

3. Before, however, any definite steps are taken towards the establishment of either school, I shall be glad to be furnished with further and fuller details of the initial and the annual cost of each school, so far as they can be foreseen at present.

4. I think that it will be necessary for the Colonial Government to limit the amount of its building grant in the case of the proposed Chinese Higher School. I am very doubtful whether Government could afford to contribute a sum equal to or not much below \$100,000, if so much were raised by private contributions.

5. You will doubtless also consider and report in due course how the establishment of these two new schools will affect the Queen's College, and whether it will be possible to effect any reduction of the expenditure on the latter school.

6. I observe from the account of the system of education in Hongkong, which has been drawn up by Mr. IRVING for the Board of Education, that there is a school for sons of the troops in the Colony. If this is in any way controlled or supported by the military authorities, I presume that it will cease to exist on the opening of a Government School for European Children. I also assume that the British and American pupils at the Belilios Public School are likely to be transferred to the new school.

7. It is of course understood that the new schools will be placed under the supervision of the Inspector of Schools.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor

Sir HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.,

&c.,

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&c.

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#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 114.

The following Report of Committee of Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Staff of the Medical Department was laid before the Legislative Council at a meeting held yesterday, and is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th February, 1902.

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### COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE ADEQUACY OF THE STAFF OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

We, the undersigned, were appointed by His Excellency the Governor to be members of a Committee of Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Staff of the Medical Department of the Colony.

2. We have accordingly proceeded on the lines laid down by the Government, and have conducted our inquiry with special reference to:—

(1.) The numerical strength of the staff of the Medical Department.

(2.) The position and duties of the Principal Civil Medical Officer.

Appendix I.

The following is a list of witnesses from whom we have taken evidence in the course of our inquiry :—

The Principal Civil Medical Officer and Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, .....Dr. J. M. ATKINSON.

The Acting Assistant Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, .....Dr. J. BELL.

The Medical Officer of Health, .....Dr. F. CLARK.

The Deputy Health Officer of the Port, .....Dr. J. H. SWAN.

Dr. R. M. GIBSON of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals.

A copy of the evidence given by them accompanies the report, which we beg to submit below for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor.

We have taken the second question which was to be dealt with first, as it is essential to determine the position of the Principal Civil Medical Officer before dealing with his staff.

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## REPORT.

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Question 2.—The position and duties of the Principal Civil Medical Officer.

Answer.—We are of opinion that the Medical and Sanitary Departments should be wholly separate and that the Medical Officer of Health should be independent of the Principal Civil Medical Officer. The Medical Department should be under the jurisdiction of the Principal Civil Medical Officer who, however, should not be an administrative officer only, but should retain his present position as Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital. The Sanitary Department should be under the administration of the Medical Officer of Health subject to the control of the Sanitary Board.

Question 1.—The numerical strength of the Medical Department.

Answer.—After mature consideration we have come to the conclusion that the staff as at present constituted and consisting of :—

1 Principal Civil Medical Officer, who is also Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital ;

3 Assistant Surgeons ;

1 Health Officer of the Port ;

is not sufficient to carry on the work of the Medical Department efficiently. In our opinion, 7 Medical Officers are required :—

1 Principal Civil Medical Officer ;

4 Assistant Surgeons ; and

2 Health Officers of the Port ;

the two last named being Government Officers, who should devote their whole time to Government work and should be forbidden to engage in private practice either ashore or afloat.

We have ascertained in the course of our investigations how much time is taken up with Government Medical work in the various branches of the Department, and we beg to submit the subjoined list of duties in tabular form to be assigned to the several officers, one for epidemic and the other for non-epidemic times.

## LIST OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

*Epidemic Period.*

1 Principal Civil Medical Officer.

4 Assistant Surgeons.

2 Health Officers of the Port.

Government Civil Hospital, Lunatic Asylum and Maternity Hospital.	}	The Principal Civil Medical Officer and Superintendent.
		2 Assistant Surgeons.
Victoria Gaol, Tung Wa Hospital, Mortuary, Visit the Subordinate Government Officials in Hongkong.	}	1 Assistant Surgeon.
Kennedy Town Hospital, and <i>Hygeia</i> (if brought over.)	}	1 Assistant Surgeon.
(i.) The Port.	}	2 Health Officers of the Port—one to reside in Kowloon and do duties as in (ii.); the other as in (iii.) when not engaged in duty in the Harbour.
(ii.) Kowloon Plague Hospital and Mortuary, Police and Subordinate Government Officials in Kowloon.		
(iii.) Government Civil Hospital, or as detailed by the Principal Civil Medical Officer.		

