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EAST INDIA (ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT).

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 23 April 1861;—for,

“COPIES of a MEMORIAL, dated the 4th day of April 1861, addressed by
Mancherjee Beramjee Colah to the Secretary of State for War, with
reference to the Admission of Natives of *India* to the MEDICAL DEPART-
MENT of the ARMY, and of the REPLY thereto.”

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War Office,
25 April 1861.

THOMAS GEORGE BARING.

To the Right Honourable Lord *Herbert*, Secretary of State for War, &c. &c. &c.

University College, Tower-street, W.C.,
— April 1861.

My Lord,

I beg most respectfully to submit the following statement for your Lordship's consideration.

I am a Parsee by birth, a native of Bombay, and a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. I came to London in June of last year with the especial object of competing for an appointment in Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service. Though I had completed a five years' course of medical studies in Bombay, I resolved to spend twelve months in study in this country to further my medical knowledge, and to qualify myself the better for an appointment in the army. About the beginning of November last it was announced that, in consequence of the amalgamation of the Indian and British forces, there would in future be only one examination for both the services, and that out of the successful candidates a certain number would be appointed to Her Majesty's Indian forces. It was also announced that the candidates would be admitted for examination under the same regulations which were applicable to home service. As one of these regulations required that all candidates should be unmarried, and as I was married, it formed an objection to my being admitted for examination. I consequently represented my case by a written application, dated 29th November 1860, to the Director General of the Army Medical Department, who submitted the same to your Lordship, and I was thereafter informed that your Lordship had decided it in my favour. To my utter disappointment, however, I learned from the Director General on the 5th ultimo, that as natives of India of native parentage are deemed by your Lordship unfit for entering into Her Majesty's general medical service on account of their supposed physical incapability to perform the active duties of medical officers in cold climates, such as Canada, I will not be allowed to offer myself for examination.

I would, however, humbly venture to hope that the consideration of the following facts will induce your Lordship to rescind the above decision in my case:—

1st. Natives of India are of various denominations, manners, and customs. They differ widely in their mode of life. Their constitutions are different, and, in some races, the power of resisting the vicissitudes of climate is very great. I believe, however, that I am correct in stating, that of all the natives of India, none are more English in constitution, and in mode of life generally, than my own countrymen, the Parsees.

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2d. The Parsees of the present day live in all parts of the world : a few are in Australia, a large number in China, many now in England, and within the last year two of them have established themselves in New York. For the last 50 years or more, the Parsees have borne the severe cold winters of Canton and Shanghai, without the least inconvenience to their health or risk to their life. Within the last six years they have established themselves in London, and later still, in Liverpool and Manchester, and are at this day here in sufficient numbers (about 45, including children of all ages) to enable a fair inference to be drawn. It is an unquestionable fact that they have borne several winters, and the last a most severe one, with perfect impunity. I am moreover able to say, that they follow their different occupations with an increased amount of mental and bodily labour, and yet enjoy better health and strength than they did in India. In my own case, I beg to state that during the past severe winter, I have, with ordinary warm clothing, been called out at all hours, during the night as well as day, to attend to medical duties, without experiencing any bad effects whatever. On the contrary, though working mentally for a longer time during the 24 hours than I used to do in India, I have actually improved in health since I arrived in this country.

I trust your Lordship will excuse the length of this communication, and most anxiously awaiting your decision,

I beg to subscribe myself, &c.

Muncherjee Beramjee Colah.

Sir,

War Office, 18 April 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the — instant, in which you request a reconsideration of the decision under which you are prohibited from competing for an appointment in the Army Medical Service.

In reply, I am to acquaint you, that Lord Herbert has taken the opinion of those best competent from their knowledge and experience to advise him on the subject, and the result being to confirm his own previous impression as to the constitutional unfitness of the native and mixed races of India and other tropical countries to sustain for any length of time the climate of our northern regions, his Lordship is under the necessity of adhering to the decision arrived at.

M. B. Colah, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Edward Lugard.*

EAST INDIA (ARMY MEDICAL
DEPARTMENT).

COPIES of a MEMORIAL, dated 4 April 1861,
addressed by *Muncheerjee Beramjee Colah* to
the Secretary of State for War, with reference
to the Admission of Natives of India to the
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT of the ARMY, and of
the REPLY thereto.

(*Mr. Crawford.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
26 April 1861.

EAST INDIA (ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT). *SL*

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RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 4 June 1861;—for,

“COPIES of all APPLICATIONS addressed by BRITISH SUBJECTS born in *India*,
to the Secretary of State for *India* and to the Secretary of State for War,
for permission to be allowed to compete at Public Examinations for employ-
ment in HER MAJESTY'S MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICE:”

“Of all REPLIES to such APPLICATIONS, and of all CORRESPONDENCE consequent
thereon:”

“Of the OFFICIAL REPORTS of the MEDICAL OFFICERS appointed to examine
the state of Health of the several Applicants:”

“And, of all REPORTS of MEDICAL BOARDS appointed to re-examine the several
Applicants (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 199 of the present
Session).”

War Office, }
24 June 1861. }

THOMAS GEORGE BARING.

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(Colonel Sykes.)

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25 June 1861.

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COPIES of all APPLICATIONS addressed by BRITISH SUBJECTS, born in *India*, to the Secretary of State for *India*, and to the Secretary of State for War, for permission to be allowed to compete, at public Examinations, for Employment in HER MAJESTY'S MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICE; of all REPLIES to such APPLICATIONS, and of all CORRESPONDENCE consequent thereon; of the OFFICIAL REPORTS of the MEDICAL OFFICERS appointed to examine the State of Health of the several Applicants; and of all REPORTS of MEDICAL BOARDS appointed to re-examine the several Applicants.

— No. 1. —

CORRESPONDENCE relative to the general Question of admitting Natives of *India* to the Army Medical Service. No. 1.
Correspondence

Sir,

Army Medical Department,
24 November 1860.

WITH reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the competitive examination of candidates for appointments in Her Majesty's British and Indian Medical Services, I have the honour to solicit the instructions of the Secretary of State for War, as to whether candidates above the age of 26, who state that they have been studying with a view to enter the Indian Medical Department, on the faith of the regulations of that service admitting gentlemen up to 28 years of age, may be allowed to compete at the next examination.

I beg to add, that I make this inquiry to enable me to answer numerous applications which I have received from gentlemen, who state that they are thus circumstanced.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. R. Gibson*,
Director General.

The Secretary for Military Correspondence,
&c. &c. &c.
War Office, Pall Mall.

Sir,

War Office, 1 December 1860.

I HAVE laid before the Secretary of State for War your letter of the 24th instant, in which you inquire whether candidates for appointments in the Army Medical Service, who have been studying with a view to enter the Indian Medical Department, on the faith of regulations under which they could be admitted up to 28 years of age, may be allowed to compete at the next examination, though above the age of 26.

In reply I am to acquaint you, that under the circumstances, Mr. Secretary Herbert considers that the proposal is only fair and reasonable, and should be adopted.

I am, &c.
(signed) *De Grey and Ripon*.

The Director General,
Army Medical Department.

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Correspondence.

* Letter of 30 November 1860,
page 26.

Sir,
I AM directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit to you for the consideration of Sir Charles Wood, the enclosed copy* of a letter from Mr. M. Beramjee, in reference to the application to natives of India of the regulation which requires that candidates for admission to the Army Medical Service shall not be married men.

This application has raised the more important question as to the rule which should be laid down in reference to the admission of natives of India to medical appointments with the army. They are clearly unsuited for general service, and ought therefore only to be allowed to compete for local appointments, and with native troops.

Mr. Herbert will be glad to be furnished with the opinion of Sir C. Wood on this subject, and at the same time to be informed whether any, and if so, what expectations have been held out to the students at the Medical College at Bombay of being admitted to the military medical service.

H. Merivale, Esq., C.B.
&c. &c. &c.
India Office.

War Office, 10 January 1861.
I have, &c.
(signed) F. Paulet.

Sir,
I HAVE laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council Lord F. Paulet's letter, No. 7644—161, dated the 10th instant, enclosing a representation from a native of India regarding his exclusion as a married man from the competitive examination to the medical service of the British Army; and, with reference to the concluding paragraph of the letter above quoted, I am directed to observe that expectations of being admitted to the medical service of the Indian armies are held out to native medical students in the clauses of the Acts of Parliament named in the margin, and that since the passing of the Act of 1853, several natives have obtained commissions as assistant surgeons in Her Majesty's Indian service.

3 & 4 Will. 4,
c. 85, sec. 86.
16 & 17 Vic., c. 95,
sec. 37.

I am further directed to express Sir Charles Wood's concurrence in the opinion of Lord Herbert, that natives of India of native parentage, are unsuited for general service in the British Army, and to state that he could not recommend that they should be permitted to compete for assistant surgeoncies in that army.

The provision of suitable professional employment in India for native medical students who have qualified themselves to compete for appointments on the faith of the Acts of Parliament above quoted, will be the subject of separate and early consideration.

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office.

I have, &c.
(signed) W. E. Baker,
Colonel.

CIRCULAR Despatch to the Governments of India, Madras, and Bombay.

India Office, London, 16 February 1861.

1. THE Secretary of State for War has transmitted to me a representation from Mr. M. Beramjee, a native of Bombay, in reference to the application to natives of India of the regulation which requires that candidates for admission to the Army Medical Service shall not be married men.

3 & 4 Will. 4,
c. 85, sec. 86.
16 & 17 Vic., c. 95,
sec. 37.

2. Expectations of being admitted to the medical service of the Indian armies were held out to native medical students in the clauses of the Acts of Parliament, noted in the margin, and since the passing of those Acts, several natives have obtained commissions as assistant surgeons in Her Majesty's Indian service. Examinations for such appointments have now ceased.

3. Mr. Beramjee, who represents that he left India with the special object of qualifying himself to compete for admission into the Indian Medical Service, prays that the regulation above referred to may not be enforced in his case, and that

that he may be permitted to be examined for a medical appointment. The Secretary of State for War considers natives of India of native parentage, unsuited for general service in the British army. In this opinion I have expressed my concurrence.

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Correspondence

4. I am desirous that the principals of the several medical colleges in India should be informed of the decision now communicated to you.

5. The withdrawal of the privilege of competing for military medical appointments will, no doubt, cause disappointment to native medical students, who are qualifying themselves to compete for appointments on the faith of Acts of Parliament as above quoted.

I should wish the subject of the provision of other suitable professional employment in India for such students, to engage your early consideration.

I have &c.
(signed) C. Wood.

Sir,

India Office, 19 February 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 18th instant,* and to observe, with reference to the inquiry made therein, that my letter dated 19th January last, informed you that Sir Charles Wood concurred in the opinion expressed by Lord Herbert, that natives of India of native parentage are unsuited for general service in the British army.

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Under the late Act of the Legislature, no fresh appointments will be made of assistant surgeons to Her Majesty's Indian forces. The withdrawal of the privilege of competing for military medical appointments will, no doubt, cause disappointment to native medical students who were qualifying for such appointments; and Sir Charles Wood has impressed on the Government of India the importance of endeavouring to provide suitable employment in India for such students.

The enclosure to your letter is herewith returned.

I have, &c.
(signed) W. E. Baker, Colonel.

The Secretary for Military Correspondence,
War Office.

Sir,

War Office, 2 March 1861.

HER Majesty's Government have come to the conclusion, as you are probably aware, that natives of India, born of native parents, are not constitutionally fit for general service in the army medical profession; but among the candidates who have not been allowed to compete at the recent examination for such appointments, as falling within the above definition, there are some few gentlemen whose rejection would seem to Lord Herbert open to considerable doubt.

It has occurred to his Lordship that the most satisfactory arrangement which will admit of being adopted, with a view to a solution of the difficulty, will be that a conference should be held between yourself, Sir Ranald Martin, examining Physician to the Secretary of State for India in Council, and the Director General of the Army Medical Department, at the office of the latter, to which the gentlemen in question should be summoned; and that you should consider and report your joint opinion whether they are physically qualified to stand the exposure to the various climates in which they would be required to serve.

If you will be good enough to undertake this duty, Lord Herbert would request you to communicate with Dr. Gibson as to the day and hour when it would be convenient to you to attend.

Sir John Liddell,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) T. G. Baring.

No. 1.
Correspondence.

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War Office, 2 March 1861.

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Sir Ranald Martin,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *T. G. Baring.*

Sir,

Admiralty, W. C., 4 March 1861.

WITH reference to your letter of the 2d instant, relative to a joint report being made by myself, Sir Ranald Martin, and Director General of the Army Medical Department, as to whether certain candidates for the army medical profession, who are natives of India, and born of native parents, are physically qualified to stand the exposure of the various climates in which they will be required to serve, I beg to acquaint you, for the information of Lord Herbert, that I have written to Dr. Gibson to appoint two o'clock on Wednesday next for meeting him at his office to examine the candidates in question.

T. G. Baring, Esq., M.P.
Under Secretary of State for War.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. Liddell,*
Director General, &c.

Sir,

War Office, 19 March 1861.

WITH reference to the correspondence which has passed respecting the admission of natives of India for general service in the army medical profession, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of Sir Charles Wood, that among the candidates who have not been allowed to compete at the recent examination for such appointments, there were some gentlemen whose rejection seemed to Lord Herbert open to considerable doubt.

Under these circumstances Lord Herbert deemed it advisable that the gentlemen in question should be summoned before a Board, with a view to an inquiry as to whether they were constitutionally unfit to withstand the various climates in which they would be required to serve; and I am to enclose, for Sir Charles Wood's information, a copy of the report* which has been made by the officers composing the Board.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lugard.*

* No. 16, Correspondence, page 50.

— No. 2. —

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Dr. D. R. Thompson.

No. 2.
Correspond
Dr.
D. R. Thom

18,858—190.

50, Jewin-street, Aldersgate-street,
16 November 1860.

Sir,

I BEG to solicit the favour of your attention to my request for permission to be examined for an assistant surgeonship in the Indian army, although my qualifications are not within the rules recently laid down for the admission of candidates thereto.

I was born in India, and am 27 years of age; I was educated at the Madras Medical College, and obtained my certificate of qualification there in 1855; from that time until the beginning of this year I was employed at Rangoon. I came over to England in April last, and obtained by examination the degree of doctor in medicine at St. Andrew's University in Scotland, on the 27th of September last. I have been recently informed that candidates will not be allowed to present themselves for examination who are above 28 years of age, and who are not possessed of a double qualification. I am desirous of presenting myself for examination in February next, and should feel thankful if I might, under the circumstances, be allowed to be then examined, for otherwise my prospects of advancement in Her Majesty's service in India will be quite destroyed. In consequence of the mutinies in India I was unable to obtain leave of absence to come over here and present myself for examination, and ultimately I was obliged to purchase my resignation at a considerable sum of money. I can produce at your pleasure all my certificates in India, and also my diploma, obtained in Scotland.

I have, &c.

(signed) D. R. Thompson.

The Director General, Medical Department.

No. 18,858—190.

Sir,

Army Medical Department, 7 December 1860.

