fort St. George

4th July 1790

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 7th July 1790

As Mr. Lucas the 2nd Member is absent in the Field, it is agreed, that Mr. Duffen be appointed to sit as a Member during Mr. Lucas's absence.

It is also Resolved, that Mr. Duffen shall draw the usual Allowances of a Head Surgeon.

A true Extract

(Signed) Wellm. Collins Jackson

Dy. Mg. Secretary

H. B.

Fort St. George 5th July 1790

Hospital Board

5th July 1790

The Hospital Board have the honor to acquaint Government with the return of Messrs. Gillespie and Kincaid, Surgeons from Europe where they had been on Leave of absence.

Mr. Francis Blake, Mr. Henry Hawkes, and Mr. John Merrittie have also arrived with appointments from the Court of Directors, of Assistant Surgeons for this Establishment.

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Hawkes be stationed at the General Hospital Tuticoriply, that Mr. Blake be

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appointed to the 21st Battalion of Native Infantry, and Mr. Merrittie to the 27th Battalion at Wallajabad – but to attend the Hospital there, under the direction of Mr. Thompson Surgeon, untill they become acquainted with the routine of duty.

The General Orders of the 3d Instant having announced the appointment of Mr. William Raine as Head Surgeon, and Member of the Hospital Board, he has taken his seat accordingly.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General
William Raine acting Surgeon
William Duffin
Head Surgeon

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Military Department

To Dr James Anderson

Physician General &c Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlem

Mr William Raine having resigned his appointment of Surgeon to the Town Goals in consequence of his being Nominated a Member of the Hospital Board, I am directed to desire you with inform Government, whether the Service requires a Continuation of the appointment of Surgeon to the Town Goals the same having been originally granted to Mr Raine, as a Compensation for his Merits and sufferings, during the period of his Captivity

If, in your Judgement, the appointment is absolutely Necessary, Government desire you will recommend to them a proper person for the Office

I am

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I am directed to send you the enclosed Letters from Messrs Gordon Harris, and Spalding, soliciting the abovementioned appointment.

Your Proceedings of the 5th Instant have been approved, and the necessary General Order has been published in Consequence.

I am

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6th July 1790

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

(signed) John Chamier Secry

Mr

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To the Honble Morgan Williams Esqr

President & Governor &ca in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

As next in Seniority to Mr William Raine (who is now promoted to a Seat at the Hospital Board) permit me to solicit the honor of your nomination to the Station he holds as Surgeon to the Black Town and Jails —

I have the honor to be with perfect Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(signed) William Gordon

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5th July 1790

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To The Honble Morgan Williams Esqr

President &ca Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

The appointment of Surgeon to the Black Town Prison becoming vacant by the resignation of Mr Raine, in consequence of his nomination to a Seat at the Medical Board, permit me very respectfully to solicit the honor of your countenance to my application for that Office —

While I am conscious how far I trespass on the more important concerns of your Honble Board, by detaining it a moment on the subject of my humble pretensions, I shall just make bold to submit a few circumstances to the considerate attention of your Honors, which may possibly go to substantiate some little claim to your favor & support

I am now the eldest assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, yet without the probability of promotion for

for two years to come, in consequence of the arrival of three or four of my Seniors from Europe in the late Ships —

It is above five years since I was called down from Arcot to do duty at the Presidency a station, which (as your Honors well know) is not only the most laborious & unproductive in the Service, but actually by far the most expensive —

During this period, in the many, and distant visits which the wide field of Madras practice involves I have been constantly obliged to expend almost the half of my note pay on conveyances alone to enable me at all to discharge the duty of my profession — My allowances have since acquired an addition of 30 Pagodas p. Month, upon my succeeding (by seniority) to the appointment of Medical Storekeeper which I now fill, what brings them inclusively to better than 50 Pagodas — subject (as before) to the heavy charge for conveyances and further to that of the Servants necessary for the employ, and for whom I have no consideration whatever;

Your Honors will be pleased, therefore to judge how very incompetent the residue of my [illegible]

after such deductions must be to the Support of a family at Madras —

Whether, in the eye of my Seniors and of the public, my activity and exertions in the general execution of the weighty task fallen to my share, intitle me to approbation or otherwise, or whether your Honors may conceive such an argument admissible to sanction the claim I here prefer I know not I will venture however, to rest my poor plea to your favor upon the issue of such an enquiry and this the more from the candor and liberality which mark the proceedings of that Honble Board to which I have addressed myself —

I have the honor to remain

Honble Sir and Sirs

With due respect and Submission

Your most Obedient Servant

Signd Henry Harris

Fort St. George
July 6th 1790

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To The Hon'ble Morgan Williams Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council

Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

The appointment of a Surgeon to the Jail of Madras being vacant I beg leave to offer my services

I have the honor to be,

Hon'ble Sir,

Your Very Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Thomas Spalding

Fort St. George
6th July 1790

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Hospital Board
16th July 1790

Read a Letter from Mr. Sanctary Chamber, requiring the Hospital Board to inform Government whether the appointment of Surgeon to the Town Jails is absolutely necessary - and if so, to recommend a proper person to succeed Mr. Raine in that Station.

The Hospital Board are of opinion that the appointment should be continued, and recommend Mr. Gordon, in consideration of his length of Service, and tho' they cannot bring him forward in the progressive line, to entitle him to any other than a fixed Rank - Yet being ever found attentive to his Duty as far as his abilities were

equal

Mr. Gordon appointed to the Care of the Goals - The Extra allowance of Pagt. 50 is to cease - upon his receiving the allowances enjoyed by Mr. Raine, as attending the Goal.

equal, and being in the Vicinity of receiving aid from professional men on difficult occasions — they hope these circumstances will be a sufficient plea for their recommending him to the care of the Sails —

As it is probable a number of Sick, and Wounded Officers, will from time to time repair to the Presidency for their recovery, the Hospital Board think it necessary that a Surgeon should be Stationed at Black Town for the purpose of attending them, as during the late War, — And recommend that Mr. Kincaid Surgeon lately returned from Europe be nominated to that Duty —

Mr. Kincaid to be appointed but without any additional Expence to the Company —

The Hospital Board recommend that Francis Xavier be appointed a Sick assistant, and sent to the

Approved

the General Hospital, Masulipatam as Mr. Benny is in want of Assistants which cannot otherwise be supplied —

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Thomas Spalding Assistant Surgeon be removed from the General Hospital to the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry —

Approved

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council —

(Signed) Will C. Jackson
Dy. My. Secy.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

H. B.

Fort St. George 19th July 1790

Hospital Board

19th July 1790

The Troops at Wallajabad being ordered to encamp; the Hospital Board recommend that the Purveyor's Stores in that Cantonment be sent for safety, to the General Hospital at the Presidency, after supplying the Hospital at Chingleput with such as may be wanted.