*Non-Epidemic Period.*

Government Civil Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, Maternity Hospital, and Mortuary.	}	The Principal Civil Medical Officer and Superintendent; 3 Assistant Surgeons.
Victoria Gaol, Tung Wa Hospital, Visit the Subordinate Government Officials.	}	1 Assistant Surgeon.
(i.) Port.	}	2 Health Officers of the Port—one to reside in Kowloon.
(ii.) Kowloon. In charge of the Mortuary. To visit the Subordinate Government Officials and Police in Kowloon.		
(iii.) Work as detailed by the Principal Civil Medical Officer and <i>Hygeia</i> .		

We are of opinion, from evidence given, that, speaking generally, one of the above 7 officers could always be away on leave, his duties being arranged for by the Principal Civil Medical Officer.

We further consider that some closer supervision should be exercised over, or new rules drawn up for the regulation of, the absence on leave of the officers of the Government Medical Department with a view to at least arranging for the presence in the Colony during Plague time of the nearest approach to the full staff.

There should always be a Medical Officer on duty at the Government Civil Hospital, and during his tour of duty he should not be permitted to leave the Establishment unless for an urgent professional call.

We would suggest that the two Health Officers of the Port divide the Port duties between them, and that during his hours of duty, the officer on duty should always be available for the Port work. One of the two should reside at Kowloon, and during the hours he is not on duty for Port work he should attend to the Kowloon Plague Hospital and Mortuary, and the Government subordinate officials resident at Kowloon. During the hours when the other of the two is not on duty for Port work, he should be

employed at the Government Civil Hospital or as the Principal Civil Medical Officer may require. This latter officer might easily attend to the *Hygeia* during non-epidemic times when he is not engaged on Port duty.

It was stated by Dr. ATKINSON in the course of his evidence that "it is the intention of the Government to have a medical inspection of all ships entering the Harbour." In framing our opinion as to the above mentioned staff for Port work, we have not allowed for the carrying out of this intention, which would necessitate a much larger staff.

In conclusion, we consider that it is imperatively necessary that during epidemic times one Medical Officer should reside at the Kennedy Town Hospital.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

W. B. DREW, D.I.G., R.N., (*Chairman.*)

G. A. HUGHES, M.B., M.Ch.

F. O. STEDMAN, M.D., B.S., London.

C. S. SHARP.

R. L. RICHARDSON.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1901.

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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## COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY

INTO THE ADEQUACY OF THE STAFF OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE COLONY.

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### FIRST MEETING.

*Council Chamber.*

*Monday, 4th November, 1901.*

#### PRESENT:

Deputy Inspector General DREW, R.N., (*Chairman.*)

Colonel HUGHES, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.

Dr. F. O. STEDMAN, M.D., B.S., London.

C. S. SHARP, Esq.

R. L. RICHARDSON, Esq.

E. D. C. WOLFE, Esq., (*Secretary.*)

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The Chairman.—Gentlemen, I presume it is clear what the Committee has been appointed for. It is to look into the adequacy of the Medical Staff of the Colony. As the instructions were not very definite, I wrote to the Colonial Secretary, and he sent me Appendix I. a letter which I have here (No. 2796 of the 31st October). Now what we are going to enquire into is: (1.) the numerical strength of the Staff of the Medical Department; and (2.) the position and the duties of the Principal Civil Medical Officer. I enquired whether we were to look into the question of salaries, and the Colonial Secretary replied

in the negative. There are a lot of documents on the subject of the Medical Department which, I think, should be read. I will ask the Secretary to read them, with a view to leading up to the main questions.

The Secretary then read a letter dated the 6th of June from Dr. J. BELL, Acting  
Appendix II. Principal Civil Medical Officer, applying for another Assistant Surgeon. (No. 169).

The Chairman.—You had now better read this despatch from His Excellency to the Secretary of State.

Appendix III. The Secretary then read despatch No. 218 of the 10th of June from His Excellency to the Secretary of State, forwarding the Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer's application, and recommending it for approval for reasons stated.