In forwarding the enclosed form, I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to fill up the blanks thereof, so far as your education has proceeded, and immediately return the same to me, with a letter from yourself, addressed outside to the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, Pall Mall, with the words "Medical Department" in the left hand corner.

I have, &c.

(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.Dr. R. Thompson, Esq.,
50, Jewin-street, Aldersgate-street, E. C.

P.S.—There will not in future be any appointments made for special service in India, but the Secretary of State for War will permit any gentleman under 28 years of age who has been studying for the Indian medical service, to compete at the next examination for appointments in the Medical Department, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required.

18,858—190, A.

50, Jewin-street, Aldersgate,
10 December 1860, E.C.

Sir,

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of date 7th December 1860, No. 18,858—190, and to return the enclosed form, filled up as requested, and with it a copy of the certificate of medical education, which I received from the Madras Medical College, for your kind consideration.

I have, &c.

(signed) D. R. Thompson.

To the Director General,
Army Medical Department.

No. 2.
Correspondence.
—
Dr.
Thompson.

QUALIFICATIONS and EXAMINATION of Candidates for Commissions in the Army Medical Service.

1. EVERY candidate presenting himself for admission to the competitive examination required for the Army Medical Service, must be unmarried. He must produce a birth-certificate from the district registrar, or a certificate of baptism in which the date of birth is stated; or, if neither of these can be obtained, an affidavit from one of the parents or from some other near relative who can attest the date of birth, will be accepted. The certificate or affidavit must show that the candidate is not above 26 nor under 21 years of age. He must also produce certificates of moral conduct and character, one of them from the parochial minister, if possible.

2. The candidate must make a declaration that he labours under no mental or constitutional disease, nor any imperfection or disability that can interfere with the most efficient discharge of the duties of a medical officer in any climate. He must also attest his readiness to engage for general service immediately on being gazetted.

3. The candidate must possess a diploma in surgery, or a license to practise it, from the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Scotland, or Ireland, or from the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, or from some other corporate body legally entitled to grant a diploma in surgery, or a license to practise it. He must besides, and in addition to such diploma or license, possess a degree in medicine, or other legal qualification to practise medicine in Great Britain or Ireland.

4. Degrees, diplomas, licenses, and certificates of age and character must be lodged at the Army Medical Department for examination and registry, at least one week before the candidate appears for examination.

5. On producing the foregoing qualifications the candidate will be examined by the Examining Board, on the following subjects:—

Anatomy and physiology.

Surgery.

Medicine, including therapeutics, the diseases of women and children, chemistry, and pharmacy. (The examination in medicine and surgery will be, in part, practical, and will include operations on the dead body, the application of surgical apparatus, and the examination of medical and surgical patients at the bedside.)

Comparative anatomy, zoology, and botany, with especial reference to *Materia Medica*.

The subjects for this part of the examination will be taken from the following books:—

- (1.) "Animal Kingdom," by W. S. Dallas, F.L.S.
- (2.) "Outlines of the Structure and Functions of the Animal Kingdom," by Rymer Jones; or "Cours Élémentaire d'Histoire Naturelle," par Milne Edwards.
- (3.) Lindley's "School Botany," Lindley's "Medical and Economic Botany," Hensley's "Elementary Course of Botany."

Candidates who may desire it, may be examined in the elements of physics and in physical geography. The following books are recommended for this purpose:—

- (1.) "Elements of Natural Philosophy," by Golding Bird and C. Brooks.
- (2.) "Physical Geography," by Mrs. Somerville.

6. The names of candidates who pass the preliminary examination of the Examining Board will be sent to the Director General, and communicated to the Professors of the Army Medical School. The names will be arranged in the following classes:—

Class I.

Names of those who have passed a pre-eminently distinguished examination, arranged in their order of merit.	Characters which distinguish the excellence of each. Fitness for special service.
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Class II.

Names of those who have passed a creditable examination, arranged in alphabetical order.	Statement of the topics in which each has individually excelled or fallen short.
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Class III.

Names of candidates who have passed the minimum examination, arranged in alphabetical order.	Statement of the particular branches of science in which each has been found to be deficient.
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This information will enable the Professors of the Army Medical School to carry out their instructions with a definite aim as regards each class.

7. After

7. After passing his preliminary examination, every candidate will be required to attend one entire course of practical instruction at the army medical school, before being admitted to his examination for a commission, on,—

- (1.) Hygiene.
- (2.) Clinical and military medicine.
- (3.) Clinical and military surgery.
- (4.) Pathology of diseases and injuries incident to military service.

These courses to be of not less than four months' duration.

8. At their conclusion, the candidate will be required to pass an examination on the subjects taught in the school. The examination will be conducted by the professors of the school.

The Director General, or any medical officer deputed by him, may be present and take part in the examination. If the candidate give satisfactory evidence of being qualified for the practical duties of an army medical officer, he will be eligible for a commission as assistant surgeon.

9. During the period of his residence at the Army Medical School, each candidate will receive an allowance of 5 s. per diem, with quarters; or 7 s. per diem, without quarters, to cover all costs of maintenance; and he will be required to provide himself with uniform (viz., the regulation undress uniform of an assistant surgeon, but without the sword).

10. All candidates will be required to conform to such rules of discipline as the Senate may, from time to time, enact.

RULES for the Examination of Assistant Surgeons previous to Promotion.

THIS examination is intended as a test for promotion, and may be taken at any time after the Assistant Surgeon has served five or more years.

When Assistant Surgeons have served the requisite time, they will be examined in the following manner:—

A series of printed questions, prepared by the Examining Board, will be sealed and sent by the Director General to the principal medical officers of stations where Assistant Surgeons may be eligible for examination. It will be the duty of the principal medical officer of the station to deliver these sealed questions to the Assistant Surgeons, and to see that they are answered without the assistance of books, notes, or communication with any other person. The answers are to be signed, and delivered sealed, to the principal medical officer, who is to send them, unopened, to the Director General, together with a certificate from the surgeon of the regiment, or other superior medical officer, that the Assistant Surgeon has availed himself of every opportunity of practising surgical operations on the dead body.*

The Assistant Surgeon will also be required to transmit, together with his answers to the Director General, a medico-topographical account of the station where he may happen to be at the time, or of some other station where he may have been resident sufficiently long to enable him to collect the necessary information for such a report. Failing this, he will send a medico-statistical report of his regiment for a period of at least 12 months.

If the Examining Board is satisfied with the replies to the questions, and the Director General is satisfied with the certificates and with the medico-topographical or statistical report, the Assistant Surgeon will be held qualified for promotion.

The Assistant Surgeon will thus be subjected to three separate examinations within the first 10 years of his service, each examination having a definite object. The first, to ascertain, previous to his admission into the service as a candidate, his scientific and professional education, and to test his acquirements in the various branches of professional knowledge. The second, after having passed through a course of special instruction in the Army Medical School, to test his knowledge of the special duties of an army medical officer; and the third, previous to his promotion, to ascertain that he has kept pace with the progress of medical science.

* The Assistant Surgeon may see this certificate before it is sent to the Director General.

War Office, 24 March 1860.

SCHEDULE OF QUALIFICATIONS.

I, DANIEL ROBERT THOMPSON, 27 years of age in May last, a candidate for employment in the Medical Department of the Army, do hereby attest my readiness to engage for general service, whether at home or abroad, and to proceed on duty immediately on being gazetted.

I declare that I am unmarried, and that I labour under no mental nor constitutional disease,

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Correspondence.
—
Dr.
D. R. Thompson

disease, nor any imperfection or disability that can interfere with the most efficient discharge of the duties of a medical officer in any climate.

I have the degree of M.D. from the University of St. Andrews, dated 28 September 1860.

(signed) Daniel Robert Thompson, M.D.

50, Jewin-street, Aldersgate-street, E.C.,
10 December 1860.

MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE.

I do hereby certify that Mr. D. R. Thompson received the following courses of instruction at this institution during the Sessions 1851-52, 1852-53, 1853-54, 1854-55.

Session 1851-52.		
Anatomy	- - - - -	Dr. G. Smith.
Chemistry	- - - - -	Mr. J. E. Mayer.
Botany	- - - - -	Mr. J. E. Mayer.
Anatomical Demonstrations and Dissections	- - - - -	Dr. G. Smith.
Session 1852-53.		
Anatomy	- - - - -	Dr. G. Smith.
Physiology	- - - - -	Dr. G. Smith.
Materia Medica	- - - - -	Dr. H. F. C. Cleghorn.
Theory and Practice of Surgery	- - - - -	Mr. A. Blacklock.
Theory and Practice of Medicine	- - - - -	Dr. J. Arther.
Dissections	} Six months.	
Demonstrations		
Session 1853-54.		
Theory and Practice of Medicine	- - - - -	Dr. W. Evans.
Theory and Practice of Surgery	- - - - -	Mr. A. Blacklock.
Clinical Medicine	- - - - -	Dr. W. Evans.
Clinical Surgery	- - - - -	Mr. A. Blacklock.
Midwifery, and Diseases of Women and Children	- - - - -	Mr. J. Shaw, F.R.C.S.
Diseases of the Eye	- - - - -	Mr. J. Shaw, F.R.C.S.
Dissections	} Six months.	
Demonstrations		
Session 1854-55.		
Theory and Practice of Medicine	- - - - -	Dr. W. Evans.
Clinical Medicine	- - - - -	Dr. W. Evans.
Clinical Surgery	- - - - -	Mr. A. Blacklock.
Medical Jurisprudence	- - - - -	Mr. J. Shaw, F.R.C.S.
Diseases of the Eye	- - - - -	Mr. J. Shaw, F.R.C.S.
Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children	- - - - -	Mr. J. Shaw, F.R.C.S.
Operative Surgery	- - - - -	Mr. A. Blacklock.
Laboratory Practice	- - - - -	Mr. J. E. Mayer.

Hospital Practices.

Surgical ward from August to October 1853, and December 1854 to April 1855.

Medical ward from November 1853 to June 1854.

Eye Infirmary and Lying-in-hospital, July 1854 to November 1854.

Dispensaries, sessions 1851-52.

(signed) J. Shaw, F.R.C.S.,
Principal Madras Medical College.

Madras Medical College,
23 July 1860.

Each session occupying nine months.

Army Medical Department,
14 December 1860.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing a schedule of your professional education, I have the honour to acquaint you, that by the Royal Warrant of the 13th January 1860, regulating the admission of medical officers to the Indian military forces, it is laid down that a candidate must possess both a medical and surgical qualification before he can be admitted to the competitive examination for a commission; and it will be equally necessary for you to obtain a diploma or license to practise surgery in addition to your degree in medicine, before your name can be placed on the list of candidates for general service, for the examination which will take place in February 1861, the

Secretary

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Secretary of State for War having sanctioned any gentleman under 28 years of age, who has been studying for the Indian medical service, to compete at the next examination for appointments in the medical department of the army, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required.

No. 2.
Correspondent
Dr.
R. B. Thompson

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

Dr. D. R. Thompson,
50, Jewin-street, Aldersgate-street.

(18,858—190 B.)

Sir,
59, Euston-square, 6 February 1861.
In accordance to your letter, No. 18,858—184 B., dated 14 December 1860, I have the honour to inform you, that I have obtained the diploma in surgery therein required, and beg you will be good enough to place my name on the list of candidates for general service for the next examination.

I have, &c.
(signed) *D. R. Thompson, M.D.*
Director General Army Medical Department.

J. Gibson, Esq.,

(18,858—190 B.)

Sir,
Army Medical Department,
7 February 1861.
In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, I have the honour to inform you, that the next competitive examination will take place at Chelsea Hospital, on Monday the 18th instant, at ten o'clock a. m.
You will therefore be pleased to attend at this office, on Tuesday the 12th instant, between the hours of 11 and 3 o'clock, bringing with you your degrees, diplomas, licenses, certificates of age and moral character, and letter of recommendation for examination and registry.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

Dr. D. R. Thompson,
59, Euston-square, N. W.

(18,858—190 C.)

Daniel Robert Thompson, M. D. (St. Andrew's), aged 27.

I CERTIFY that this gentleman's degree, diploma and certificates are in conformity with the regulations (for the India Medical Service).
Certificate of age herewith.

(signed) *J. G. FitzGerald,*
Staff Surgeon.

Army Medical Department,
12 February 1861.

(18,858—190 C.)

Daniel Robert, son of Robert Thompson, Bombardier Horse Artillery, and Catherine his wife, Indo-Briton, born May 14, 1833; was baptised July 8, 1833, by

(signed) *C. Jeaffreson,* Chaplain.

The above is a true extract, taken from the register of baptisms kept at this chaplaincy, as examined by me.

(signed) *John M. Evoy, M. A.*
Honourable Company's Chaplain,
District of Nagpore.

Kamptee, 15 May 1848.

No. 2.
Correspondence.

Dr.
D. R. Thompson.

I HAVE pleasure in certifying, as regards Mr. D. R. Thompson, late an assistant apothecary in Her Majesty's East Indian Service, who has purchased his discharge, that during his service under my supervision, very nearly three years, he has shown considerable professional ability, has always been attentive to his duties, and his conduct in every respect satisfactory.

(signed) *H. Graham*, Madras Medical Establishment.
Superintending Surgeon.

Rangoon, 31 January 1860.

Pegu Division.

London, 12 May 1860.

I HAVE much pleasure in certifying that I have known Mr. D. R. Thompson since the year 1853. He was then a student and did duty under me in India for some time. I consider him to be a gentleman of good moral character, and superior medical attainments as a student. He evinced the greatest zeal and attention to his studies, and was always desirous of embracing every opportunity of furthering his knowledge in medicine and surgery.

(signed) *J. Shortt*, M. D., M. B. C. P. L., F. L. S.
Assistant Surgeon Madras Army.

I HEREBY certify that the foregoing certificates are correct copies of the originals in the possession of this college.

Royal College Surgeons of England,
4 February 1861.

(signed) *Edm. Belfour*,
Secretary.

Army Medical Department,
16 February 1861.

Sir,

ADVERTING to previous correspondence. I have now the honour to request you will call upon me at this office, on Monday morning next, the 18th instant, instead of attending at Chelsea Hospital.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson*,
Director General.

D. R. Thompson, Esq., M. D.,
59, Euston Square.

(18,858—190.)

Army Medical Department,
5 March 1861.

Sir,

THE Secretary of State for War having appointed a Board, consisting of Sir R. Martin, Sir John Liddell, and myself, to furnish a report as to your fitness physically, for employment in the Army Medical Department, I have the honour to hope you will be able to make it convenient to attend at this office, at 2 p. m., to-morrow.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson*,
Director General.

Dr. D. R. Thompson,
50, Jewin Street, E.C.

(18,858—190 A.)

Army Medical Department,
6 March 1861.

Sir,

THE Secretary of State for War having appointed a Board, consisting of Sir R. Martin, Sir John Liddell, and myself, to furnish a report as to your fitness physically for appointment to the Army Medical Department, I have the honour to hope you will be able to make it convenient to attend at this office, on Friday next, the 8th instant, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson*,
Director General.