Previous to the marching of the Army from Wallajabad, the Purveyor's Stores may be sent to Chingleput

They also recommend that the Purveyor's Stores at Pornamallee be deposited in the General Hospital as soon as the 76th Regiment marches from thence.

As Pornamallee will not be evacuated, the Purveyor's Stores may remain there.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General
William Raine acting Surgeon
William Duffin
Hon. Surgeon

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) Wm. Jackson
Dy. Secy. Secy.

Fort St. George 2d August 1790

Hospital Board

2nd August 1790

The Hospital Board are sorry to report to Government the death of Mr. James Reid Assistant Surgeon to the General Hospital at Trichinopoly on the 26th Ultimo.

The Hospital Board have the honor to forward to Government Copy of a Letter from Mr. William Gordon representing the hardship he labours under, from his extra allowance of 50 Pagodas pr. month, being struck off, in consequence of his being appointed to the care of the Town Jails. They beg leave to recommend the subject to the reconsideration of Government. As

Government adhere to these Resolution already communicated.

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Mr. Gordon having a specific duty to attend must of course be liable to additional Expences —

Mr. Walker, Surgeon to the Garrison of Chingleput having represented to the Hospital Board many inconveniences that have arisen from the Sick of His Majesty's 74th Regiment being sent into his Hospital under the direction of a Surgeon (Mate of that Corps, who acts independently of him, They hope Government will issue the necessary Orders, that for the convenience of the Service, Mr. Walker may have charge of all Sick that may be sent into that Garrison —

Recommendation Approved.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Fagan
Secretary

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council —
(Signed) W. Jackson
Pr. Mylius

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

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to find that in consequence of my Nomination to the Goals separate from the appointment to the Black Town, which I applied for, as being the next in Station to Mr. Raine, who now in right of seniority is to promoted to a seat at your Board) the extra allowance which my Honble Employers in consequence of my long active & faithful Services had been pleased to grant me had been struck off, permit me the liberty to remind you Gentlemen, that had the charge of the Goals been given to any other person, they would have enjoyed the benefit arising therefrom without deduction from any other Station. they filled therefore the giving that appointment to me who am already embarrassed in my circumstances, would be

serving

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serving me, without adding a single farmer to the expense of Government Mr. Raine held it without deduction from the Emoluments of his other appointments and a Man's having suffered imprisonment in the Service of his Country gives him a claim to indulgence — I am flattered with the hope that a recollection of my having been captured and Wounded in 1767 and deprived of effects to the Amt. of upwards of Pagt. 5000, may have some weight in my favor —

Under all these circumstances I am emboldened to hope that you Gentlemen will exert your good Offices with Government in obtaining the permission for my extra allowance being continued at least till the pleasure of the Hon'ble Court of Directors is known —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) William Gordon

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23d. July 1790

A true copy
(Signed) Olinda

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Fort St. George 13th August 1790

Hospital Board

13th August 1790

Mr. Thompson,

Surgeon to the 4th Regiment of European Infantry has, by the desire of Colonel Kelly, indented to the Apothecary for four ten Baths, in case of the men being affected with Cramps from sleeping on the Ground —

The Hospital Board have directed their Secretary to acquaint Mr. Thompson that in the mean time they recommend him to make use of Carks which may be always procured from the Arrack Agent, and which they

Government are of Opinion that the Carks proposed will answer very well —

Appointed

Fort St. George 18th August 1790

apprehend will answer the purpose, untill the pleasure of Government be known —

(signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duff
Head Surgeon

By Order of the Honble the Governor & Council —

(signed) Willm. C. Jackson
Dy. Secy.

Fort St. George 17th August 1790

Military Department

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to send you the enclosed Extract of a Letter from Colonel Kelly, and to desire you will recommend an Assistant Surgeon to be stationed at Poonamallee, in the Room of Mr. Campbell, who is to join his Corps in the Field —

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) John Chamier Secy.

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17th August 1790

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Colonel Kelly dated the 14th August 1790

I have the honor to acquaint you that Mr. Campbell Assistant Surgeon to the 76th Regiment, was left by Captain Shawe in Charge of the Garrison of Poonamallee when the 76th Regiment Marched from thence, but, as the Services of Mr. Campbell are now much required with the Regiment, I have to request that Government will be pleased to appoint an Assistant Surgeon to that Station, that Mr. Campbell may join his Corps in the Field.

A true Extract

(Signed) Wellm. C. Jackson

Dy. Mg. Secretary

H. C.

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Hospital Board

23d August 1790

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, enclosing Copy of an Extract of a Letter from Colonel Kelly, requesting that an Assistant Surgeon should be sent to take Charge of the Sick Recruits at Poonamallee, in the Room of Mr. Campbell, whose Services are wanted with his Regiment in the Field.