Appendix IV. This was followed by Colonial Office Despatch No. 259 of the 7th August from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, approving of the appointment of a new Assistant Surgeon, who was to be appointed on a 3 years' agreement and not permanently.

The Chairman.—This Assistant Surgeon has now been permanently appointed, I understand. But still another Assistant Surgeon is required. (*Vide* Appendix V, the Principal Civil Medical Officer's Report of the 18th September).

Colonel HUGHES.—Is that the Assistant Medical Officer of Health?

The Chairman.—No.

Mr. RICHARDSON.—Is he to do duty at the Hospital?

The Chairman.—I don't exactly know what his duties are to be. Dr. ATKINSON will be asked to furnish us with this information.

Appendix V. The next document is the Principal Civil Medical Officer's Report of the 18th September, referring to C.O.D. 259 of the 7th of August and dealing fully with the needs of the Medical Department.

The Chairman.—I think we need not enter into the statements relating to the pay of Medical Officers here and in the Straits Settlements, as that matter does not concern us. Do you wish to go into it?

Colonel HUGHES.—I don't think there is any necessity to do so.

The Chairman.—We now come to a paper containing an application for house allowance in lieu of free quarters by the Principal Civil Medical Officer, dated the 19th of September. Do you wish to have it read?

Colonel HUGHES.—No.

Mr. SHARP.—No.

Appendix VI. A minute was then read dated 19th September and written by the Colonial Secretary to His Excellency, on the subject of Colonial Office Despatch 259 (Appendix IV) and the Principal Civil Medical Officer's Report of the 18th September (Appendix V), and proposing that a Committee should be formed to enquire into the needs of the Medical Department.

Appendix VII. This was followed by His Excellency's Minute of the 20th of September in reply to the Colonial Secretary, and going into the subject matter of the Principal Civil Medical Officer's Report of the 18th September (Appendix V).

Appendix VIII. The Chairman.—Finally, there is a letter No. 331 of the 21st October (C.S.O. 3203) from the Principal Civil Medical Officer requesting that the Female Venereal Ward be converted into a Ward for Destitute Chinese and Indians and that the Matron of the Female Venereal Ward be pensioned off. We had better read it though I don't know why it is included. I don't see that it comes within the scope of the enquiry at all.

The only other business that remains to-day is to make some arrangement as to what procedure this Committee ought to adopt. I propose that, when we meet again shortly, we ask Dr. ATKINSON to give evidence, and, later on, Dr. BELL. Dr. THOMSON is away. Our enquiries will be limited to the number of Medical men wanted in the Colony, exclusive of the Sanitary Department.

Colonel HUGHES.—I understood the Colonial Secretary to say the Sanitary Department was to be included.

The Chairman.—What is Dr. CLARK? Is he the Medical Officer of Health?

Colonel HUGHES.—Yes.

The Chairman.—Then the business resolves itself into two things—the position of the Principal Civil Medical Officer, and what his duties ought to be, and the number of Assistants he ought to have under him. We have to give our opinion as to whether he is to be an Administrative Officer, and have control of all the other Medical Officers, or not, and to state what his duties should be.

Dr. STEDMAN.—We shall have to have Dr. CLARK'S views on the Sanitary Board.

Colonel HUGHES.—Why?

Dr. STEDMAN.—Because his views on the matter ought to be considered.

Mr. RICHARDSON.—He can state whether he thinks the Sanitary Board ought to be subordinate or not.

The Chairman.—We will ask him to attend.

It was agreed to meet again on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, and to request Dr. ATKINSON to attend.

The Committee then adjourned.

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### Appendix I.

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No. 2796.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, 31st October, 1901.

*Committee of Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Staff of the Medical Department.*

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 29th instant, I am directed to state that His Excellency wishes the Committee to enquire into:—

- (1.) the numerical strength of the Staff of the Medical Department;
- (2.) the position and duties of the Principal Civil Medical Officer;

but not into the question of salaries.

2. I am glad also to inform you that Colonel HUGHES, R.A.M.C., has consented to serve as a member of the Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Deputy Inspector General DREW, R.N.,  
*The Royal Naval Hospital.*

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**Appendix II.**

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*No. 169.*GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL,  
HONGKONG, 6th June, 1901.

SIR,

I have honour to draw your attention to what I consider is a need, as far as the Medical Department of this Colony is concerned, in the hope that His Excellency will consider the demand legitimate and will give it his support.