D. R. Thompson, Esq.,
59, Euston Square, N. W.

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87, Marylebone Road,
9 April 1861.

No. 2.
Correspondence
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Dr.
D. R. Thompson

Sir,

ON the faith of the 87th section of the Act 3 & 4 William 4, c. 85, and the Queen's Gracious Proclamation, of August 1858, I left India on the 3d February, and arrived in England in April 1860. I held the office of apothecary in the Madras Army, and it fell to me to be left in charge of the Native Detail Hospital, at Rangoon, for the years 1857, 1858, and 1859; but as the office did not hold out any prospect of bettering my condition, or of my rising to distinction, I saved what little I could from my pay to enable me to prosecute my medical studies in Great Britain.

I studied at St. Andrew's, and obtained from the University of St. Andrew's, in Scotland, the degree of M. D. in Medicine, and subsequently having passed the new and severe examination of the Royal College of Surgeons, in London, I obtained the diploma of surgery.

The usual official public notification in the press having informed me of an open competition on the 18th February, for the office of assistant surgeon in Her Majesty's service, for all Her Majesty's subjects, duly qualified, I notified to Dr. Gibson, Director General of the Army Medical Department, my intention to compete for an assistant surgeoncy; and having been duly examined by Dr. White, the official examiner, with respect to the soundness of my constitution, and goodness of my general health, Dr. Gibson appointed me to attend the competitive examination on the 18th February, and I accordingly attended; but on the morning of the day was told by Dr. Gibson that as appointments were no longer to be made for the medical service of India, I could not be allowed to compete, because from my being born in India, my health would break down in case I was sent to serve in rigid climates. My reply was, that my health was perfectly good, and that I was quite willing to serve in any part of the world; and that, after having come to England to win a commission in Her Majesty's service, exhausting my slender means in the attempt, it would be very hard upon me to have my hopes blighted; nevertheless, Dr. Gibson refused to permit me to compete. Since that date I have been called before a Medical Board, consisting of Drs. Gibson, Sir John Liddell, and Sir R. Martin, on the 8th March, to examine my state of health, and I have reason to believe the Board must have been satisfied with it; but since that period I have not had any communication from the War Office respecting the claim which I respectfully prefer to be allowed to compete for a commission in Her Majesty's medical service. Since being examined by the Medical Board, I have obtained the honour of being appointed a licentiate of midwifery by the Royal College of Surgeons.

As my original slender means are being rapidly exhausted, I trust the Secretary of State for War will give me an early opportunity of realizing the object of my ambition.

T. G. Baring, Esq., M. P.,
Under Secretary of State for War.

I have, &c.
(signed) D. R. Thompson, M. D.

Sir,

War Office, 13 April 1861.

I HAVE laid before the Secretary of State for War your letter of the 9th instant, in which you remonstrate against the decision not to permit you to compete for an appointment in the Army Medical Service.

In reply, I am to acquaint you that Lord Herbert regrets that the opinion of the Board of Medical Officers, by whom you were examined, was to the effect that you are constitutionally unfit for employment in the various northern climates in which the British army is called upon to serve.

I am to add, that a copy of the report of the Medical Board having been forwarded to the Secretary of State for India, Lord Herbert presumed that the result would have been communicated to you from the India Office.

D. R. Thompson, Esq., M. D.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) E. Lugard.

No. 2.
Correspondence.
Dr.
D. R. Thompson.

Sir,

97, Maryibone-road, 17 April 1861.

I HAVE received with surprise and mortification your letter of the 13th of April, stating that, in the opinion of a Board of Medical Officers, I was constitutionally unfit for employment in the various northern climates in which the British army is called upon to serve. I have now been more than one year in England, exposed to the severest winter almost known, and I have never been ill for a single day.

Under the most trying circumstances of a pestilential climate in Burmah I constantly preserved my health, and was never absent from hospital duties for a day; moreover, previously to my examination by the Medical Board, Dr. White, the Government examiner, had pronounced me physically eligible to compete. I respectfully beg, therefore, to ask in what way I am constitutionally unfitted to be employed in northern climates; and I must appeal against the decision of a medical opinion which I feel is not founded on fact, and I am quite willing to submit myself to examination by medical men attached to Life Insurance Offices. I cannot believe that I am to be deprived of the rights of a British subject guaranteed by Acts of Parliament, Her Majesty's gracious proclamation of August 1858, and the recent declaration of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, because I was born in India, and with a bare shade of native blood inherited from one parent; but I have reason to fear that such is the fact, as I have seen a letter addressed by Dr. Gibson, Director General of the Army Medical Department, to Mr. W. Lyons, who was born in India, and now studying for a commission in the Army Medical Service, stating that he will only be eligible to attend the next competitive examination for appointment in the Medical Department of the Army in case both his parents are Europeans.

I have, &c.

Sir E. Lugard, K. C. B.,
Major General.

(signed) D. R. Thompson, M. D.

Sir,

War Office, 27 April 1861.

I HAVE laid before the Secretary of State for War your letter of the 17th instant, in which you urge a reconsideration of the decision by which you are debarred from entering the Army Medical Service.

In reply, I am to acquaint you, that the officers composing the Medical Board by which you were examined, were selected as being specially qualified from their knowledge and experience, to advise the Secretary of State as to whether you and others similarly situated, were constitutionally capable of serving for any length of time in northern climates; and Lord Herbert, much as he regrets the disappointment which the decision has occasioned you, feels bound to give effect to the opinion which he has received from those officers on the subject.

I am, &c.

D. R. Thompson, Esq., M. D.

(signed) Ed. Lugard.

— No. 3. —

No. 3.
Correspondence.
Mr. D. Picachy.

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. D. Picachy.

(18,858—183.)

No. 54, Bernard-street, Russell Square,
12 November 1860.

Sir,

WITH reference to a notification in to-day's "Times," I beg the favour of you letting me know if the candidates for the Indian Medical Service are to conform to the same rules as those for the Home Service, or if they will be allowed to present themselves under the old rules of the Indian service.

I remain, &c.

(signed) D. Picachy.

To the Secretary, Medical Department,
War Office.

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Army Medical Department,
20 November 1860.

No. 3.
Correspondence
Mr. D. Pica

Sir,

IN reply to your note of the 12th instant, relative to the Indian medical examination, I have the honour to acquaint you that the subject is at present under the consideration of the Secretary of State for War, and as soon as I receive his decision you will be duly informed.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

D. Picachy, Esq.,
54, Bernard-street, Russell Square, W. C.

(18,858—183 A.)

No. 54, Bernard-street, Russell Square,
20 November 1860.

Sir,

It being notified that no separate examination is to take place next January for the Indian Medical Service, and presuming, therefore, that all competitors will be required to conform to the rules now applicable for admission into Her Majesty's British Medical Staff, I beg respectfully to lay the following circumstances of my case before you.

I am a British-born subject and graduated at the Medical College in Calcutta, but since then, obtained my degree from the Royal College of Surgeons here. I held an uncovenanted appointment under the East India Company for upwards of six years, which I resigned after the late mutiny, for the express purpose of coming to England for this competitive examination, and being eligible for it, particularly in reference to qualifications and age, according to the regulations hitherto in operation.

I am now, however, 27 years old, and would deem it a great hardship indeed, after the heavy pecuniary expenses I have incurred, and the preparation I have been making for some time past, to be precluded from competing at the ensuing term, owing to changes in the regulations which I could not have anticipated.

Venturing, therefore, to solicit your kind and favourable consideration to this my representation, and begging to be allowed to enter upon the ensuing competition,—

I beg, &c.
(signed) *D. Picachy.*

To Dr. J. B. Gibson, c.B.,
Director General Army Medical Department.

(18,858—183.)

Army Medical Department,
7 December 1860.

Sir,

IN forwarding the enclosed Form, I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to fill up the blanks thereof, so far as your education has proceeded, and immediately return the same to me, with a letter from yourself, addressed outside to the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, Pall Mall, with the words "Medical Department," in the left hand corner.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

D. Picachy, Esq.
54, Bernard-street, Russell Square, W.C.

P. S.—There will not in future be any appointments made for special service in India, but the Secretary of State for War will permit any gentleman under 28 years of age, who has been studying for the Indian Medical Service, to compete at the next examination for appointments in the Medical Department, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required.

No. 8.
Correspondence.

(18,858—183 B.)

Mr. D. Picachy.

To Dr. *J. R. Gibson*, Director General, Army Medical Department.

Sir,

IN reply to your letter, No. 18,858—183, of the 7th instant, I beg to return the schedule therewith sent, filled up as far as I am able at present.

I have, in addition, my certificates from the Medical College of Bengal, and am at present attending King's College.

I have, &c.
(signed) *D. Picachy*.

QUALIFICATIONS and EXAMINATION of Candidates for Commissions in the
Army Medical Service.

For particulars, see case of Dr. Thompson, page 8.

(18,858—183 B.)

SCHEDULE OF QUALIFICATIONS.

Recommended by John A. Power, L. M., Cantab., M. R. C. P., Lond.

I, DAVID PICACHY, twenty-seven (27) years of age, in March last, a candidate for employment in the Medical Department of the Army, do hereby attest my readiness to engage for general service, whether at home or abroad, and to proceed on duty immediately on being gazetted.

I declare that I am unmarried, and that I labour under no mental nor constitutional disease, nor any imperfection or disability that can interfere with the most efficient discharge of the duties of a medical officer in any climate.

I have a diploma in surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons of England, dated 26th October 1855.

54, Bernard-street, Russell-square, W. C.
10 December 1860.

(signed) *David Picachy*.

Sir,

Army Medical Department, 14 December 1860.

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing a schedule of your professional education, I have the honour to acquaint you that by the Royal Warrant of the 13th January 1860, regulating the admission of medical officers to the Indian Military Forces, it is laid down that a candidate must possess both a medical and surgical qualification before he can be admitted to the competitive examination for a commission, and it will be equally necessary for you to obtain a degree in medicine, or license to practise it, in addition to your diploma in surgery, before your name can be placed on the list of candidates for general service, for the examination which will take place in February 1861; the Secretary of State for War having sanctioned any gentleman under 28 years of age, who has been studying for the Indian Medical Service, to compete at the next examination for appointments in the Medical Department of the Army, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required.

D. Picachy, Esq,
54, Bernard-street, Russell-square.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson*,
Director General.

To the Secretary of State for War, Pall Mall.

Sir,

IN consequence of a very recent order by which persons of a mixed European and native parentage, like myself, are precluded from entering the Army Medical Service, I beg to lay the following circumstances of my case before you, in the hope that the boon of compensation which has been granted to some may likewise be extended to me.

I was

I was born in Calcutta, where my father and myself both held service under the late East India Company, and he is now a Government pensioner. I was a sub-assistant surgeon in the Bengal Presidency for upwards of six years, and I resigned my appointment there for the special purpose of presenting myself as a candidate for the Indian Medical Service. I arrived in England in March 1860, since which time two changes have been introduced which I could not have anticipated, viz., the amalgamation of the Queen's and India medical services, and more especially the rule above alluded to.

In accordance, however, with the regulations heretofore in operation, I have incurred the heavy expense of passage money, and obtained such certificates of qualification as were deemed requisite, and which are now completely lost to me. A memorandum of these I enclose, as also extracts from correspondence relating thereto with the Director General of the Army Medical Department.

I regret my means will not admit of my prolonging my stay here to ascertain the result of this my solicitation, which I leave to your favourable consideration. I sail to-morrow for Calcutta, but Mr. J. C. Tompkins, of 18, York Place, Baker-street, Portman-square, will act on my behalf, and furnish any other information that may be needed.

I remain, &c.

(signed) *D. Picachy,*

Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England,
and Graduate Bengal Medical College.

54, Bernard-street, Russell-square,
London, 3 May 1861.

P.S.—Statement of monies actually expended by me:—

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
For passage per Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer from Calcutta	102	--	--			
Ditto - - ditto - - - - -	117	--	--			
For certificates referred to by accompanying documents	29	8	--			
				248	8	--
For value of appointment as sub-assistant surgeon of second grade resigned as above-mentioned	200	--	--			
For private practice abandoned from February 1860 to June 1861	200	--	--			
				400	--	--
				£.	648	8 --

(signed) *D. Picachy, M.R.C.S.L.*

MEMORANDUM OF CERTIFICATES obtained in conformity to the old Regulations for Admission into the Indian Medical Service.

- Certificates from King's College for medical, surgical and midwifery practice.
- Certificate of operative surgery from Bartholomew's Hospital.
- Certificate of attendance at the Charing Cross Ophthalmic Hospital.
- Certificate of attendance at the Insane Asylum at the Bethlem Hospital.

Sir,

War Office, 14 May 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit to you for the consideration of Sir C. Wood, the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Picachy, in which he applies for redress for not having been allowed to compete for an appointment in the Army Medical Department.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Ed. Lugard.*

No. 3.
Correspondence.
Mr. D. Picachy.

Sir,

War Office, 14 May 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d instant, in which you represent the hardship which has been inflicted upon you, in consequence of your not having been allowed to compete for an appointment in the Army Medical Department, and to acquaint you in reply that Lord Herbert has caused your letter to be referred for the consideration of the Secretary of State for India.

I am at the same time to remind you that you were informed in December last, by the Director General of the Army Medical Department, that you were ineligible to compete for such appointment, on the ground of your not being possessed of a license to practice medicine, and that you have not since reported yourself to have acquired this qualification.

D. Picachy, Esq., M.R.C.S.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Ed. Lugard.*

Sir,

India Office, 3 June 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th ultimo, forwarding copy of an application from Mr. Picachy for compensation for not having been allowed to compete for an appointment in the Army Medical Department. As it appears that this gentleman failed to pass at the examination held in July last for the Indian Medical Service, Sir Charles Wood is of opinion that he is not entitled to compensation from this office.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. E. Baker, Colonel.*

The Secretary for Military Correspondence,
&c. &c. &c.
War Office.

— No. 4. —

No. 4.
Correspondence.
Dr. S. P. Andy.

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Dr. S. P. Andy.

(18,858-184.)

To the Secretary Medical Department, War Office.

5, Noel Street, Islington, N.,
12 November 1860.

Sir,

BEING given to understand that the examination for the Indian Medical Service will be conducted along with the Home Army Medical Service, I shall feel obliged if you will kindly inform me whether the examination will be conducted under the usual rules of the Indian Army, or that of the present rules of the British Army.

I remain, &c.
(signed) *S. Pulney Andy, M. D.*

Army Medical Department,
20 November 1860.

Sir,

IN reply to your note of the 12th instant, relative to the Indian Medical Examination, I have the honour to acquaint you that the subject is at present under the consideration of the Secretary of State for War, and as soon as I receive his decision you will be duly informed.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

Dr. S. Pulney Andy,
5, Noel Street, Islington, N.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT (INDIA).

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(18,858-184 A.)

No. 4.
Correspondence
Dr. S. P. Andy

5 Noel Street, Islington,
20 November 1860.

Sir,

I AM a native of India, and received my medical education at Madras Medical College. On the faith of existing regulations as to age and qualifications for admission into Her Majesty's Service in India, I came to England for the express purpose of competing for medical commission in Her Majesty's Indian forces.