The Hospital Board, altho' totally incapable of relieving the King's Surgeons, or Assistants, in the care of their Sick, having hitherto been unable to Comply with the General Orders to a Station Assistant Surgeon, at the

General

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General Hospitals, and different Corps of the establishment; yet on such an emergency they recommend, that Mr. Kincaid Surgeon to the Black Town, be ordered to proceed to Poonamallee until an Assistant Surgeon can be procured for that duty —

Approved

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Finlay Ferguson, Senior Surgeon be appointed Surgeon Mayor to the Center Army, and that Mr. Joshua Gillespie, Surgeon, be appointed (in his room) to the 2d. Regiment European Infantry at Ellore —

Consideration of this Recommendation post pond.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy. Mty. Secy.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

Willm. Raine
acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

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Fort St. George 28th. August 1790

Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the Hospital Board

Gentlemen.

Jenelose Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Harris giving cover to an application from the Field Apothecary, and am directed to desire that you will report whether the Quantity of Medicines under his Charge bear a Proportion to the number of Servants requested —

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

Fort St. George
28th. August 1790

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief dated 3d August 1790.

A Letter from Mr. Bingham as Field Apothecary, requesting certain allowances and which the General refers for their decision, and begs at the same time to observe, that he has no doubt the Council will join him in Opinion, on its being right to have the report of the Military Board, on the absolute necessity of any new allowance, which Precedent gives a strength to the application for any things which may increase the expences of the Presidency, in the Military Department

A true Extract

(Signed) William Collins Jackson

Depy. Mg. Secry.

Colonel

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Colonel Harris

Secretary &c &c

Sir

Government having been pleased to appoint me to fill the place of Field Apothecary, without explaining the allowances necessary for enabling me to carry on the same.

I beg leave therefore to observe, and to request the favor of you, to lay it before the Commander in Chief, the necessity of having an Established Rule, for the better regulation of the Department; likewise to remark, that unless a Writer, and a few People, are allowed me for the preparation of Medicines &ca sent gross and unprepared, from the Stores at Madras It will be impossible, to have the many things in my line, in readiness; and the more Especially when a Field Hospital is established, business multiplied, and the whole expenditure of Medicines for the Sick of the Army, to come thro' me.

I have the Honor to be

Sir, Your most Obedt. humble Servant

(Signed) J. Bingham

Field Apothecary

Camp at Cortollum
June 10th 1790

a true Copy
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dep. Secry.

Fort St. George 30th August 1790

Hospital Board

30th August 1790

As the General Hospital at Vellore must supply Medicines for all Stations to the Westward of Cuyeman where the Army Commanded by Colonel Kelly is more Stationed, and [illegible] remain to the northward of the Kistna — The Hospital Board recommend that in the distribution of the Supply of Europe Medicines a Sixth part be sent to Vellore and only a twelveth to Masulipatam the other Stations to have the same proportion as recommended in May 1786.

The Hospital Board understanding that the Sick of the

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Center Army are sent into the Garrison of Arnee, recommend that Mr. Gillespie, Surgeon, lately returned from Europe, be nominated to the care of them — the worst cases to be forwarded to the General Hospital of Vellore.

As Mr. Gillespie is likely to be sent to Ellore, in consequence of a former Recommendation, the present one may be postponed.

Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, enclosing extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Harris giving cover to an application from the Field Apothecary for Servants, to prepare Medicines &ca. and desiring the Hospital Board to report thereon.

The Hospital Board seeing the General Orders have already arranged the Apothecary's Department in the Field, in the proportion of the Medical Storekeepers with a General Hospital and

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Opinion appeared to be sent to Lieutenant Colonel Harris in reply to the Reference

and Government requiring their consideration of the Servants being adjusted by the quantity of Medicines supplied to the Army, find no reason to attend to Mr. Bingham's application, but on account of the extent and rapid progress of the Army, with frequent Detachments which must require occasional supplies they recommend that he be allowed Six additional Coolies with a Writer.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council

(Signed) Willm. Collins Jackson
Dep. Ry. Secry.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

H. B.

Fort St. George 3d September 1790

Hospital Board

3d September 1790

As a dispatch is on the eve of departure for Europe, the Hospital Board think it necessary to call the attention of Government to the State of the Medical Department on this Coast — they therefore beg leave to transmit a List of the Establishment, by which it appears that there is still a defficiency of eleven Assistant Surgeons.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

List

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List of Medical Gentlemen

Hospital Board

James Anderson M.D. Physician General & President
Colly L. Lucas Surgeon General with the Army
William Rowe acting Chief Surgeon
William Duffin Head Surgeon Madras Hospital
Valentine Conolly Secretary

Head Surgeons

Jerome Gahagan Head Surgeon Vellore Hospital
George Binny Head Surgeon Masulipatam
Nicol Mair Head Surgeon Trichinopoly

Surgeons

William Gordon to the Bruce Jails
Lindsay Ferguson 22d Regiment Europ. Vellore
Thomas Howell Home on Leave
William Roxborough Samulcottah
Robert Rolls Cuddalore
John Briggs Home on Leave
Jeremiah Addenbrooke 1st Batt. Europ. Artillery
Job Burbage Home on Leave
James Richardson Ganjam
Alexander Watson Pallamcottah
Joshua Gillespie
Adam Blackadder 5th Regt. European Inft. Vellore
Anthony Simons Invalided Cuddalore
William Ruddiman Ajitheery
George Cayley Madras

Assistant Surgeons

Henry Harris Medical Storekeeper Masulipatam
Alexander Fairweight Medical Storekeeper Vellore
Andrew Berry General Hospital Madras
Michl. Corbett 1st Battalion European Artillery
George Baird Nagapatam
Archd. Munro 19th Batt. Native Infantry
Bernard M.c Mahon Medical Storekeeper Masulipatam
James Ramsay 3d Regiment Native Cavalry
George Forrester 1st Regiment European Infantry
Charles Fleming 18th Batt. Native Infantry
John Inglis 4th Regiment Native Cavalry
Alexander Boswell 25th Batt. Native Infantry
John Bannantine 16th Batt. Native Infantry
John Duncan 6th Batt. Native Infantry
George Bailie Dispensary Fort St. George

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Madras Establishment the 1st September 1790