I refer to the necessity of having another Assistant Surgeon attached to this Department permanently.

I need only mention the trouble we have just had in getting temporary assistance, and, in view of the fact that plague and small-pox are always likely to be with us, at any rate for many years to come, it will nearly always be one officer's work to attend to the Infectious Hospital for the greater part of the year, now that the nursing of and attendance on infectious cases has been placed on a proper footing by His Excellency.

Attendance on the wives and families of Government servants has also increased with the increase of the subordinate staff of the various departments.

Extra work in connection with malaria in the New Territory is constantly cropping up, and we will always be able in non-epidemic times to keep an additional officer usefully employed.

With the newer methods of observation, a knowledge of which we have acquired lately both in connection with malaria as well as other diseases, the Assistant Superintendent of the Hospital has his time much more fully occupied and is no longer so much available for outside work as formerly.

Medical men, like others, require leave occasionally, and for the next two years I trust, if permitted, both myself and Dr. THOMSON will be granted leave home so that the Department will be one short for that time, if we are to have a rest. I may mention that I am now doing my 16th consecutive summer in the tropics without any change.

For these reasons, therefore, I trust His Excellency may be induced to favour my suggestion, and if, as I presume it must be, it is referred home, to give it his approval.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. BELL,

*Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer.*

The Honourable  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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**Appendix III.**

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*No. 218.*GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
HONGKONG, 10th June, 1901.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that the Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer has reported that, in his opinion, the appointment of another Assistant Surgeon, to be attached permanently to the Medical Department, is a pressing necessity.

2. Great difficulty has been experienced during the present year in obtaining temporary assistance, and, in view of the danger that, for many years to come, plague and small-pox will probably be epidemic in this Colony, one officer will nearly always be required to attend to the Infectious Hospital for the greater part of the year.

3. The necessity for attendance on the wives and families of Government servants has increased with the increase of the subordinate staff in the various departments.

4. A considerable addition to the work of the Medical Department is occasioned by the prevalence of malaria in the New Territory, and in non-epidemic times it will always be possible to keep an officer usefully employed on such works. Moreover, as the result of the newer methods of observation in connection with malaria and other diseases, the Assistant Superintendent of the Hospital has his time very fully occupied and is no longer available for outside work as was formerly the case.

5. In view of these facts, I am of opinion that the time has come when another Medical Officer must be appointed, and I hope that, if you approve of my proposal, it may be possible for the officer selected to leave for this Colony at an early date.

6. The salary and house allowance will be the same as those granted to the Second and Third Assistant Surgeons, together with exchange compensation on salary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
*Governor.*

The Right Honourable J. CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.,  
*His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies,*  
*&c., &c., &c.*

#### Appendix IV.

HONGKONG.  
No. 259.

DOWNING STREET,  
7th August, 1901.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 218 of the 10th of June in which you request that another Assistant Surgeon may be appointed to be attached to the Medical Department, and to inform you that, in view of the necessity which apparently exists for a reconsideration of the present plan of organisation in the Medical and Sanitary Departments, I do not consider it advisable at present to make a new permanent appointment of the kind indicated.

I am, therefore, proceeding to select an Assistant Surgeon who will be appointed on a three years' agreement, the Government having the option of retaining his services at the close of that period. Meanwhile, I shall be glad if you will furnish me with a general scheme showing the effect of recent new appointments in the Medical and Sanitary Departments and of any further proposals that it may be necessary to make as to the requirements of these Departments in Hongkong itself and in the New Territory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor

Sir HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.,  
*&c., &c., &c.*



## Appendix V.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL,

HONGKONG, 18th September, 1901.

SIR,

With reference to C.O.D. No. 259, dated 7th August last, I have the honour to report as follows:—

The Medical Department as at present constituted consists of:—

Principal Civil Medical Officer, Dr. ATKINSON.

Three Assistant Surgeons, Drs. LOWSON, BELL and THOMSON.

Health Officer for the Port, Dr. JORDAN.

Deputy Health Officer for the Port, Dr. SWAN.

Medical Officer of Health for the Town, Dr. CLARK.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health for the Town, Dr. PEARSE.

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, in addition to his administrative duties as head of the Medical Department, has at present to take charge of wards in the Government Civil Hospital.

He is also now President of the Sanitary Board.