I have qualified myself according to the hitherto existing regulations, and have for some months been anxiously preparing for the competition which I understood was likely to take place next February.

The new regulations promulgated within the last few days, without previous notice, assimilating the qualifications as to age, &c., in the hitherto distinct services, have disqualified me (for I am above the prescribed age of 26), and without any fault or neglect on my part, have utterly blighted my prospects, and reasonable expectation of attaining a position, which has long been the object of my ambition, and for which I have made such great pecuniary and other sacrifices.

Seeing, therefore, that I could not possibly have foreseen or guarded against this unexpected change of arrangements, and that I had taken this step, of such serious importance to me, on the faith of publicly recognised regulations, I venture to beg for your kind and favourable consideration of my case, and that I may still be allowed to enter upon the ensuing competition.

I remain, &c.
(signed) S. Pulney Andy, M. D.

To the Director General of the
Army Medical Department.

(18,858-184.)

Army Medical Department,
7 December 1860.

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed form, I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to fill up the blanks thereof, so far as your education has proceeded, and immediately return the same to me, with a letter from yourself, addressed outside to the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, Pall Mall, with the words "Medical Department" in the left hand corner.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson, Director General.

S. P. Andy, Esq.,
5, Noel Street, Islington, N.

P. S.—There will not, in future, be any appointments made for special service in India, but the Secretary of State for War will permit any gentleman under 28 years of age, who has been studying for the Indian Medical Service, to compete at the next examination for appointments in the Medical Department, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required.

(18,858-184 B.)

5, Noel-street, Islington, N.
10 December 1860.

Sir,

With reference to your letter, No. 18,858-184 A., dated 7th instant, I have the honour to return the enclosed form, filled as requested; and that with regard to the rules it contains requiring a distinct diploma both in surgery and medicine, I beg to bring to your favourable consideration that I have hitherto qualified myself on the faith of the then existing regulations for the Indian Service, in the 3d para. of which it states, "A diploma in surgery, or a degree in medicine, provided an examination in surgery be required for such a degree, from somebody

No. 4.
Correspondence.
Dr. S. P. Andy.

competent by law to grant or confer such diploma or degree;" and as the fulfilment of the present requirements so suddenly demanded does not, I am sorry to say, give me time enough to obtain a distinct diploma in surgery, and as the examination for the degree which I now hold as "Doctor of Medicine" from the University of St. Andrews comprised both the subjects of surgery as well as medicine, I therefore pray that you will kindly permit the diploma to be sufficient for both purposes.

I have, &c.

J. B. Gibson, Esq., M. D., C. B.,
Director General
Army Medical Department.

(signed) S. Pulney Andy, M. D.

QUALIFICATIONS and EXAMINATION of CANDIDATES for Commissions in the Army Medical Service.

For particulars, see case of Dr. Thompson, page 8.

SCHEDULE OF QUALIFICATIONS.

I, SENJEE PULNEY ANDY, 27 years of age, in May last, a candidate for employment in the Medical Department of the Army, do hereby attest my readiness to engage for general service, whether at home or abroad, and to proceed on duty immediately on being gazetted.

I declare that I am unmarried, and that I labour under no mental nor constitutional disease, nor any imperfection or disability that can interfere with the most efficient discharge of the duties of a medical officer in any climate.

I have the degree of M. D. from the University of St. Andrews, 28th September 1860.

(signed) Senjee Pulney Andy, M. D.

5, Noel-street, Islington, N.,
10 December 1860.

Army Medical Department,
14 December 1860.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing a schedule of your professional education, I have the honour to acquaint you that by the Royal Warrant of the 13th January 1860, regulating the admission of medical officers to the Indian Military Forces, it is laid down that a candidate must possess both a medical and surgical qualification before he can be admitted to the competitive examination for a commission, and it will be equally necessary for you to obtain a diploma or license to practise surgery in addition to your degree in medicine, before your name can be placed on the list of candidates for general service, for the examination which will take place in February 1861, the Secretary of State for War having sanctioned any gentleman under 28 years of age, who has been studying for the Indian Medical Service, to compete at the next examination for appointments in the Medical Department of the Army, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required.

I have, &c.

Dr. S. P. Andy,
5, Noel-street, Islington, N.

(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

(18,858-184 C.)

5, Noel-street, Islington, N.
1 February 1861.

Sir,

In compliance to the request contained in your letter, No. 18,858-184 B., dated 14th December 1860, I beg to state for your information, that I have obtained the diploma of member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and trust that you will be pleased to place my name on the list of candidates for the next competitive examination.

I have, &c.

To the Director General
of the Army Medical Department.

(signed) S. Pulney Andy, M. D.

(18,858-184 C.)

Army Medical Department,
6 February 1861.

Dr. S. P. Andy

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, I have now the honour to inform you that the next competitive examination will take place at Chelsea Hospital, on Monday the 18th instant, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

You will therefore be pleased to attend at this office on Tuesday, the 12th instant, between the hours of 11 and 3 o'clock, bringing with you your degrees, diplomas, licenses, certificates of age, and moral character, and letter of recommendation for examination and registry.

I have, &c.

Dr. S. P. Andy, 5, Noel-street,
Islington, N.

(signed) *J. B. Gibson*,
Director General.

(18,858-184 D.)

Senjee Pulney Andy, M.D., St. Andrews.

I CERTIFY that I have examined this gentleman's diploma, degree, and certificates, and find the same in conformity with the regulations.

Certificate of age herewith, scarcely formal, but the best he can obtain.

Army Medical Department,
12 February 1861.

T. G. Fitzgerald, Staff Surgeon.

(18,858-184 D.)

THIS is to certify that I have known S. Pulney Andy from his infancy; he is of respectable parentage, and to the best of my recollection that he was born about the commencement of May, in the year of 1833 (Eighteen hundred and Thirty-three), at Trichinopoly, in the suburbs of Madras Presidency.

Madras, 16 January 1860.

(signed) *Mootooveeroo*, Sub'-Major,
25th Regiment, N. I.

Army Medical Department,
16 February 1861.

Sir,

ADVERTING to previous correspondence, I have now the honour to request you will call upon me at this office on Monday morning next, the 18th instant, instead of attending at Chelsea Hospital.

I have, &c.

S. P. Andy, Esq., M.D.
5, Noel-street, Islington.

(signed) *J. B. Gibson*,
Director General.

Sir,

5, Noel-street, Islington, N.
19 February 1861.

WITH reference to the verbal intimation received from you yesterday, stating that natives of India were not eligible for employment in the military service, I have the honour to request that you will kindly favour me with a copy of any rules issued by order of the Government, or any Act of Parliament to that effect. The objection now stated should have been made at once when I applied last year for admission to the examination, which application, on the contrary, met the sanction of the Secretary of State for War; and you directed me to obtain a diploma in surgery, in addition to my degree in medicine, in order to render myself thoroughly eligible according to the recent rules of the service, for the accomplishment of which I have undergone considerable heavy expense, both in money and time.

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 S. P. Andy.

2. If the Bengal mutiny has been a cause to exclude Indians from the military service, I beg to state that I am the first native from the loyal presidency of Madras, and a man of the highest order of caste, who has offered himself for a medical commission. I came to England on the faith of the advertised promises of Her Majesty's Government, thereby infringing the most revered laws of my country, rendering myself subject to excommunication from my relatives and friends, besides from native society. I am sorry to be obliged to add that if this news of my disappointment should reach India, it will create a great deal of grievance and mistrust in the faith of the British Government. Such combined grievances, chiefly relating to caste, as your Government are aware, had been the cause of the late mutiny.

3. The pecuniary remuneration which you stated that the Secretary of State for India is desirous of granting to me, will not in any way enable me to redeem my caste; and as you were the communicant on this subject from the Secretary of State, I deem that it is but right that you should be pleased to lay this my grievance before him, and procure me at least a free passage to Madras, and an appointment as a covenanted civil surgeon, either giving me charge of one of the civil dispensaries in the presidency division or the zillahs (collectorates) upon the same footing as those of the zillah surgeons from the Military Medical Service, with regard to pay, privileges, and status in society. There are other offices, the duties of which I am competent to fulfil; such as of an assay-master, if such appointment is vacant at the Mint; and I trust that if, from State reasons, I am deemed ineligible for the appointment for which, on the faith of the published offers of Government, I have laboured and studied both in India and in England, I may be indemnified by some such appointment, so far as the mere pecuniary loss can be satisfied.

4. I shall, however, in such case, deeply regret that I have not the opportunity of serving Her Majesty in my proper medical capacity, to insure which, I have, with great difficulty, made my way to Great Britain, have passed nearly a year in arduous study in this country, and have obtained the degree of Doctor in Medicine, and of Member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

5. I trust, in conclusion, that you will kindly submit this to Sir Charles Wood with your kind support, and obtain an early reply, as my detention in England will only entail on me unnecessary expense and loss of time.

I have, &c.
 (signed) *Senjee Pulney Andy, M.D., M.R.C.S.L.*

Dr. J. B. Gibson, C.B., Director General,
 Army Medical Department.

To the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Wood*, Secretary of State for India.

5, Noel-street, Islington, N.
 25 February 1861.

Sir,

WITH reference to the request contained in the note of your private secretary, dated 23d instant, I beg to state that my letter of the 19th submitted through the Director General of the Army Medical Department contains a full statement of my case; however, I now submit a brief account of my wishes to your favourable consideration.

In the hope of obtaining a commission in the Military Medical Service, which was the highest boon that natives of India could aspire to in Her Majesty's service, and for which ambition, in the faith of the publicly advertised promises of Her Majesty, I have laboured and studied, both in India and in this country, I made my way to Great Britain with great difficulty, infringing the most revered laws of my country, although a man of the highest caste; I have submitted to abandon this position, and have rendered myself subject to excommunication from my friends and relations. I have passed nearly a year in arduous study in Britain, and obtained the degree of Doctor in Medicine, and Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, for the accomplishment of which I have undergone considerable heavy pecuniary and other sacrifices.

Dr.

Dr. Gibson has informed me that you are desirous of granting me some pecuniary remuneration and an employment in the Civil Service; I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to provide me with a free passage to Madras, and an appointment as a covenanted civil surgeon, either giving me the charge of one of the civil dispensaries in the presidency division, or the zillahs (collectorates), on the same footing as those of the zillah surgeons from the Military Medical Service, with regard to pay, privileges, and status in society. I beg also to bring to your notice that there is an appointment of the kind I allude to granted by the Madras Government to an apothecary (Dr. J. Howard) who came home and graduated, and who, though yet retained in the subordinate Medical Service, holds an appointment as civil surgeon of Ganjam.

My sincere wish is that my appointment should be granted by the Home Government, and instructions sent to the local Government to have my name enrolled on the list of covenanted civil medical servants, instead of having me employed as an uncovenanted sub-assistant surgeon, which is an inferior appointment, and not in any way equal to compensate my labour, pecuniary loss, and my high professional position.

I trust in conclusion that you will kindly take my case into your liberal and generous consideration, and be pleased to grant my request, and despatch me by the next mail if possible, as my detention in England only entails on me heavy additional expense which I can ill afford.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Senjee Pulney Andy, M.D., M.R.C.S.I.*

Army Medical Department,

27 February 1861.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward for the consideration and decision of the Secretary of State for War, the accompanying communication* from Dr. Senjee Pulney Andy, relative to his having been refused admission to the competitive examination of candidates for the Medical Department of the Army.

Letter of 19 February. Page 21.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson, Director General.*

The Secretary for Military Correspondence,
&c. &c. &c.
War Office.

War Office, 5 March 1861.

Sir,

I AM directed by Lord Herbert to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Director General of the Army Medical Department, by Dr. Senjee Pulney Andy, claiming redress for the disappointment to which he has been subjected by not having been allowed admission to the competitive examination of candidates for the Medical Department of the Army.

In laying this letter before the Secretary of State for India in Council, I am to request that you will observe to him that the statements contained in it appear to Lord Herbert to be deserving of serious consideration.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lugard.*

H. Merivale, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.
India Office.

War Office, 5 March 1861.

Sir,

Your letter, dated the 19th ultimo, addressed to the Director General of the Army Medical Department, having been referred to Lord Herbert, I am to state to you in reply that it is with sincere regret his Lordship has learnt the disappointment which you have experienced at the discontinuance of a separate medical service for India. He has transmitted a copy of your letter to the Secretary of State for India in Council for his consideration.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lugard.*

Dr. Senjee Pulney Andy,
&c. &c. &c.

No 4.
Correspondence.
Dr. S. P. Andy.

Army Medical Department,
6 March 1861.

THE Director General presents his compliments to Mr. Andy, and with reference to previous correspondence, trusts he will be able to make it convenient to call at this office to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.

Dr. S. P. Andy, 5, Noel-street,
Islington, N.

(18,858-184 D.)

Army Medical Department,
6 March 1861.

Sir,

WITH reference to previous correspondence, I have the honour to inform you that in consequence of the varied climates medical officers of Her Majesty's army have to encounter, it has been thought advisable (as will be seen on reference to the enclosed copy of a letter from the India Office) not to subject natives of India to the chances of service out of that country, and it has consequently been decided that native gentlemen should not be permitted to compete for appointments in the general military service. Should you wish to be employed in India, I would suggest that you apply direct to the Secretary of State for India.

India Office,
19/2/61.
Colonel Baker to
Secretary for Military
Correspondence,
War Office.

Dr. S. P. Andy, 5 Noel-street,
Islington (N.).

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

India Office, S.W.,
19 March 1861.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, and to acquaint you in reply that Dr. S. P. Andy has addressed to Sir Charles Wood a direct communication on the subject of his claim to compensation for the disappointment of his expectations to be allowed to compete for admission to the medical department of the Indian army, to which service native gentlemen have hitherto been eligible. I am directed further to observe that the rejection of these gentlemen as candidates for the army medical department rests entirely with the Secretary of State for War.

The Secretary of Military Correspondence,
War Office.

I have, &c.
(signed) W. E. Baker,
Colonel.

Sir,

India Office, 21 March 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 25th February, stating the expectations of professional employment with which you came to England, and requesting that a covenanted civil appointment in the medical service in India may be guaranteed to you, and that you may be compensated for the expense which you have incurred for the attainment of professional knowledge in this country.

Sir C. Wood regrets that the changes lately determined upon in the organization of the Indian armies have prevented the fulfilment of your just expectations to be allowed to compete for a commission in the Indian medical department.

He has instructed the Government of India to take into early consideration the subject of the provision of suitable professional employment for native medical gentlemen; and in consideration of the expenses which you have incurred in coming to this country, and in qualifying yourself for the competitive examination, he is prepared to grant you a sum of 100 l. on the production of a certificate

cate from Sir J. R. Martin, Examining Physician, that you would have been qualified to compete at the examination for the Indian medical service under the old regulations, and to grant you 100 l. in addition as soon as you have taken your passage to return to India.