Surgeon Lindsay	22d Regiment European Infantry	John King	Coimbatoor
Mr. Holzapfel	Lindsay's Battn. Surgeon Gal. 42	John M.c Arthur	5th Regiment Native Cavalry
Mr. Thompson	General Hospital Madras	Pierce Hallahan	Vizagapatam
		John Gelder	21 Batt.n Native Infantry
William Hamblie	Ganjam		
William Pearson	Not arrived	James Baxter	9th Batt.n Native Infantry
William Norman	17th Batt.n Native Infantry	Edward Mackay	1st Batt.n Native Infantry
John Mathieson	Medical Storekeeper & Hospital Mate	Thomas Beckett	2d Batt.n European Artillery
Andrew Pinkerton	26th Batt.n Native Infantry	William Tuckle	General Hospital Madras
George Wilson	25th Batt.n Native Infantry	William Wood	3d Regiment European Infantry Vellore
Andrew Kennedy	28th Batt.n Native Infantry	Frances Blake	28th Batt.n Native Infantry
Samuel Barber	22d Batt.n Native Infantry	William Martin	General Hospital Trichinopoly
John Bingham	Field Apothecary	Henry Hawkes	General Hospital Trichinopoly
William Todd	11th Batt.n Native Infantry	John Alexander	25th Batt.n Native Infantry
Thomas Thackeray	13th Batt.n Native Infantry	Leopold Berenice	not arrived
Henry Mowes	3d Regiment Cavalry	Sebastian Voyle	not arrived
Robert Little	25th Batt.n Native Infantry		
Thomas Shepperd	8th Batt.n Native Infantry		
Andrew Mackenzie	17th Batt.n Native Infantry		
Thomas Pollard	15th Batt.n Native Infantry		
Alexander Alexander	23d Batt.n Native Infantry		
Valentine Conolly	Secretary to the Hospital Board		
James Johnstone	7th Batt.n Native Infantry		
Francis Duncan	10th Batt.n Native Infantry		
Archibald Spiers	14th Batt.n Native Infantry		
George Anderson	9th Batt.n Native Infantry		
Thomas Spalding	1st Regiment Native Cavalry		
James Steele	6th Batt.n Native Infantry		
Richard Gallaway	General Hospital Madras		

(Signed) Valentine Conolly
Secretary Hospl. Board

H. B.

Fort St. George 6th September 1790

Hospital Board
6th September 1790

Mr. Michael O'Donoghue having presented himself a Candidate for the Station of Assistant Surgeon and the Hospital Board sending he has received a liberal Education for his profession in France recommend that he be appointed an Assistant Surgeon and Stationed at the General Hospital at the Presidency

Consideration deferred

Read a letter from Mr. Walker, Surgeon at Chingleput stating the ill health of John Gabriel, Sub-Assistant Surgeon

The Hospital Board considering the number of Sick under Mr. Walker's care, recommend that William

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approved but to act only during Mr. Gabriel's Illness

William Peters be appointed a Sub-Assistant and sent to his assistance

By Order of the Honorable the Governor and Council

Signed William C. Jackson
Dy. My. Secy.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffen
Head Surgeon

Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I am directed by Government to

Notify to you, that Mr. Ferguson is now appointed

Surgeon Major to the Center Army

I am,

Fort St. George

17th September 1790

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servt.

(Signed) John Chamier Secy.

G.O.

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Fort St. George 8th September 1790

G.O.

Mr. Gillespie appointed Surgeon

to the 2d. Battalion of European Infantry at Ellore, vice

Ferguson

By Order of the Honorable the

Governor & Council

(Signed) John Chamier Secy.

H. B.

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Hospital Board

13th September 1790

Read a letter from Mr. Benny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam acquainting the Hospital Board that Mr. Mac Mahon Medical Storekeeper is on his way to the presidency in consequence of an order from Government to give evidence on the trial of a Malay at the ensuing Quarter Sessions.

The Hospital Board are sensible how necessary evidences must be in judicial trials — but at the same time cannot help remarking, that if Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons are removed from their Stations without their knowledge it may

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be attended with prejudicial consequence to the Services. They therefore hope that in future all such orders, may be conveyed to the different Stations thro' them.

The Hospital Board recommend, that Mr. Andrew Penton, Assistant Surgeon, be removed from the 24th Battalion of Native Infantry and appointed Field Apothecary to the Center Army.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I enclose an Extract of a Letter from Major Montgomery, and am directed by Government to desire you will recommend a Person to replace Mr. Little, as requested by the Major.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) John Chamier Secy.

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Extract of a Letter from Major Montgomery dated 1st September 1790

"The state of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Little's Health, "rendering him inadequate to the Duties of the Field, as appears by "the enclosed Certificate, I have given him Permission to return to "Masulipatam, and request, that another Gentleman may be "appointed to the 29th Battalion in his room. I beg leave to add, "that as, thro' the continued Indisposition of Mr. Little, the whole "Medical Charge of the Two Corps, as well as of the Detachment "of Artillery (who had no Surgeon with them) has rested "on Mr. Kennedy, who has discharged the trust reposed in "him with unremitting attention and Assiduity, I have "hopes that he will not be superseded in the Charge of the "Artillery by any appointment which Government may "think proper to make to supply the Place of Mr. Little."

A true Extract

(Signed) Willm. C. Jackson

Dy. My Surgt.

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to desire you will repeat the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Resident at Cuddalore —

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

(signed) John Chamier Secy

Fort St. George

17th September 1790

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Fort St. George 7th September 1790

Extract of a Letter from the Chief at Cuddalore dated 11th September 1790

"I deem it expedient to inform you that several "Sick Sepoys, belonging to the Revenue Company, Invalid & Pensioned "Corps of this Garrison have applied to me for Medical aid, and as "I deem it my indispensable Duty to assist them with my Professional "advice, I beg you will be pleased to direct the Paymaster to "furnish me with such Bazar Medicines and necessaries as "I shall point out for their sole use or authorize me to purchase "at the Honorable Company's Cost, such as I shall judge requisite "for their immediate wants and Relief"

Such Bazar Medicines &c. as are supplied "by the Medical Storekeeper at Madras, are appropriated to the "uses of the indisposed Gentlemen &c. and Sick in Hospital or "consequently there is no Provision made for Sick Sepoys in Garrison, "nor am I officially warranted to supply them, for according to "the usage of the Service, every Battalion is furnished with a "Black Doctor who supplies the Sick with Bazar Articles

at

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"at their own Cost"

As the Natives Troops at Cuddalore are on different footing from Battalion Sepoys, no Black Doctor is allowed, or any charge to be made by the Regulations, I must therefore request your Instructions, how far Mr. Rollo may be allowed to charge for Bazar Medicines, and in what manner it is to be paid.