As the administrative work of the Medical Department and of the Sanitary Board requires a great deal of care and consideration, it is, in my opinion, enough for one officer, and the Principal Civil Medical Officer should, therefore, be relieved of all executive work at the Hospital and his duties there limited to consultation work only.

The three Assistant Surgeons have to perform the duties of:—

Assistant Superintendent at the Government Civil Hospital, Medical Officer to the Lunatic Asylums, Medical Officer to the Maternity Hospital, Medical Officer to the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Kennedy Town and the Hospital Hulk *Hygeia*, Visiting Surgeon to the Tung Wah Hospital, Medical Officer to the Victoria Gaol, and Medical Attendant to the subordinate Government Officers with a salary under \$2,000 a year.

These duties, in my opinion, cannot be efficiently performed by three Medical Officers.

For sake of comparison I would mention that, at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, where the in-patients in the year are 1,859 as against 3,030 in this Hospital, there are, to my personal knowledge, three Resident Medical Officers, and it must also be taken into consideration that, as a rule, there will generally be one Medical Officer away on leave.

Situated as we are in an isolated Island, with yearly recurring epidemics of plague to deal with, we cannot depend upon obtaining outside medical help when necessary. Fortunately this year we have been able to obtain assistance from the Indian Medical Staff Corps, owing to the war with China.

I have given the matter my earnest consideration, and, in my opinion, to carry on the multifarious duties of the Medical Department, we require at least two more Assistant Surgeons.

One is sanctioned in the present Despatch, temporarily for three years. The second Assistant Surgeon, in my opinion, is required for the rapidly growing suburb of Kowloon where there are a number of resident Government Officers, Police, &c., and where this year a special Plague Hospital and a Public Mortuary have been erected, and to work this part of the Colony from the mainland involves great delay and loss of time.

The above should be the minimum staff at my disposal.

There are other medical requirements which this scheme does not comprehend. I refer to the medical service of such outlying places as Quarry Bay and Shaukiwan, both prosperous and rapidly growing villages or rather small towns; the population of Quarry Bay already exceeds 1,000 including a European staff of some fifty or sixty, and in addition a large Dockyard is being built by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, which when finished will practically double the population.

There are in addition the villages of Aberdeen, with its Dockyard and Paper Factory, and of Stanley, on the South side of the Island, and the many populous districts in the New Territory.

These medical services might, in my opinion, be fulfilled by native Apothecaries holding some such qualification as the Licentiatehip of the Madras University, as is so efficiently done in the Straits Settlements.

A scheme for the obtaining and employment of such, I am submitting to His Excellency in another subject which I have been asked to report upon.

Whilst dealing with this question, I would take the opportunity of drawing attention to the pay of the Principal Civil Medical Officer; from the enclosed list of similar appointments in different Crown Colonies it will be seen that it does not correspond to that of a similar appointment elsewhere.

Taking the Straits Settlements, the Principal Civil Medical Officer there receives \$7,200 a year with house and horse allowance as against the pay here of \$5,400 a year rising to \$6,000.

I would respectfully submit that the present pay is scarcely commensurate with the responsibility and the duties the Principal Civil Medical Officer has to perform as head of the Medical and the Sanitary Departments.

I would also suggest that the Senior Assistant Surgeon be termed Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital and that he receives a somewhat larger salary, say \$4,800 a year, as he would be responsible for the working of the Government Civil Hospital, the Lunatic Asylums and the Maternity Hospital.

In epidemic times one of the Assistant Surgeons should be Resident Medical Officer to Kennedy Town Hospital.

This is now a necessity and one which it has not been able, with our small staff, hitherto to arrange for, and it can only be done if my suggestion that another Assistant Surgeon be obtained is approved of.

I attach a comparative statement of the Medical Staff here and at Singapore.

Finally, I think the title of "Assistant Surgeon" as applied to the Officers of the Medical Department should be abolished and they be styled "Colonial Surgeons." The term "Assistant Surgeon" is now chiefly, if not entirely, used to designate native practitioners trained in India.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*Principal Civil Medical Officer.*

The Honourable  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

### Appendix VI.

*Minute by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.*

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

This matter requires careful consideration. All departments should be properly manned, and if the Medical Staff is undermanned it should be strengthened. To facilitate a consideration of this question, I attach a Report of the Committee which considered the Medical Establishment in 1895, the year after the great serious outbreak of plague in this Colony. I am inclined to think that a reference of this question to another Committee would be the most satisfactory method of dealing with it except that the only points to be decided now are:—

- (1.) Whether a Second Assistant Surgeon should be appointed.
- (2.) Whether the salary of the Principal Civil Medical Officer and Dr. BELL should be increased.