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Correspondence.
Dr. S. P. Andy.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. E. Baker*, Colonel.

Dr. S. P. Andy.

CERTIFIED that I have this day examined the various testimonials and diplomas presented by Mr. P. Andy. They prove that Mr. Andy would have been qualified to compete at the examination for the Indian medical service under the old regulations.

Grosvenor-street, 22 March 1861.

(signed) *J. R. Martin*.

100 l. passed to Mr. Andy 26 March 1861.
100 l. passage „ 28 March 1861.

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CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. *Beramjee*.

No. 5.
Correspondence.
Mr. *Beramjee*.

To Dr. *Gibson*, c. b., Director General, Medical Department, Horse Guards.

University College, Gower-street, W.C.,
30 November 1860.

Sir,
I would beg respectfully to submit the following circumstances for consideration.

I am a native of Bombay, and by birth a Parsee. I have completed a five years' course of study in medicine, and possess the diploma of the Grant Medical College of Bombay.

In May of last year I left India with the special object of qualifying myself to compete for admission into Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service, and had hoped to have presented myself for examination in June of next year, but according to the regulations, only lately issued, I find that candidates must be unmarried.

Like the great majority of, not only my own class, but of the inhabitants of India generally, I have, although only now 24 years of age, been married for several years; and I may mention that of the 50 students, or thereabouts, now attending the medical college in Bombay, certainly not more than five are unmarried.

I would, therefore, very respectfully venture to represent that, not only would the enforcement of the above-named regulation have the effect of practically nullifying Her Majesty's gracious decision, that the natives of India should be allowed to present themselves for examination along with the rest of her subjects, but that it would fall with particular severity upon myself, as on the faith of the regulations until now in force, I have undergone the expense of coming to this country solely with the before-named object.

May I, therefore, venture to hope that the regulation in question may not be enforced in my case; and on behalf of those of my countrymen, who may in future, like myself, be desirous of obtaining the high honour of an appointment in Her Majesty's Indian service, I would likewise very humbly presume to solicit that the same exemption may be applied to them.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Muncherjee-Beramjee*,
Graduate of the Grant Medical College of Bombay.

No. 6.
Correspondence.

Mr. Beramjee.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, conveying the Sanction of the Secretary of State for War to candidates for medical appointments in the army, who have been studying with a view to enter the Indian Medical Service, being admitted to the next competitive examination, up to 28 years of age, I have now the honour to submit, for the consideration of Mr. Secretary Herbert, the enclosed application from one of the gentlemen in question, begging on account of the reasons therein set forth, that his marriage may not be considered as rendering him ineligible.

The Secretary for Military Correspondence,
&c. &c. &c.
War Office, Pall Mall.

Army Medical Department,
5 December 1860.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

EXTRACT from Minute of Secretary of State for War, dated 13 December 1860.

UNDER the circumstances, which are exceptional, this may be allowed, but, as a rule, our conditions must be observed.

To Dr. Gibson, c. v., Director General, Army Medical Department.

Sir,

University College, Gower-street,
22 February 1861.

I beg most respectfully to inform you that I have a diploma in medicine from the Grant Medical College of Bombay. This was obtained by me in April 1860, after undergoing a prolonged examination, conducted by a special Government examiner, three assessors, and by the professors of the college. I beg to mention also that the Grant Medical College is one of the foreign medical schools recognised by the University of London.

The diploma in question is forwarded, with this letter, for your inspection, and I await your decision, whether it will be recognised as a degree in medicine at the competitive examination for assistant surgeons in August next.

I have, &c.
(signed) Mancherjee Beramjee Coluh.

Sir,

Army Medical Department,
14 March 1861.

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 22d ultimo, with its inclosure (herewith returned), I have the honour to inform you that the diploma of the Grant Medical College is not admitted as the medical qualification required to be possessed by candidates for the Army Medical Department.

I beg also to acquaint you, that in consequence of the varied climates medical officers of Her Majesty's army have to encounter, it has been thought advisable (as will be seen on reference to the inclosed copy of a letter from the India Office), not to subject natives of India to the chances of service, out of that country; and it has in consequence been decided, that native gentlemen should not be permitted to compete for appointments in the general military service.

Should you wish to be employed in India, I would suggest that you apply to the Secretary of State for India.

M. Beramjee, Esq.,
University College, Gower-street, W.C.

I have &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

Diploma
in medicine.

India Office,
19/2/61.
Colonel Baker to
Secretary of Military
"Correspondence."

ARMY (MEDICAL) DEPARTMENT (INDIA).

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Army Medical Department, 5 March 1861.

The Director General presents his compliments to Mr. Beramjee, and with reference to previous correspondence, trusts he will be able to make it convenient to call at this office to-morrow, at two o'clock, p.m.

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Correspondence
Mr. Beramjee

M. Beramjee, Esq.,
University College, Gower-street.

To the Right Honourable Lord *Herbert*, Secretary of State for War, &c. &c. &c.

University College, Gower-street, W.C.,

—April 1861.

My Lord,

I beg most respectfully to submit the following statement for your Lordship's consideration.

I am a Parsee by birth, a native of Bombay, and a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. I came to London in June of last year, with the especial object of competing for an appointment in Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service. Though I had completed a five years' course of medical studies in Bombay, I resolved to spend 12 months in study in this country to further my medical knowledge, and to qualify myself the better for an appointment in the army. About the beginning of November last, it was announced that, in consequence of the amalgamation of the Indian and British forces, there would in future, be only one examination for both the services, and that out of the successful candidates, a certain number would be appointed to Her Majesty's Indian forces. It was also announced that the candidates would be admitted for examination under the same regulations which were applicable to home services. As one of these regulations required that all candidates should be unmarried, and as I was married, it formed an objection to my being admitted for examination. I consequently represented my case by a written application, dated 28th November 1860, to the Director General of the Army Medical Department, who submitted the same to your Lordship, and I was thereafter informed that your Lordship had decided it in my favour. To my utter disappointment, however, I learned from the Director General on the 5th ultimo, that as natives of India, of native parentage, are deemed by your Lordship unfit for entering into Her Majesty's general medical service on account of their supposed physical incapability to perform the active duties of medical officers in cold climates, such as Canada, I will not be allowed to offer myself for examination.

I would, however, humbly venture to hope that the consideration of the following facts will induce your Lordship to rescind the above decision in my case:—

1st. Natives of India are of various denominations, manners, and customs. They differ widely in their mode of life. Their constitutions are different; and in some races, the power of resisting the vicissitudes of climate is very great. I believe, however, that I am correct in stating, that of all the natives of India, none are more English in constitution, and in mode of life generally, than my own countrymen, the Parsees.

2d. The Parsees of the present day, live in all parts of the world; a few are in Australia; a large number in China, many now in England, and within the last year, two of them have established themselves in New York. For the last 50 years or more, the Parsees have borne the severe cold winters of Canton and Shanghai, without the least inconvenience to their health or risk to their life. Within the last six years, they have established themselves in London, and lately still, in Liverpool and Manchester, and are at this day here in sufficient numbers (about 45, including children of all ages) to enable a fair inference to be drawn. It is an unquestionable fact, that they have borne several winters, and the last, a most severe one, with perfect impunity. I am moreover able to say, that they follow their different occupations with an increased amount of mental and bodily labour, and yet enjoy better health and strength than they did in India. In my own case, I beg to state, that during the past severe winter, I have, with ordinary warm clothing, been called out at all hours, during the night as well as day, to attend to medical duties, without experiencing any bad effects whatever. On the

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Mr. Beramjee.

contrary, though working mentally for a longer time during the 24 hours than I used to do in India, I have actually improved in health since I arrived in this country.

I trust your Lordship will excuse the length of this communication, and most anxiously awaiting your decision,

I beg to subscribe myself, &c.

Muncherjee Beramjee Colah.

Army Medical Department,
13 April 1861.

Sir,
ADVERTING to your application for an appointment in the Medical Department of the Army, I have the honour to request you will be pleased to inform me whether you are willing to compete at the next competitive examination, (should you be otherwise qualified) when it takes place, for an appointment on the staff, for service on the West Coast of Africa.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

M. Beramjee, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.
University College, Gower-street.

War Office, 18 April 1861.

Sir,
I AM directed by the Secretary of State for War, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the — instant, in which you request a reconsideration of the decision under which you are prohibited from competing for an appointment in the Army Medical Service.

In reply, I am to acquaint you, that Lord Herbert has taken the opinion of those best competent, from their knowledge and experience, to advise him on the subject, and the result being to confirm his own previous impression as to the constitutional unfitness of the native and mixed races of India and other tropical countries to sustain for any length of time the climate of our northern regions, his Lordship is under the necessity of adhering to the decision arrived at.

M. B. Colah, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Edward Lugard.*

To Dr. *Gibson*, c.B., Director General, Army Medical Department.

University College, Gower-street, W.C.,
19 April 1861.

Sir
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 13th instant, desiring to know whether I would be willing to compete for an appointment on the staff for service on the West Coast of Africa.

In reply, I beg respectfully to remind you that I studied in Bombay, and came over to this country for the especial object of competing for an appointment in Her Majesty's Indian Forces. As the Indian and British Forces have been since united into one Royal general service, it is but just that, as a natural born subject of Her Majesty, I be admitted, like other candidates, to the competitive examination for the general service, without any special conditions.

I am prepared, if successful, to serve in any part of the world to which in the course of duty I may be sent; but I feel that my submission to the special terms now proposed, would be not only prejudicial to myself, but imply my acquiescence in what I cannot but regard as an injustice to my countrymen.

I respectfully request that you will be pleased to favour me with an early reply, as my medical studies in England are now drawing to a close.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Muncherjee Beramjee Colah.*

Sir,
 In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I have the honour to inform you that as it appears by a communication from the India Office that the Secretary of State for India is of opinion that natives of that country, born of native parents, are unsuited for general service in the British Army; I am unable to sanction your being admitted to the competitive examination for appointment in the Medical Department of the Army.

I have, &c.
 (signed) *J. B. Gibson,*

M. Beramjee, Esq.,
 University College, Gower-street, W.C.

Director General.

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 Correspondence.
 Mr. Beramjee.

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CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. J. G. G. Grant.

No. 6.
 Correspondence.
 Mr.
 J. G. G. Grant.

Sir,
 8 Walcot Place West, Kennington Road.
 HAVING failed in obtaining definite information, I am compelled to trouble you. To be brief, I was sent from India by my father, with the express view of studying for Her Majesty's Indian forces; and though European, I was sufficiently long in that country to speak the language well. Having obtained the Edinburgh M. D., I laboured to fulfil every condition imposed by the late Indian regulations, which gave me to understand that "all natural-born subjects of Her Majesty, between 21 and 28 years of age," and of sound health, would be eligible, provided that they could produce in addition to a degree in medicine, including a surgical examination (which the Edinburgh M. D. does), certificates of extra attendance on classes, and hospitals therein specified. All these conditions have I fulfilled to the letter, necessitating, need I add, extra outlay; and now, at the "eleventh hour," after much anxiety, you may conceive my serious surprise and disappointment, on receiving from the India Office an intimation to the effect that "all candidates" at the next examination will be subject to the regulations issued by the War Office! not only rendering past labour in conforming to the late regulations of no avail, but imposing a restriction as to age in itself sufficient to exclude me, for I am past 26 and nearer 27; thus compelling me to return to India after expenditure of time and means, without obtaining the sole object of my studies in Britain. Surely I am mistaken in supposing the new regulations to apply retrospectively, and without consideration for one, who, though qualified according to regulations but lately supplied him, and, so to speak, ready for the next examination, would thus be excluded from the only opportunity of competing, and by circumstances over which he could have no control?

It would only be with the certainty of being admitted to the next examination under the late regulations that I could now afford to delay here longer.

Apologising for the trouble I cause you, and with confidence in your kindly aid,—

I am, &c.
 (signed) *James G. G. Grant, M. D.*

J. B. Gibson, M. D., C. B.
 Director General Army Medical Department.

Army Medical Department,
 6 December 1860.

Sir,
 In forwarding the enclosed form, I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to fill up the blanks thereof, so far as your education has proceeded, and immediately return the same to me, with a letter from yourself, addressed

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response.

Mr.
J. G. Grant.

outside to the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, Pall Mall, with the words "Medical Department" in the left hand corner.

J. G. G. Grant, Esq.
8, Walcot-place West, Kennington-road.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director-General.

P.S.—There will not in future be any appointments made for special service in India, but the Secretary of State for War will permit any gentleman under 28 years of age who has been studying for the Indian Medical Service to compete at the next examination for appointments in the Medical Department, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required.

8, Walcot-place West, Kennington-road,
8 December 1860.

Sir,

IN accordance with your instructions, dated 6th December, No. 18,858-188, I have the honour to enclose you the form, filled up to the best of my present ability. Before the next examination I could obtain a qualification in surgery, in addition to the M.D. I already possess. On the strength of the late Indian regulations (which held no objection to the married), and with the hope of an appointment in Her Majesty's Indian forces after the usual examination, I married in August last before leaving Scotland, to avoid the expense and delay of a return to that country, understanding at that time that I should most probably (if successful) be sent to Chatham, and thence to India; but the recent alteration in regulations (as I see by the schedule supplied) excludes me from the next examination, unless my unfortunate case be deemed worthy of consideration. Apologising for further trouble on a subject in which I have reason already to thank you,—

I am, &c.
(signed) J. G. G. Grant.

J. B. Gibson, M. D., C. B.,
Director General, Army Medical Department.

QUALIFICATIONS and EXAMINATION of CANDIDATES for Commissions in the Army
Medical Service.

For particulars, see case of Dr. Thompson, page 8.

SCHEDULE OF QUALIFICATIONS.

I, JAMES GEORGE GARROW GRANT; 26 years of age in January last, *vide* accompanying certificate, a candidate for employment in the Medical Department of the Army, do hereby attest my readiness to engage for general service, whether at home or abroad, and to proceed on duty immediately on being gazetted.

I declare that I am not unmarried, and that I labour under no mental nor constitutional disease, nor any imperfection or disability that can interfere with the most efficient discharge of the duties of a medical officer in any climate.

I have the degree of M.D. from the University of Edinburgh, dated 1st August 1859.

(signed) James George Garrow Grant.
8, Walcot-place West, Kennington-road,
8 December 1860.

Army Medical Department,
15 December 1860.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing a schedule of your professional education, I have the honour to acquaint you that by the Royal Warrant of the 13th January 1860, regulating the admission of medical officers to the Indian Military Service, it is laid down that a candidate must

must possess both a medical and a surgical qualification before he can be admitted to the competitive examination for a commission, and it will be equally necessary for you to obtain a diploma or license to practise surgery, in addition to your degree in medicine, before your name can be placed on the list of candidates for general service for the examination which will take place in February 1861, the Secretary of State for War having sanctioned any gentleman under 28 years of age, who has been studying for the Indian Medical Service, to compete at the next examination for appointments in the Medical Department of the Army, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required.

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Correspondence
Mr.
J. G. G. Grant

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

J. G. G. Grant, Esq.,
8, Walcot-place West, Kennington-road.

I beg to add that the subject of marriage is at present under the consideration of Mr. Secretary Herbert.