A true Extract

(Signed) Willm. Collins Jackson
Dy. Mysury

H. B.

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Hospital Board

20th September 1790

Read a letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, enclosing extract of a letter from Major Montgomery, requesting that an Assistant Surgeon be appointed to the 29th Battalion Mr. Little having been obliged to leave Camp on account of Illness.

The Hospital Board are sorry to find, that Government have not thought proper to approve their Recommendation of Mr. O'Donoghoe, the only Gentleman who had offered his Services, altho' they had just reported a deficiency of eleven Assistants. The only mode they have of supplying Mr. Little's place is by removing a

a person from another Station and as the least likely to be attended with prejudicial to the Service, recommend that Mr. King Assistant Surgeon be withdrawn from the Garrison of Condapilly, and appointed to the 29th Battalion —

Approved and will be published in General Orders —

Read a letter from Mr. Secretary Chasmer with an extract of a Letter from the Resident of Cuddalore, respecting an Allowance for Bazar Medicines, claimed by Mr. Rolls, for the use of the Invalid and pensioned Sepoys of that Garrison —

The Hospital do not conceive that any extraordinary Charge should be made for those Articles, as the Medical Storekeeper will supply whatever is Necessary —

Approved and will be transmitted to Cuddalore —

Read

Read a letter from Mr. Gahagan, Head Surgeon Vellore, a copy of which they have the honor to lay before Government, and hope it may be taken into consideration —

will be referred to the Military Board —

Read a letter from Mr. Kincaid Surgeon at Poonamallee representing the uninhabitable State of the Hospital and Store Houses of that Garrison —

will be referred to the Military Board —

The Hospital Board recommend that Government will be pleased to issue the necessary orders that they may be repaired before the commencement of the Monsoon —

By Order of the Honorable the Governor and Council —

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

James Anderson
Physician General —

(Signed) William Raine
acting Chief Surgeon —

William Duffin
Head Surgeon —

To

Fort St. George 20th September 1790

To James Anderson Esqr.

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I some time ago informed the Commanding Officer of this Garrison, that the Hospital Privies were in great want of Repairs particularly the Vaults, which required cleaning out. The Engineer was in consequence directed to examine them and approved of the manner which I proposed for the Repairs &ca. which was, to empty the Vaults and open a communication to the Ditch. But the Committee of Works at Madras, have been pleased to order the Vaults in use at present to be stopped up and moveable Pots to be placed under the Seats.

I humbly conceive that if the Committee of Works had been acquainted with the Situation of this Hospital, they would not have objected to the mode proposed by me and approved of by the Commanding Officer and Engineer, for

as

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as the Privies are fixed in a Centric part of the Hospital Compound, for the Convenience of those who are able to resort thither, the Pots cannot be removed therefrom without passing through several of the Wards, which must prove a Constant annoyance to the Patients exclusive of the ill consequences likely to arise, by frequently exposing them to a Noxious and putrid effluvia. These are considerations that in my humble Opinion should be attended to as well as the increased expence the mode directed by the Committee of Works must unavoidably incur, as it will employ ten or twelve Tollys, and a large Well or some such place must be sunk in the Vicinity of the Hospital, as a Receptacle for the filth, as it cannot be daily carried out of the Fort, and I beg leave to point out another Material objection, that it is with the utmost difficulty a sufficient number of Tollys can be procured in this District to attend the different Wards, agreeably to the proportion directed by the Hospital Board, as people of this cast are not to be met with occasionally —

I have no other motive in stating the matter

to

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to you so particularly than a wish to prevent the Sick, and the Inhabitants of the Garrison from being exposed to a disagreeable Nuisance; And as I believe every Member of your Board knows the Situation of this Hospital, I request you will be pleased to recommend to Government the necessity of the repairs being immediately put in execution in whatever manner your Judgement may suggest to be most eligible

I have further to observe that I have often occasion to call upon the Engineer for Assistance in repairing Baths and turning the Tyles wherever the rain comes, and that these Matters are frequently delayed to the prejudice of the Patients as it seems the most trivial repair cannot be executed without permission of the Committee of Works at Madras

I therefore entreat that you will be pleased to recommend to Government the propriety as well as convenience of empowering the Commanding Officer to give orders for such repairs as may occasionally appear necessary in the General Hospital, when represented by the Head Surgeon

Jam &c.a Terence Gahagan

Vellore September the 16th 1790

A true copy (signed) [illegible]

Fort St. George 25th September 1790

Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson,

Physician General &c. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen

I enclose Copies of Letters and Papers sent into Government by Captain Mauro of the Houghton, and am incorrect to desire you will report when the Sick mentioned therein, are received and what Expences have been incurred during the time of their being in the Hospital, in order that a regular Account may be made out, and transmitted to Europe for future arrangement between the Court of Directors, and the owners of the Houghton

You will be pleased to lay before Government an Account of the Value of the Medicines supplied to the Houghton by Mr. Ruddiman, the Apothecary in consequence of the Board of the Board

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Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(signed) John Chamier

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To John Chamier Esqr.

Secretary

Sir

Enclosed I send you a Report from the Surgeon of the Houghton of the Sick People belonging to the Ship, and the Military Charter party Passengers Now in the Madras Hospital, who appear to be in such a state as to be unfit to be taken on board.