Sir, 8, Walcot-place, Kennington-road.
Will you oblige me with any information in your power, with regard to the subject of my last letter, dated 8 December 1860? I am sorry to trouble you, but if permitted to compete at the approaching examination in February, I shall require as much time as possible to prepare in qualifications for the purpose.

I am, &c.
(signed) J. G. G. Grant, M.D.
The Secretary,
Army Medical Department,
8, Whitehall-yard.

Sir, Army Medical Department, 9 January 1861.
With reference to my letter of the 5th,* and to your reply of the 13th ultimo, I have the honour to submit for the consideration of the Secretary of State for War, the enclosed applications from Messrs. J. J. G. Grant and E. Foster, candidates for appointments in the army, who have been studying with a view to enter the Indian Medical Service, and who are both married, soliciting that the latter circumstance may not be considered an objection to their being allowed to attend the next competitive examination.

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I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.
The Secretary for Military Correspondence,
&c. &c. &c.

Sir, War Office, 21 January 1861.
I HAVE laid before the Secretary of State for War your letter of the 9th instant, with its applications (herewith returned), from Messrs. J. J. G. Grant and E. Foster, who had been studying for the Indian Medical Service, to be allowed to attend the next competitive examination for medical appointments in the army, notwithstanding the fact of their being married.
In reply, I am to state, that as much embarrassment might be caused by complying with these gentlemen's wishes, Lord Herbert would wish them to be informed that their request cannot be granted.

I have, &c.
(signed) F. Paulet.
The Director General
of the Army Medical Department.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 6.
Correspondence.

Mr.
J. G. G. Grant.

Sir,

WITH reference to previous correspondence, relative to your being allowed to attend the next competitive examination for medical appointments in the army, notwithstanding the fact of your being married, I have now the honour to inform you that, the subject having been under the consideration of the Secretary of State for War, his Lordship has decided that your application cannot be entertained.

I have, &c.

(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*

J. G. G. Grant, Esq.,
8, Walcot-place W., Kennington-road.

Director General.

— No. 7. —

No. 7.
Correspondence.

Mr. E. Foster.

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. E. Foster.

39, Bloomsbury-street, New Oxford-street, W.C.,
8 December 1860.

Sir,

HAVING observed in the "Lancet" an advertisement that in future there will be no special examination for the Indian Medical Service, I beg to ask whether gentlemen who are married will be admitted as candidates for any branch of the Army Medical Service, if it be necessary for all candidates to be between 21 and 28 years of age, and to possess a double qualification.

Is the diploma of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, received as a double qualification?

J. B. Gibson, Esq.,
Army Medical Department.

I am, &c.
(signed) *E. Foster.*

Army Medical Department,
12 December 1860.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, I have the honour to inform you, that any candidate over 26, but under 28 years of age, who can afford satisfactory evidence that he has been studying with a view of entering the Indian Medical Service (now abolished), will be allowed to attend the next competitive examination for candidates for commissions in the general service, provided he has the qualifications otherwise required; and with regard to the marriage of such candidates, this subject is now under the consideration of the Secretary of State for War.

I beg to add that a double qualification is indispensable, one to practise medicine, and one to practise surgery, which must be obtained from two distinct bodies. The diploma referred to by you can be received as a surgical qualification only.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

E. Foster, Esq., 39, Bloomsbury-street,
New Oxford-street, W.C.

Sir,
39, Bloomsbury-street, New Oxford-street, W.C.,
12 December 1860.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day, and to thank you for the information you have afforded me. I would further beg to ask if the license of the Apothecaries Hall, Dublin, will be received as a medical qualification; also, how soon and by what means I shall ascertain the decision of the Secretary of State regarding married candidates? Your letter bears number 18,858—203.

I am, &c.
(signed) *E. Foster.*

J. B. Gibson, Esq., Director General; or
The Under Secretary of State for War.

P.S.—Please send me a copy of the regulations for the Army Medical Service; also, one of chart to be filled up.

Sir,
I am forwarding the enclosed form, I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to fill up the blanks thereof, so far as your education has proceeded, and immediately return the same to me, with a letter from yourself, addressed outside to the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, Pall Mall, with the words "Medical Department" in the left hand corner.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

*E. Foster, Esq., 39, Bloomsbury-street,
New Oxford Street, W.C.*

P.S.—The license of the Apothecaries Hall, Dublin, is not received as a medical qualification for appointments in the army, and the decision of the Secretary of State for War relative to marriage will be communicated to you as soon as I am informed of the same.

Sir,
I have the honour to acknowledge yours of yesterday; and beg to state that, as the Hall of Ireland is not acknowledged by the Army Board as a medical qualification, I shall not be able to present myself at the next examination; but as the service is my future object, I await your reply regarding marriage. Your last communication bears number 18,858—203 A.

I am, &c.
(signed) *E. Foster.*

*J. R. Gibson, Esq.,
Director General.*

Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, I have the honour to request you will immediately return the schedule sent you on the 17th December last, filled up as far as your education has proceeded; and with regard to marriage, I beg to inform you that the subject is still under the consideration of the Secretary of State for War.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

*E. Foster, Esq.,
39, Bloomsbury-street, New Oxford-street,
W.C.*

No. 7.
Correspondence.
Mr. E. Foster.

Mr. Foster's application referred to Secretary for Medical Correspondence;
9th January; see supra, page 31.

For War Office reply, dated 21 January; see supra, page 31.

Army Medical Department,
25 January 1861.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence relative to your being allowed to attend the next competitive examination for medical appointments in the army, notwithstanding the fact of your being married, I have now the honour to inform you that, the subject having been under the consideration of the Secretary of State for War, his Lordship has decided that your application cannot be entertained.

(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

E. Foster, Esq.,
39, Bloomsbury-street, New Oxford-street,
W. C.

— No. 8. —

No. 8.
Correspondence.
Mr. Goodall.

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. Goodall.

(18,858—263.)

James Brown Gibson, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., Director-General, Army Medical Department.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to request that you will forward me information respecting the time during which the next Army Medical Examinations will occur, and other particulars necessary to be known.

I have, &c.
(signed) Henry Goodall, M.D.,
Honorary Physician Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

(18,858—263.)

Army Medical Department,
31 January 1861.

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed Form, I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to fill up the blanks thereof, so far as your education has proceeded, and immediately return the same to me, with a letter from yourself, addressed outside to the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, Pall Mall, with the words "Medical Department" in the left hand corner.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson, Director General.

P.S.—The next Competitive Examination will commence on the 18th proximo.

H. Goodall, Esq.,
Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

(18,858—263 A.)

No. 4:
Correspondence
Mr. Goodall.

James Brown Gibson, Esq., M.D., C.B., Director General, Army Medical Department.

Royal Infirmary, Glasgow,
4 February 1861.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward you the enclosed Form, with the blanks filled up, as desired. The degree, diploma, &c., I will lodge at the War Office when I go down to London, which will be at the end of this week.

I have, &c.
(signed) Henry Goodall.

QUALIFICATIONS and EXAMINATIONS of CANDIDATES for Commissions in the Army Medical Service.

FOR particulars, see case of Dr. Thompson, page 8.

SCHEDULE OF QUALIFICATIONS.

Recommended by Allen Thomson, M.D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow.

I, Henry Goodall, 24 years of age, in January last, a candidate for employment in the Medical Department of the Army, do hereby attest my readiness to engage for general service, whether at home or abroad, and to proceed on duty immediately on being Gazetted.

I declare that I am unmarried, and that I labour under no mental or constitutional disease, nor any imperfection or disability that can interfere with the most efficient discharge of the duties of a medical officer in any climate.

I have the degree of M.D. from the University of Glasgow.

I have a diploma in surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

(signed) Henry Goodall.

2 February 1861,
Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

(18,858—263 A.)

Army Medical Department,
6 February 1861.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, I have now the honour to inform you that the next Competitive Examination will take place at Chelsea Hospital, on Monday, the 18th instant, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

You will therefore be pleased to attend at this office on Thursday the 14th instant, between the hours of 11 and 3 o'clock, bringing with you your degrees, diplomas, licenses, certificates of age and moral character, and letter of recommendation, for examination and registry.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson, Director General.
H. Goodall, Esq.,
Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

(18,858—263 B.)

Henry Goodall, M.D. (Glasgow University).

I CERTIFY that this gentleman's degree, diploma and certificates are in conformity with the regulations.

Certificate of Age herewith.

(signed) Thos. Gen. FitzGerald,
Staff Surgeon.

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Correspondence.
Mr. Goodall.

Register of the Birth of the undermentioned Child.

Name.	Date of Birth.	Parent's Name.	By whom the Ceremony Performed.
Henry - -	2 January 1837	Henry Goodall -	Baptised, 8th January 1837, by me, <i>Arthur Hamilton,</i> Chaplain.

Tavoy, 8 January 1837.

(18,858—263 B.)

College, Glasgow, 9 February 1861.

I HAVE much pleasure in recommending Dr. Henry Goodall as well qualified to be a candidate for a medical appointment in the army.

(signed) *Allen Thomson, M.D.,*
Professor of Anatomy.

Army Medical Department,
16 February 1861.

Sir,
ADVERTING to previous correspondence, I have now the honour to request you will call upon me at this office on Monday morning next, the 18th inst., instead of attending at Chelsea Hospital.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson, Director General.*

H. Goodall, Esq., 1, St. Augustine-road,
Camden Town, N.W.

1, St. Augustine-road, Camden Town,
23 February 1861.

My Lord,
IN having the honour of addressing you, I beg to call your attention to the following facts:—I was a candidate for an appointment in the Medical Department of Her Majesty's General Military Service. My application as a candidate was accepted, and I received a ticket for the examinations, which commenced on the 18th current. According to request, I attended upon the Director General on the morning of the same date, when I was informed by him that he had received orders to exclude from competing at the examinations all those born in India. The reasons given for which were, that it had been found by experience that all such persons are not capable of withstanding the injurious effects of the extremes of climate which Her Majesty's army had to experience. Allow me, with all deference, to state that such a decision, made at such a moment, is extremely unjust for all whom it especially concerns; for me it is particularly so.

First. I have been for the last 10 years a student in this country, between five and six of which I devoted myself strictly to medicine, and for the last two years was a house surgeon in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. I had always in view the military medical service.

Second. My father, Henry Goodall, is at present Surgeon Major in the 25th Madras Native Infantry, stationed at Mercara. He has served for the last 30 years. May I put the question, are Her Majesty's servants to be rewarded for their long services by their children being deprived of the rights which they themselves enjoy?

Third

Third. I was born in Tavoy, one of Her Majesty's Tenasserim provinces, not in India at all.

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Lastly. I have resided for above nine years in Scotland without a day's illness of consequence. In colour, habits, and religion, I am a Briton, and legally and physically I am as much a Scotchman as if I had been born and lived all my life in Scotland.

Mr. Goodall.

I hope, therefore, you will be pleased to give my case a further consideration.

I have, &c.

The Secretary of State for War,
War Office, Pall Mall.

(signed) *Henry Goodall.*

Sir,

War Office, 4 March 1861.

I AM directed by Lord Herbert to acquaint you that your letter, dated 23d inst., has been referred to the Director General of the Army Medical Department, with a view to an inquiry and report whether you, and certain other gentlemen similarly situated, are really, as assumed, constitutionally unfit to withstand the various climates in which you would be required to serve in the event of your obtaining a commission in the Army Medical Department.

I have, &c.

H. Goodall, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *E. Lugard.*

(18,858—263 B.)

Army Medical Department,
5 March 1861.

Sir,

THE Secretary of State for War having appointed a Board, consisting of Sir R. Martin, Sir John Liddell, and myself, to furnish a report as to your fitness physically for employment in the Army Medical Department, I have the honour to hope you will be able to make it convenient to attend at this office at two p.m. to-morrow.

I have, &c.

(signed) *J. B. Gibson, Director General.*

Dr. H. Goodall, 1, St. Augustine Road,
Camden Town, N.W.

Sir,

War Office, 23 April 1861.

WITH reference to my letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you that Lord Herbert regrets that the opinion of the Board of medical officers, by whom you were examined, was to the effect that you are constitutionally unfit for employment in the various northern climates in which the British army is called upon to serve.

I am to add, that this result would have been communicated to you sooner, but Lord Herbert was under the impression that this had already been done by the Director General of the Army Medical Department.

H. Goodall, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.

(signed) *E. Lugard.*

The Right Honourable Lord Herbert, Secretary of State for War.

1, St. Augustine Road, Camden Town,
1 May 1861.

My Lord,

I HAD the mortification of receiving through Sir Edward Lugard your Lordship's intimation, that the Medical Board appointed by your Lordship to examine me had found me constitutionally unfit for employment in the various northern climates in which the British army is called upon to serve. I am also

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Mr. Goodall.

a medical man and possessed at least so much of apprehension as to understand the meaning of a rational sentence when uttered in my hearing.

But I am perfectly at a loss to comprehend how I am thus constitutionally unfit. Do the above examiners find any symptoms of lurking disease in any organs of my body? Not if I remember aright the words of the consultation carried on in my hearing.

I was examined for upwards of an hour, during which time I had to strip my chest twice. Sir Ronald Martin and the Director General did not agree. They called in a fourth medical gentleman, who gave my chest a most thorough examination. It was his opinion, that as far as he could find, nothing abnormal existed in my chest.

But, my Lord, I no longer press my rights as a British subject to compete for an assistant surgeons in the British army. But I hope your Lordship will see the justness of my claim, when I demand to be provided for in an equivalent way. A few strokes of the pen are only necessary to state so simple a sentence as that I am constitutionally unfit; but it becomes a most serious matter with me. I crave your Lordship to give attention to them for a few moments.

At an early age I was sent to this country for my education; I have been 10 years in it, during which period I was put to the best education that Glasgow could afford. I was three years in the High School of that city, and six at the University. I had not been long at the medical classes, when I read in a pamphlet, the words which caused me so to qualify myself as to be able to compete for an assistant surgeons in the British army; that pamphlet under the signature and sanction of the British Government. I applied to stand as a candidate. I am found qualified in every point, even physically; for the medical gentlemen appointed to examine the candidates as to their physical condition, after examining me, wrote the word "fit" opposite my name. A card is given me for the examination. Just on the eve of them, I receive a note from the Director General, to attend upon him at his office. When there, I am informed that I am prohibited from competing.

The reason assigned is, that being born in India, my constitution will not be able to endure the various climates Her Majesty's army has to experience.

I am found deficient in a qualification without warning, and suddenly made, and not stated in the above pamphlet, nor in any other paper; that very pamphlet at the time the Director General spoke, was hanging in the waiting room of his office. I resolved to enter the army, because it was the best thing I could do in the circumstances I was placed.

I gave up the situation of house-surgeon, which I held at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, in order to come to London and compete, according to intimation from the Director General, and then I am most unceremoniously thrown adrift.