I beg you will be pleased to lay it before the Governor in Council request I may have their honours permission to leave those people in the Madras Hospital.

Thomas Brown the Carpenter's Second Mate has departed this life since I received the Sick this morning.

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) James Munro

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A true Copy

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

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To Captain James Munro

Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Houghton

Sir,

In compliance with your directions I have examined the Sick Sailors and Soldiers which now sent on Shore to the Hospital from the Houghton, and I have the honor to enclose a List of those, who to the best of my Judgement, cannot proceed on the Houghton without great risk to their lives.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient and humble Servt.

(Signed) John Peter Wade
Surgeon

Madras
September 18th 1790

A true Copy

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

List

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List of Sick recommended to be left in the Madras Hospital

Sailors

Peter Johnson	J. Short	
Nicholas Cranstons	Benjamin Bick	
John Rogers	Swan Wasman	
Alexander Young	Peter Mullen	
Alexr Machiellip	5 James Davidson	26
John Irwine	Elias Johnson	21
John Hehice	Soldiers	
Peter Berry	Jnl Buccharian	
Andrew Johnson	Alexander Ross	
Samuel Brown	10 Tolson Southwell	
Charles Pirson	Peter Green	25
Thomas Brown	Total	25
John Davis		
John Swills		
Thomas Smith	15	

(Signed) John Peter Wade
Surgeon

Madras September 18th 1790

A true Copy
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Dy Mg Surg

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To John Chamier Esqr
Secretary

Sir

Enclosed I send a Report from the Surgeon of the Houghton with a List of Medicines which appear to be absolutely necessary for the use of the Ship, and which I cannot possible procure anywhere.

I beg you will be pleased to lay the same before the Honorable the Governor in Council, and request they will be pleased to order me a Supply from the Company's Stores.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt humble Servant
(Signed) James Munro

Fort St George
18th September 1790

A true Copy
(Signed) W.C. Jackson
Dy Mg Surg

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To Captain James Monro,

Commander of the Hon'ble Company's

Ship Houghton.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a list of such Medicines, as are deemed indispensably Necessary for the use of the Houghton, and leave to suggest to you the Necessity of an earnest application to Government for every Article Specified in the list, as well as the quantity of each, should no other means offer of procuring the Supply to the full amount.

I am

Sir

Madras

18th September 1790

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

(Signed) John Peter Wade

Surgeon

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Hospital Board

1st October 1790

Read a letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, enclosing Copies of letters and papers sent into Government by Captain Munro of the Houghton, with directions to report thereon.

The Hospital Board will give instructions to the Surveyor and Medical Storekeeper to make out the necessary accounts. And the Head Surgeon will give in a report when the Men are discharged from the Hospital.

The Hospital Board recommend

Approved that Mr. Conolly, be appointed to do duty with the 24th Battalion, in the room of Mr. Penton, untill further Orders.

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The Military Board having applied for an extract of Mr. Kinnaids Letter, respecting the repairs that are necessary for the Hospital and Store House at Poonamallee they have been furnished with it accordingly.

Approved

The Hospital Board considering the great want of Assistant Surgeons, recommend that Mr. Ephraim Morton, an American, who has produced Certificates of his professional abilities, be appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

Approved till the pleasure of the Hon'ble the Court of Directors be known.

James Anderson
Physician General

William Roche
acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dy Mty Surg

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Military Department

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

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board to send you the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Commodore Cornwallis and to desire you will, without loss of time furnish the Surgeon of His Majesty's Sloop Ariel with the Medicines required, upon the terms stated in the Commodore's Letter.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) William Collins Jackson
Dy Military Surgn

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1st October 1790

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The Hon'ble Governor in Council
Madras

Sir

Captain Monsom of His Majesty's Sloop Ariel, having represented to me the distressed State the said Sloop is in for want of Medicines, her Company having been exceedingly sickly for some time past. The Surgeon being dead, it is a particular hard situation for his Successor.

The Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships were indulged at Calcutta with permission to be supplied with Medicines from the Honorable Company's Dispensary. I am to request you will be pleased to Order the present Surgeon of his Majesty's Sloop Ariel to receive a sufficient Quantity of Medicines from the Hon'ble Company's Dispensary at the same prices as they are charged to their Servants.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) W. Cornwallis

Ottawa
Madras
Road 1st October 1790

A true Copy
(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Dep. Secy

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Hospital Board
4th October 1790

Read a letter from Mr. Deputy Secretary Jackson, enclosing Copy of a letter from Commodore Cornwallis to Government, requesting a Supply of Medicines might be granted to their Surgeon of His Majesty's Sloop Ariel, from the Dispensary, on the same terms as they were obtained in Calcutta.

The Hospital Board have given
Approved directions to the Apothecary to furnish them at the Invoice prices.

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Ephraim Morton lately
Approved appointed an Assistant Surgeon, do duty at the General Hospital until

further

further Orders.

Mr. Thompson Surgeon, having represented Mr. Richard Jackson Todd, to the Physician General, as a Gentleman well qualified in the

Approved profession, recommend that he be appointed an Assistant Surgeon in the Establishment.

The Surgeon General having Indented for Surgical Instruments in consequence of several Setts having been lost in Colonel Floyd's attachment, and as there are not sufficient in the Stores to supply him, the Hospital Board recommend that the following ones which can be procured from Mr. Gordon at a Moderate Rate be purchased

purchased, and sent to Sieve (Vizt.)

	2 Setts of Amputating Instruments Complete at 12 each	36 " "
Approved	1 Sett of Trepanning Do.	12 " "
	3 Setts of Pocket Do. @ 4 16	14 8 "
	4 Setts of Tooth Do. @ 1 12	6 8 "
		£ 68 16

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

H.B.

Fort St. George 11th October 1790

Hospital Board

11th October 1790

Read a letter from Mr. Ferguson Surgeon Major to the Center Army, a copy of which the Hospital Board have the honor to forward to Government as they think his request reasonable and agreeable to the orders of Government, they hope it may be taken into Consideration

The Regulations of the 2d March are to be extended to the Center Army — Mr. Surgeon Major Ferguson to draw the Allowance of £1000 p annum and the Batta of a Major

Read a letter from Mr. Jones Surgeons Mate of his Majesty's Ship Phoenix to Mr. Duffin, a copy of which they beg leave to lay before Government, as he may be usefully employed in the present Scarcity of Assistants they recommend that he be permitted to [illegible] the Seal of the Navy under Mr. Duffin — and that some Allowance may

Approved Mr. Jones to draw the Allowance of an Assistant Surgeon while so employed under Mr. Duffin —

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be granted him for a Subsistence until he has an Opportunity of Joining his Ship —

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Richard Jackson Todd Assistant Surgeon be placed under the direction of the Surgeon Major to the Center Army, until further orders —

Approved

By Order of the Honorable the Governor and Council

(Signed) John Chamier
Secy.

Signed James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

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To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

In consequence of the orders of Government of the 7th Ultimo appointing me, on your recommendation, Surgeon Major to the Center Army, I arrived here this morning on my way to Camp.

As the orders do not specify what allowance I am entitled to draw, I think it necessary to request that you will address Government to instruct the Paymaster to the Center Army on that subject, in order to prevent any mistake or embarrassment. I only beg leave with all due respect to suggest to you, that by the regulations of the Court of Directors respecting Surgeons now in force and published in General Orders the 8th of July 1786 the Head Surgeon to an army of eight thousand Men in peace or War is to receive a Salary of fifteen hundred Pounds p Annum, and by a subsequent orders of this Government a Surgeon so situated is to draw Lieutenant Colonels Batta in the

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the field. As there is no such appointment as Surgeon Major mentioned in the regulations of the Court of Directors above alluded to, I most humbly conceive that your intention in recommending me to Government for that Station was meant to give me the rank of Head Surgeon to an Hospital, as the nature of the Office is in fact the same.

I also take the liberty to request that you will address Government to have their Sanction for the Regulations of the 28th of March respecting the field Hospital with the grand Army to be extended to the Center Army; either totally, or with such alterations as they may judge proper.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

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8th October 1790

Sir and Gentlemen

Your very Obed. Humble Servant

(signed) Finlay Ferguson

Surgeon Major to the Center Army

A true Copy

(signed) V. Conolly
Secy.

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To William Duffin Esqr.

Head Surgeon

Sir,

Being left on shore by accident when His Majesty's Ship Phenix Captain Byron left Madras Roads — I directly repaired on Board the Crown and [illegible] Commodore Cornwallis with the same. He desired [illegible] Shore as he would not receive me in his Ship. As the Phenix will not return to Madras Roads before June next. Take the liberty of requesting that you will be pleased to appoint one of your Assistants to attend the sick [illegible] Till I can join my Ship.

I am,

Sir,

Your humble Servant

(Signed) John Jones

Surgeon [illegible] Phenix

Fort St. George

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A true Copy

(Signed) [illegible]

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to inform you, that in consequence of your recommendation, they have appointed Mr. J. Donoghoe an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

John Chamier Secy.

Fort St. George

11th October 1790

To

Hospital Board

11th October 1790

Read a letter from Mr. Secretary Chamier, enclosing extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, requesting that an Assistant Surgeon be appointed to Trispassore in the Room of Mr. Musgrave who is ordered to join his Regiment

The Hospital Board wishing as far as is in their power to accomodate every emergency of Service, recommend that Mr. Tait be appointed to the Garrison of Trispassore till further Orders with instructions to send as many of the Sick as can be safely removed to the General Hospl. at Fort St. George, as they conceive the situation of the Sick in Country Forts is too much exposed in time of War to the insults of the

Approved
The necessary Orders to be given by the Hospital Board for the Removal of the Sick from the Garrison of Trispassore to the General Hospital at Fort St. George

the Enemy, and the appointment of Surgeons to all these places attended with prejudice by removing Assistant Surgeons from the General Hospital

Read a letter from Mr. Watson Surgeon to the Garrison of Pullamcottah, stating that he had been directed by the Commanding Officer to attend these Provincial Corps lately raised [illegible] Government, and requesting that some allowance should be granted him for the extraordinary trouble and Expence incurred

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Watson be allowed the difference from half to full Batta and ten Pagodas per month for Medical Servants during the time that he does duty with the Provincial Corps

Cannot be complied with

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council
(Signed) W. C. [illegible]
Secretary

James Anderson Physician Genl.
(Sign'd) William Raine Actg. Hospl. Surgeon
William Duffin Head Surgeon

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &c. Members of the

Hospital Board.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to send for your Information, the accompanying Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors received pr. Swallow

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) John Chamier Secy

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20th October 1790

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Extracts of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors

Dated 19th May 1790

Para 24 The following Assistant Surgeons have been appointed for your Presidency in further part of the Number you were informed would be sent by our Letter of the 4th March 1789 their Rank will be hereafter advised Vizt.

William Martin

John Abernethie

Henry Hawkes

Hodson Bond

Para 25 The following have also been appointed Assistant Surgeons for Fort St. George in part of the number advised in our Letter to you of the 5th March last Vizt.

Wyman Peyton

William Oakley Lillsom

William Le Mesurier

Attest Extract

W. Jackson
Secy

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Fort St. George 22d. October 1790

Hospital Board

22nd October 1790

Mr. Betty Surgeon of the Swallow Packet, having been unable to proceed on account of ill Health, and as the Establishment of Assistant Surgeons is not likely to be completed for the Honor, the Hospital Board recommend that he be appointed an Assistant Surgeon until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known —

As the Situation of the Service requires it, the appointment proposed of Mr. Betty is confirmed, subject to the pleasure of the Court of Directors —

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council —

(Signed) John Chamier
Secy.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

Fort St. George 29th October 1790

Hospital Board

29th October 1790

Mr. Binny Head Surgeon at Masulipatam, having represented to the Hospital Board, the great want of Assistants at his Hospital, They recommend that Mr. O'Donoghoe Assistant Surgeon be appointed to do duty there — and that Mr. Betty Assistant Surgeon, be stationed at the General Hospital at the Presidency in his room —

Approved —

The Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Charles O'Neil be appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known — and stationed at the General Hospital at Trichinopoly —

Mr. O'Neil may be appointed as recommended —

By Order of the Honorable the President & Council —

(Signed) W. C. Jackson
Deputy Secy.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

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Military Department

To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General &ca. Members of the

Hospital Board

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board to send you the enclosed Extract of a Letter from the Commanding Officer in the Guntoor Circar, and to desire you will, without Delay, take the necessary measures for supplying the Vacancy occasioned by the absence of the Assistant Surgeon, who has been obliged to leave Innicondah on account of ill health.