To set up a practice, it requires means, and to acquire any other settled appointment, influence is necessary. It becomes Her Majesty's Government now, to do me justice by supplying me with either the one or the other; and such means or such an appointment as will place me in station equivalent to that held by an assistant surgeon in the British army. Hoping, that your Lordship will perceive the justness of my claims, and awaiting the hour of a reply,

I have, &c.

(signed) *Henry Goodall.*

Sir,

War Office, 17 May 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and to acquaint you in reply that Lord Herbert is unable to admit the claim which you have advanced, and he regrets that he has no appointment at his disposal which would enable him to meet your wishes.

H. Goodall, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lugard.*

— No. 9. —

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. A. Solomon.

No. 9.
Correspondence.
Mr. A. Solomon.

(18,858—264.)

No. 8, Saville Row, Walworth Road,

1 February 1861.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to present myself as a candidate for the next competitive examination for Her Majesty's Army Medical Department, and beg to state that owing to the late Indian mutiny, which materially destroyed the Agra church, wherein I was baptized, I had no means of obtaining my baptismal certificate before I left India; nevertheless, I can most confidently assure your Honourable Board that I have not yet passed my 28th year of age, and that I am at present between 21 and 28 years of age, in the strictest sense of the words and required regulation.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Alex. Solomon.*

Dr. Gibson, c. B.,
Director General H. M. Army,
Medical Department.

(18,858—264.)

Army Medical Department,

2 February 1861.

Sir,

IN forwarding the enclosed form, I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to fill up the blanks thereof, so far as your education has proceeded, and immediately return the same to me, with a letter from yourself, addressed outside to the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, Pall Mall, with the words "Medical Department" in the left hand corner.

I have, &c.

(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

A. Solomon, Esq.,
8, Saville Row, Walworth Road.

(18,858—264 A.)

No. 8, Saville Row, Walworth Road,

4 February 1861.

Sir,

I BEG to forward the enclosed form duly filled up by me, and two certificates of moral conduct and character, from Rev. Goiran, Pro. Vicar Apost. of Western Bengal, and Rev. E. Fernandes, senior curate, M. A., as requested per letter No. 18,858—264, of 2d instant, from the Director General Medical Department. I also beg to apply for employment in the medical department of Her Majesty's army, and am ready to comply with every required conditions necessary for general services, whether at home or abroad.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Alex. Solomon.*

The Under Secretary of State
for War, War Office.

Cathedral House, 8 October 1860.

I HAVE much pleasure to certify that I have known Mr. Alex. Solomon for many years, and I have found him a most charitable and attentive man in his profession; an exemplary Catholic; and a worthy member of society.

(signed) *E. A. Fernandes, Senior Curate, M. A.*

Calcutta, 8 October 1860.

I have much pleasure of certifying that Mr. T. F. Solomon, who goes to England to get his diploma as M. D., is a good Catholic, and a person for whom I have much esteem.

(signed) *Aug. Goiran,*
Pro. Vicar Apost. of Western Bengal.

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Correspondence.

QUALIFICATIONS and Examination of Candidates for Commissions in the
Army Medical Service.

Mr. A. Solomon.

For particulars, see case of Dr. Thompson, page 8.

SCHEDULE of Qualifications.

I, Alexander Solomon, do hereby declare that I was 27 years of age in April last, a candidate for employment in the Medical Department of the army, do hereby attest my readiness to engage for general service, whether at home or abroad, and to proceed on duty immediately on being Gazetted.

I declare that I am unmarried, and that I labour under no mental nor constitutional disease, nor any imperfection or disability that can interfere with the most efficient discharge of the duties of a medical officer in any climate.

I have a license to practise medicine from the Calcutta Medical College, recognised by London University.

I have a diploma in surgery from the same institution.

I have a license to practise surgery from the same institution.

Alexander Solomon,
4th February 1861.
8, Saville Row, Walworth Road.

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Army Medical Department,
9 February 1861.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing a schedule of your professional education, I have the honour to inform you that if you can obtain a decree or license to practise surgery, from two separate and distinct bodies in Great Britain or Ireland, legally authorised to grant such, before the 18th instant, you will be allowed to attend the competitive examination on that day; but you must distinctly understand, that as you will be 28 years of age in April next, you will not be eligible to attend any examination after the present one.

A. Solomon, Esq.
8, Saville Row, Walworth Road.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

(18,858—264 B.)

8, Saville Row, Walworth Road, S.
11 February 1861.

Sir,

I BEG leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 18,858—264, dated 9th instant.

As it would be obviously impracticable to obtain the requisite additional qualifications before Monday next, I have, after consultation with Dr. Sharpey, to whom you kindly gave an interview yesterday, made a statement of my case in form of a memorial to Lord Herbert, which I send enclosed, and which I beg you will be so kind as to present to his Lordship on my behalf.

Dr. Gibson, c. B.,
Director General Army, Medical Department.

I have, &c.
(signed) Alex. Solomon.

To the Right Honourable Lord *Herbert of Lea*, Her Majesty's Principal
Secretary of State for War.

The humble Memorial of Alexander Solomon, of Calcutta, sheweth:—

THAT your memorialist went through a full course of medical study, in the medical college of Bengal, and, after passing the prescribed examinations, duly obtained the diploma or certificate of competency to practise medicine, surgery, and midwifery, which is conferred by that college, under the authority of Government.

That

That the said diploma has heretofore been accepted as sufficient qualification to enable a candidate to enter into the competitive examination for the commission of assistant surgeon in Her Majesty's Indian forces.

That, in full reliance on such sufficiency of qualification, your memorialist proceeded from Calcutta to London, with the view of undergoing the examination; but that since his arrival in this country he has found that in consequence of the examination for assistant surgeons in the Indian army having recently merged in the examination conducted under the Army Medical Department, he will be required, in addition to his present qualification, to possess a "degree or license" in medicine, and a diploma or license in surgery, from two separate bodies in Great Britain or Ireland.

That your memorialist is prepared to comply with that condition before receiving a commission, and has, indeed, already taken the preliminary steps for obtaining the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons; but the next examination for medical commissions in the army takes place on Monday, the 18th instant, within which time it is manifestly impracticable for him to fulfil the aforementioned condition, and before another army examination takes place he will be excluded altogether by being beyond the limit of age already extended in his case to 28.

Your memorialist, therefore, humbly begs that, in consideration of these circumstances, your Lordship will be pleased to grant him indulgence so far as to permit him in the meantime to enter the ensuing examination on the 18th instant, in virtue of his diploma from the College of Bengal, but on the express condition that, should he be so fortunate as to be placed, he shall provide himself with the further qualifications from medical bodies in Great Britain before he receives his commission.

Your memorialist trusts he may be permitted to state as additional claims to your Lordship's favourable consideration of his case, that while a student at the Bengal College, he obtained two certificates of honour, and that during the period of the Indian Mutiny, whilst house surgeon to the Medical College Hospital at Calcutta, he did extra duty in order to permit of the accommodation of the hospital being extended to sick and wounded men of Her Majesty's European army, and that in order to render this service, he cheerfully gave up for a time a private practice of (to him) considerable emolument.

(signed) *Alex. Solomon.*

Army Medical Department,
12 February 1861.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the consideration of the Secretary of State for War, the enclosed memorial from Mr. A. Solomon, a candidate for a commission in the Medical Department of the Army; and under the circumstances stated therein, I beg to recommend that Mr. Solomon may be permitted to attend the competitive examination on Monday, the 18th instant, upon the conditions stated, viz.: that should he be successful, he must, before he can be granted a commission, procure a medical and surgical qualification, in accordance with the existing regulations.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson.*
Director General.

The Secretary for
Military Correspondence, &c. &c. &c.
War Office.

Sir,

War Office, 18 February 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit to you, for the consideration of Sir Charles Wood, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Director General of the Army Medical Department, forwarding an application from Mr. A. Solomon, a native of India, to be permitted to attend the competitive examination for admission to the medical service of the army.

No. 8.
Correspondence.
Mr. A. Solomon.

Lord Herbert will be glad to be informed whether Sir Charles Wood is of opinion that Mr. Solomon, and gentlemen similarly situated, should be allowed to compete for these appointments.

The Under Secretary of State
for India, &c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Ed. Lugard.*

* * For reply see letter of the 19th February page 5.

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8, Saville Row, Walworth Road,
19 February 1861.

Sir,

I HAD the honour on Tuesday, the 12th instant, to deliver to you a memorial for presentation to Lord Herbert, praying that his Lordship would be pleased to admit me to the competitive examination for assistant surgeoncy in the army on the 18th instant, on condition that I provided myself with the British qualifications in medicine and surgery before receiving a commission.

I beg leave now respectfully to request you will inform me what answer has been returned to my memorial.

Dr. Gibson, C.B., Director General,
Medical Department.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Alex. Solomon.*

Sir,

War Office, 27 February 1861.

WITH reference to your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing an application from Mr. A. Solomon to be permitted to attend the competitive examination for admission to the Army Medical Service, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit for your information and guidance, a copy of a letter which has been received in reply to the reference made to the India Office on this subject.

See page 5.

The Director General
of the Army, Medical Department,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lugard.*

(Medical.)

Army Medical Department, 5 March 1861.

THE Director General presents his compliments to Mr. Solomon, and with reference to previous correspondence trusts he will be able to make it convenient to call at this office to-morrow at 2 p.m.

A. Solomon, Esq.,
8, Saville Row, Walworth Road.

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Army Medical Department,
6 March 1861.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo., I have the honour to inform you that in consequence of the varied climates medical officers of Her Majesty's army have to encounter, it has been thought advisable (as will be seen on reference to the enclosed copy of a letter from the India Office) not to subject natives of India to the chances of service out of that country, and it has consequently been decided that native gentlemen should not be permitted to compete for appointments in the General Military Service. Should you wish to be employed in India, I would suggest that you apply direct to the Secretary of State for India.

India Office,
19/2/61.
Colonel Baker to
Secretary for Military
Correspondence,
War Office.

A. Solomon, Esq.,
8, Saville Row, Walworth Road.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. B. Gibson,*
Director General.

33, East-street, Lamb's Conduit-street, W.C.,
13 March 1861.

No. 9.
Correspondence
Mr. A. Solomon

Sir,

I beg leave respectfully to solicit your attention to the following representation.

I am a native of India and a natural born subject of Her Majesty. In 1849 I entered the medical college of Bengal, and went through a regular course of medical study in that institution, during which I obtained two certificates of honour, and, after passing the prescribed examinations, received in 1854 the usual diploma, certifying my competency to practise the several branches of medicine.

My main inducement for taking this course was to qualify myself for a medical appointment in the Indian army, which, following the example of more than one of my countrymen, I hoped to obtain through the competitive examination for such appointments.

As, however, the means of defraying the expense of a voyage to England for that purpose were not at my command, I for the next few years did duty as sub-assistant surgeon, and added to my resources by private practice, which I cheerfully abandoned for a time during the exigency of the Indian mutiny, in order to do extra work as a public servant.

Having at length gathered sufficient funds, I proceeded to England, and arrived in London on the 24th January last, with the view of entering the competitive examination for an assistant surgeoncy in the Indian army. I did so in full reliance that the diploma of the Bengal College, conferred under the authority of Government, would now, as invariably heretofore, be accepted as sufficient qualification to admit me to the examination.

Having, however, learnt that the examination for India medical appointments had been recently merged in that conducted under the Medical Department of the British army, I, on the 31st of January, applied to the Director General to be admitted to the examination next ensuing; but after encountering various objections made to my medical qualification, under the new arrangement, I finally received a letter from the Director General (a copy of which is enclosed) informing me that it "has been decided that native gentlemen should not be permitted to compete for appointments in the General Medical Service." With this letter was enclosed a copy of one from Colonel Baker, dated, "India Office, 19th February," in which is the following passage: "The withdrawal of the privilege of competing for Indian medical appointments will no doubt cause disappointment to native medical students who were qualifying for such appointments, and Sir Charles Wood has impressed upon the Government of India the importance of endeavouring to provide suitable employment in India for such students."

The Director General was good enough to add, "should you wish to be employed in India, I would suggest that you apply direct to the Secretary of State for India."

To you, Sir, I now, therefore, most respectfully apply, not to remonstrate against the infliction of a disability, grievous and humiliating though it be on myself and my fellow countrymen, nor to urge my just complaint of the frustration of a cherished purpose, to attain which I have for years laboured in India and now made the journey to England; but, seeing that I gave up the emoluments of practice, and incurred the expense of my voyage on the faith of existing regulations, and with no reason to anticipate disappointment from retrospective enactments, I trust your sense of justice and of the faith due to engagements, will induce you to direct that I should receive pecuniary compensation for my expenses to England, and for my stay there, as well as for my passage home, and for the loss of the emoluments of private practice during my absence.

I have further to pray that you will be pleased to furnish me with such recommendation to the Government in India as may secure for me a public medical appointment in some degree commensurate with that which has now been placed beyond my reach.

Should it for this purpose be deemed expedient to subject me to an examination, absolute or competitive, I will most cheerfully subject myself thereto.

I have, &c.
(signed) A. Solomon.

The Right Honourable Sir Charles Wood,
Secretary of State for India.

No. 9.
Correspondence.
Mr. A. Solomon.

Sir,
India Office, 21 March 1861.
I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 13th instant, detailing the circumstances under which you came to England, for the purpose of competing for a commission in the Indian Medical Service, stating the disappointment to which you have been subjected in having been refused permission to compete for the Medical Department of the British army, and requesting that you may be furnished with such recommendation to the Government of India as may secure for you a public medical appointment in some degree commensurate with that which has now been placed beyond your reach.

Sir C. Wood regrets that the changes lately determined upon in the organization of the Indian armies have prevented the fulfilment of your just expectations to be allowed to compete for a commission in the Indian Medical Department.

He has instructed the Government of India to take into early consideration the subject of the provision of suitable professional employment for native medical gentlemen; and in consideration of the expenses which you have incurred in coming to this country, and in qualifying yourself for the competitive examination, he is prepared to grant you a sum of 100 *l.* on the production of a certificate from Sir J. R. Martin, examining physician, that you would have been qualified to compete at the examination for the Indian Medical Service under the old regulations, and to grant you 100 *l.* in addition as soon as you have taken your passage to return to India.

I am, &c.
(signed) *W. E. Baker,*
Colonel.

A. Solomon, Esq.

24, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, 15 May 1861.

CERTIFIED that I have this day personally examined Mr. Alexander Solomon, as also the several documents relating to his medical studies and qualifications; and that Mr. Solomon would have been qualified to compete at the examination for the Medical Service of India, and under the old regulations.

(signed) *J. R. Martin.*

£. 100, passed 15 May 1861.

£. 100, passage-money, paid 16 May 1861.

— No. 10. —

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. J. A. Greene.

No. 10.
Correspondence.
Mr. J. A. Greene.

Sir,
India Office, S.W., 1 March 1861.
I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to transmit for the information of the Secretary of State for War, the enclosed memorial addressed to Sir Charles Wood by Mr. James, A. Greene, late hospital steward in the Indian Medical Service, requesting to be permitted to compete for a commission at the examination for medical appointments, to be held in July next.