I am

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) John Chamier Secy.

Fort St. George

14th November 1790

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Extract of a Letter from Major Wynch Commanding at Innicondah Dated 10th November 1790

In consequence of the Surgeon Assistant being obliged to proceed to the Presidency for his Health, it is absolutely Necessary that one be ordered up in his room, the Hospital is at present very full and more falling sick daily.

A true Extract

(Signed) Willm. Collins Jackson

Dy. Mr. Secy.

H. B.

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Fort St. George 19th November 1790

Hospital Board

19th November 1790

In obedience to the orders of Government the Hospital Board have directed Mr. Morton Assistant Surgeon to proceed Immediately to the Innicondah, and take charge of the 12th Battalion of Native Infantry during the absence of Mr. Norman and recommend it may be published in General Orders.

James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

H.B.

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Hospital Board

20th December 1790

The Hospital Board are sorry to acquaint Government with the Deaths of Mr. Lord Surgeon, to the 2d Battalion Artillery — And Mr. Bannantine Assistant Surgeon to the 16th Battalion of Native Infantry — They recommend that Mr. Tutter Surgeon now doing duty at the Field Hospital Cumbatore be appointed to succeed Mr. Lord — as recommended to them by the Surgeon General — And that Mr. Betty Assistant Surgeon be appointed to the 16th Battalion in the room of Mr. Bannantine.

Approved

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council (Signed) Willm. C. Jackson Secy.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

H.B.

Fort St. George 24th December 1790

Hospital Board

24th December 1790

Read a letter from Mr. Ruddeman, enclosing one addressed to him by the Commissary General, stating that several of the Surgeons and Assistants have deviated from the Regulations, in purchasing articles under the head of Bazar Medicines, for which they ought to indent to the Apothecary and likewise for indenting to him for other articles which ought to be furnished by the Purveyor, and which are actually charged in his Account —

It is impossible, agreeably to the existing Regulations to prevent irregularities of this nature in all the out Stations, as the wants of the Sick must be supplied according to the exigences — The Hospital Board

Will be referred to the Commissary and Comptroller General of Army accounts.

Fort St. George 24th December 1790

recommend, that their proceedings of the 26th November 1789 be reconsidered with a letter from Mr. Duffin on the Subject, proposing, that a Stipulated Sum should be granted each Assistant Surgeon, with a native Corps, for these Articles, by which means a considerable Saving will accrue to Government independent of the 15 p Cent Commission which has been hitherto allowed the Apothecary for all disbursements —

Read a letter from Surgeon General, complaining that he finds the Allowances of his department very inadequate particularly in the price of Wine, and requesting, that he be permitted to charge the Current price in Camp, for as much of that Article as he may have occasion to purchase there, for the use of the Sick —

The Hospital Board having

having taken it into consideration, are of

Approved — Opinion, that the present arrangement is fully adequate and have directed their Secretary to acquaint him, that he is on no account, to deviate from the Regulations now in force —

Altho' it may not be at all times proper to send reports from the Army,

Approved — the Hospital Board to allow the Surgeon General to communicate with them upon all occasions and to inform him that he is to do so by order of Government

lest they should be intercepted by the Enemy. Yet, the Hospital Board conceive it to consistent with the Welfare of the Service, that the Surgeon General should communicate to them all Casualties, and Material Occurrences in the Department, by every safe opportunity, and recommend to be directed to do so in future —

Read a letter from Ferguson Surgeon Major with the Army, soliciting that the rank of Head Surgeon be granted him

him, from the date of that appointment.

The extra Allowances granted to Mr. Ferguson as Surgeon Major with the Center Army are to cease — the Commander in Chief having Struck off all the Staff of that Army —

As Mr. Ferguson is already on the Allowances of a Head Surgeon the Hospital Board recommend that Government will confer that rank on him.

Mr. Norman, Assistant Surgeon, being recovered from his late illness, and about to return to his Station at Immundale,

Approved — the Hospital Board recommend that Mr. Morton, Assistant Surgeon, now doing duty with the 12th Battalion, be removed to the 2d Regiment of European Infantry at Ellore, and that Mr. Copeland, the Assistant of that Regiment be permitted to proceed to the Presidency, for the recovery of his Health.

Read a letter from Mr. Ferguson enclosing the Contingent Bills

Approved

from the Surgeons of the 74th and 76th Regiments for Hospital Charges - but as the Regiments were in the Vicinity of a General Hospital at the time those Charges were made, the Hospital Board have directed their Secretary to return them as inadmissible.

Agreeably to the orders of Government the Hospital Board have the honor to transmit them a Return of the Sick of the Ship Houghton, with Surveyors and Medical Stinchapers Accounts.

These accounts must be audited by the Comptroller General.

The Hospital Board, understanding, that the Surgeon of the 1st Regiment of European Infantry, who was captured at Daraporam is considered as a Prisoner of War, and incapacitated from [illegible] recommend that Mr. Nat[illegible] Anderson [illegible] be appointed to do

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duty with that Regiment, until further orders - and be directed to proceed to Camp the first opportunity.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor & Council

(Signed) W. C. Jackson Secy.

(Signed) James Anderson
Physician General

William Raine
Acting Chief Surgeon

William Duffin
Head Surgeon

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