A copy of correspondence received from the Government of India, narrating the circumstances under which Mr. Greene left India in January 1860, without awaiting the announcement of the leave for one year, which had been granted to him, is also forwarded. It will be seen that on the 31st December 1859, Mr. Greene applied for furlough to England for two years, with a view to qualify himself as a candidate at the competitive examination for Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service, to be held in July 1861. The application obtained the favourable recommendation of the Director General, Medical Department, and on the 16th January 1860, a letter was addressed to Mr. Greene, to inform him that leave was granted to him for one year. Mr. Greene, however, had left Calcutta two days previously, and on the circumstances being reported to the Home Government, the Secretary of State for India informed the Government of India that Mr. Greene would not be admitted to compete for a commission in Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service, and that on his reporting himself at the India Office he would be

be directed to return forthwith to his duty, and should he fail to do so within one year, he would be struck off the strength of the subordinate Medical Department.

In reply, the Government of India, under date 8th September last, observe, "We beg to remark in favour of this subordinate medical officer, that 12 months' leave without pay was considered to have been granted to him, and that but for a reference respecting the nature of the leave, which delayed its publication, it would have been notified in General Orders previous to his leaving India."

Mr. Greene states in his memorial, that fearing he would be dismissed for leaving India before his leave had received the sanction of the Government, he tendered his resignation of the service, and having subsequently been informed that he would not be admitted to compete for a commission, he now applies for a reconsideration of his case.

As there is no longer a separate examination for the Indian Medical Service, I am desired to transmit the application for the decision and orders of Lord Herbert.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. E. Baker,*
Colonel.

The Under Secretary of State for War.

Sir, War Office, 12 March 1861.
I HAVE laid before the Secretary of State for War, Colonel Baker's letter of the 1st instant, together with its enclosures, in reference to the case of Mr. J. A. Greene, late hospital steward in the Indian Medical Service, who is desirous of being permitted to compete for a commission at the next examination for army medical appointments.

In reply, I am to request that you will acquaint Sir Charles Wood, that it appears that Mr. Greene will in July next be nearly 28 years of age. He is, therefore, ineligible for an appointment to the Army Medical Service, as by the regulations the age of admission is limited to 26.

The Under Secretary of State for India,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lugard.*

— No. 11. —

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. Lyons.

(18,858—317.)

16, Portugal-street, Lincoln's-inn Fields.
30 March 1861.

Sir,
THE case of Dr. Thompson having thrown doubts upon the views of your office, as to the eligibility of the sons of European parents, born and educated in India, to the medical service of Her Majesty's forces, I shall feel obliged by your kindly informing me whether I shall be admitted, or not, to the next competition; for it would materially influence my prospects and proceedings.

I am the son of European parents, but born in India and educated there. Last year I came to England for the purpose of completing my medical education, with the object of entering the Indian Medical Service. I am at present preparing to qualify myself for the several diplomas requisite, and propose to present myself at the next competition, if deemed admissible.

The Director General,
Army Medical Department.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. Lyons.*

No. 10.
Correspondence
Mr. J. A. Green

Enclosures
returned.

No. 11.
Correspondence,
Mr. Lyons.

No. 11.
Correspondence.

Mr. Lyons.

(18,858—317.)

Army Medical Department,
9 April 1861.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you, that if both your parents were Europeans and British subjects, you will be eligible to attend the next competitive examination for appointments in the Medical Department of the army, provided you are then otherwise qualified.

W. Lyons, Esq.,
16, Portugal-street, Lincoln's Inn.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

(18,858—317 A.)

2, Dinton-villas, Merton-road, Tooting,
3 May 1861.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th April, in reply to my inquiry regarding my eligibility for Her Majesty's Army Medical Service. With reference to the statement in that letter, that my eligibility would entirely depend upon my being of pure European parentage, I beg to inform you, that I am on the paternal side only of pure European lineage, my mother being of mixed blood, the daughter, however, of a European.

I shall esteem it a favour if kindly informed whether, under these circumstances, I am debarred from entering Her Majesty's medical service.

I have, &c.
(signed) W. Lyons.

(18,858—317 A.)

Army Medical Department,
8 May 1861.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, I regret to inform you that, under the circumstances therein mentioned, you are not eligible to attend the competitive examination for an appointment in the Medical Department of the army.

W. Lyons, Esq.,
2 Dinton-villas, Merton-road, Tooting.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. B. Gibson,
Director General.

— No. 12. —

No. 12.
Correspondence.

Dr. H. A. Kidd.

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Dr. H. A. Kidd.

London, 37, Tavistock-street, Covent Garden,
16 May 1861.

Sir,

WITH due respect, I beg to solicit your attention to my very hard case, and hope it will meet with a favourable consideration.

I am the son of a warrant officer of the Honourable Company's service; of mixed parentage.

I entered the Honourable Company's subordinate medical service in 1847; served in Her Majesty's European regiments, and was, after due examination, promoted to assistant apothecary, receiving the warrant in November 1853. I studied in the Calcutta Medical College, and when qualified, in 1855, I was appointed apothecary to that institution.

In 1857, when the army medical service was open for competition, I tendered my resignation, with the view of coming to England and competing for the commissioned

missioned grade of the service. That, unfortunately, the Indian mutiny broke out, and I was obliged to join the army forming for the relief of Lucknow. My resignation was consequently returned, as the exigency of the service could not allow its acceptance. As proof of the above statements, I beg to append a few certificates.

I was attached to the army field hospital, and was present at all the engagements with Lord Clyde, for which I receive a medal and two clasps; viz. (Relief and Siege of Lucknow). After arduous and harassing duties in the field and camp for two years, I was finally permitted to resign my appointment when the army broke up. (*Vide G. O. C. C.*, 19th March 1859.)

I worked my way to England, with the hope of being able to compete for the Army Medical Service. I arrived in September 1860, studied at King's College, and obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine of St. Andrews, and a diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons of England. I have completed the regulations which would make me eligible, but, to my mortification, I find that my birth and parentage renders me unfit; and, though this be humiliating to the sons of British subjects who have toiled for the British Government, and are now deprived of serving in a grade to which, by education, they aspired, all I ask for is, that my labours be rewarded. I have served Government 12 years, and am still desirous of serving them. I beg that I may be recommended for some appointment in India, equivalent to the one now closed on me. In addition, I have undergone heavy expenses, and beg that the same indulgence may be extended to me, and the pecuniary compensation awarded, which will enable me to reach India, and obtain an appointment, in consideration of my past services, and the disappointment to which I have been subjected.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Henry Alexander Kidd*,
M.D. St. Andrews; M.B.C.S. England.

To the Right Hon. Sir C. Wood,
Secretary of State for India.

Sir,

India Office, 25 May 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 16th instant, and to acquaint you, with reference to the requests therein contained, that, in consideration of the expenses you have incurred with the view of entering the Indian Medical Service, he will grant you 100 l. on the production of a certificate from Sir J. R. Martin, examining physician, that you would have been qualified by age, &c. to enter that service under the old regulations; and another 100 l. when you have engaged your passage to return to India.

Mr. H. A. Kidd, M.D.

I am, &c.
(signed) *W. E. Baker*, Colonel.

Sir,

24, Mount-street, 28 May 1861.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that I have this day carefully examined H. A. Kidd, Esq., M.D., and find that he is duly qualified by various diplomas, and that, by the old regulations of the service, he would have been entitled to enter on the competitive examination for admission into the medical service of India.

A certificate of birth he does not possess, but he declares, and he is ready to swear, that his age does not exceed 27 years and some days.

I have, &c.
(signed) *J. R. Martin*.

100 l., passed 31 May 1861.
100 l., passage, 11 June 1861.

To the Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office, London.

—No. 13.—

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. *R. Watts*, M. B.No. 13.
Correspondence.Mr. *R. Watts*,
M. B.18, Hart Street, Bloomsbury Square,
17 May 1861.

Sir,

I BEG leave most respectfully to solicit your attention to the following representations.

I am a native of India, and a natural born subject of Her Majesty. I studied at the Bengal Medical College for a period of four years and obtained several honours. It was the prospect of competing for an assistant surgeoncy in the Indian army that incited me to labour indefatigably, and to make many sacrifices, that induced me to quit my native shore and to prosecute my studies with still greater zeal.

On my arrival in London, I entered University College, and after two years study, I obtained the degree of Bachelor of Medicine at the University of London. Besides this, I possess the diploma of Member of the Royal College of Surgeons. I need not narrate to you the numerous difficulties I had to contend with, and the expenses I have incurred to possess these qualifications which would render me eligible to the competitive examination for the appointment of assistant surgeon in Her Majesty's Indian army.

It is indeed very mortifying to me to find, that when I have just made myself qualified to compete for the above appointment, to be considered ineligible on account of my parents not being Europeans.

I now, Sir, appeal to your sense of justice. I do not for a moment remonstrate against the Government for excluding all East Indians from the commissioned grade of Her Majesty's army, I merely ask for an adequate return for the immense expenses I have incurred, to enable me to seek employment in India, and I hope that the compensation granted by Government may not be denied me.

I have, &c.

To the Right Hon. Sir C. Wood, (signed) *R. Watts*, M. B., London.
Secretary of State for India,
India Office.

Sir,

India Office, 25 May 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17th instant; and to acquaint you, in reply, that instructions have been sent to the Government of India to take into their early consideration, the subject of opening suitable medical appointments to the native gentlemen of India; and that in consideration of the expense you have incurred with the view of entering the Indian Medical Service, Sir C. Wood will grant you 100 *l.* on the production of a certificate from Sir J. R. Martin, examining physician, that you would have been qualified, under the old regulations, to enter that service, and another 100 *l.* as soon as you have engaged your passage to return to India.

It will also be necessary that you should furnish a certificate from the Army Medical Department, stating that you are ineligible for Her Majesty's medical service.

I am, &c.

R. Watts, Esq. M. B. (signed) *W. E. Baker*, Colonel.

24 Mount Street, 30 May 1861.

CERTIFIED that I have this day carefully examined the diplomas and other documents presented by Robert Watts, Esq., M. B., and find that, under the old regulations, he would have been qualified to enter the medical department of India.

(signed) *J. R. Martin*.100 *l.*, passed 4 June 1861.100 *l.*, passage 11 June 1861.

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Army Medical Department,
3 June 1861.

No. 13.
Correspondence.

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, I regret to inform you that under the circumstances therein mentioned, you are ineligible for a commission in the Medical Department of the army.

Mr. R. Watts,
M.B.

I have, &c.

Robert Watts Esq., M.B.

(signed) *J. Gibson*, Director General.

— No. 14. —

CORRESPONDENCE relative to Mr. G. F. Hoff.

No. 14.
Correspondence.

Mr. G. F. Hoff.

5, Norfolk-street, Strand,
30 May 1861.

Sir,

I TAKE the liberty of presenting the following petition for your perusal and kind consideration.

I am an East Indian by birth, the son of an old servant of the late Honourable East India Company, the enclosed list of testimonials showing my father's services.

I have studied medicine for four years at the Calcutta Medical College, and passed the first examination of that college, it having been my intention at that time to have graduated and taken Government employ out in India, but the Indian Medical Service having been thrown open to competition, and several of my countrymen being successful in getting into the service, I was likewise induced to come to this country for the same purpose, with the view of bettering myself; and accordingly left the Calcutta College and came to England. On my arrival I was informed by the Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, that I needed a further attendance at some recognised college and hospital before I could be permitted to pass for my degree, without which I was not eligible to compete for a commission. I accordingly left London and proceeded to Edinburgh, where I have been attending the University and Royal Infirmary for the last two years; and now, when I have just completed all that was necessary, and am ready to go up for my degree, I find that, owing to certain new rules, all those whose parents are not purely Europeans are ineligible to compete for army appointments; this has placed me in a very awkward predicament, as the little money which I possessed, and which would have just enabled me to have accomplished the object of my visit to England, is very nearly all expended in living, paying for classes, hospital practice, &c. &c., and my father has not the means to assist me, his income being very small; further having a large family to support.

My chief object in petitioning you is, not that I have any cause of finding fault with the new Government rules, prohibiting Indians from entering the army, but merely that my hard case may receive some consideration from the Government; begging your kind support at the same time, so that I may receive some remuneration to make up for the great disappointment I have met with, and the heavy expenses I have been put to, just to enable me to finish and return back to India without further delay.

Major General James Ramsay (late Commissary General in India), and the only friend I have in London, if referred to, can certify to the above statement.

Hoping you will view my peculiarly hard case favourably,

I have, &c.

To the Secretary of State for India,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *George F. Hoff*.

Sir,

India Office, 7 June 1861.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 30th ultimo, and to acquaint you, with reference to the requests therein contained, that in consideration of the expenses you have incurred with a view of entering the Indian Medical Service, Sir C. Wood

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will grant you 100 *l.* on the production of a certificate from Sir J. R. Martin, examining physician, that you would have been qualified to enter that service under the old regulations, and another 100 *l.* when you have engaged your passage to return to India.

It will also be necessary that you should obtain a certificate from the Army Medical Department, that you are ineligible for Her Majesty's service.

The testimonials enclosed in your letter are herewith returned.

G. F. Hoff, Esq.

I am, &c.
(signed) *W. E. Baker*, Colonel.

— No. 15. —

No. 15.
Report of Medical
Officers.

COPY of the Report of Medical Officers appointed to examine the State of Health of British Subjects born in India, Applicants to be allowed to compete for Employment in Her Majesty's Military Medical Service.

16 February 1861.

NAME.	REMARKS.
Senjee Pulney Andy, M. D. - -	- Fit.
Daniel Robert Thompson - -	- Fit.
Henry Goodall - - - -	- Fit.

These gentlemen were passed with a view to their serving in India.

(signed) *Thos. Geo. Fitzgerald*,
Staff Surgeon.

Army Medical Department.

Wm. A. White, M. D.,
Staff Assistant Surgeon.

— No. 16. —

No. 16.
Report of Medical
Officers.

COPY of Report of Medical Board appointed to re-examine the several Applicants.

In compliance with instructions contained in War Office letter, dated 2d March 1861, that Sir Ronald Martin, Sir John Liddell, Director General, Naval Medical Department, and Dr. Gibson, Director General Army Medical Department, should report their joint opinion as to whether certain gentlemen of colour were physically qualified to stand the exposure to the various climates in which they would be called upon to serve were they admitted into the medical department of Her Majesty's army,

We have to report, that it is our deliberate opinion, founded on experience, that the native and mixed races of India and other tropical countries will never be able to sustain for any length of time the climate of our northern regions; and that they can only be employed advantageously to the public service in climates similar to those in which their race exists.

We carefully examined Messrs. Goodall and Thompson, men of colour with Asiatic features; and although we could not discover any marked bodily defect that would exclude them from employment in a tropical climate, still they are constitutionally unfit for service in the various northern climates in which the British army is called upon to serve.

(signed) *J. R. Martin*,
J. Liddell,

Director General, Royal Navy.

J. B. Gibson,

Director General, Army Medical Department.

Army Medical Department,
12 March 1861.