Perhaps these points could be decided in Executive Council without much trouble.

J. H. S. L.

19-9-01.

### Appendix VII.

*Minute by His Excellency the Governor.*

HONOURABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Circulate for Executive Council. The matter will require careful consideration. My own view is that the P. C. M. O. should have administrative control of the entire Medical Departments including Health and Port Health Officers and be relieved of the duty of Medical Officer of the Government Civil Hospital. In the enumeration of the duties, I do not think there will be much work for a Medical Officer at Kowloon that would at present occupy his whole time; but it is a rapidly growing place and it may be well to have one there. The proposal as to the plague matshed was that it should be looked after by a Chinese practitioner trained in the College of Medicine here, with a general supervision by a Government Medical Officer. I understand that the work of Kennedy Town Hospital would not take up all a Medical Officer's time and the *Hygeia* is no longer used as a hospital, Dr. BELL having reported that she is not required. She is therefore simply lying by as a receiving ship in case an infected vessel enters the port and has to be disinfected.

As to the question of salary, as the staff is at present approved, the Medical Staff of Hongkong costs \$25,920 as against \$24,000 in Singapore, and if the additional Assistant be asked for and approved, the cost of Hongkong Staff will be \$29,520. Under these circumstances, I question if any increase in individual salaries would be approved. I quote from the Colonial List, but I do not know if there are other such Officers employed by the Municipality and doing work here done by the Government Medical Staff. The P. C. M. O. of Singapore has the administrative superintendence of Penang and Malacca as well as Singapore, therefore his work is more extended than that of the P. C. M. O. here.

H. A. B.

20-9-01.

## Appendix VIII.

No. 331.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL,  
HONGKONG, 21st October, 1901.

SIR,

I have the honour to report that, since I left on leave, very few patients have been admitted to the Female Venereal Wards.

Since receipt of instructions contained in the Secretary of State's Despatch No. 52 of 17th April, 1894, only those who have voluntarily attended have been treated.

It appears that, since the Captain Superintendent of Police proceeded against these people, the private practitioners have started examination rooms and hospitals for these women, and they prefer to attend there, as no certificates are issued here.

This being so, it seems useless to reserve these wards for that class of patient, especially as we are so hard pressed for room for destitute Indians and Chinese.

I recommend that the Female Venereal Wards be done away with and that they be utilized as 3rd class wards for destitutes, this will give us 28 more beds, and there will still be a ward available for the few female venereal cases which may voluntarily come to hospital; this year up to date there has been only eight female venereal patients admitted.

As the *raison d'être* for Mrs. ACKERS' post (Matron of the Female Venereal Wards) has ceased, I recommend that she be pensioned off for loss of office.

If the staff of probationers is maintained, we shall be able to work the wards without any addition to the staff of Nursing Sisters.

There is at present a vacancy for one probationer Nurse, and I request that I be authorized to advertise for one, provision for her salary in made in this year's Estimates.

We shall require, to work these wards, two more Chinese boys (Nurses) at \$9 a month and one more coolie at \$7 a month. I enclose a tabular statement showing the present staff and the staff I suggest. I have not included the amah, as our staff of amahs is sufficiently large.

The room now occupied by Mrs. ACKERS, I propose to reserve for the Assistant Surgeon already sanctioned. I may state that Drs. LOWSON and MARQUES formerly occupied these rooms for some time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*Principal Civil Medical Officer.*

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

## Appendix IX.

DOWNING STREET,

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ to inform you that, subject to your being passed by the medical adviser of this Department as physically fit for service, he proposes to select you for appointment as Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Hongkong, with salary at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_

The duties of the post will be generally as stated in the enclosed memorandum.

I am to add that your standing will be that of a member of the Medical Department of the Colony seconded for service under the Sanitary Board.

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## Appendix X.

His Excellency the Governor asks to be furnished with a report upon a certain subject. The following correspondence ensues :—

*A. In every other Department.*

Hon. Director of Public Works (*e.g.*),  
Please report.

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*Colonial Secretary.*

Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Report herewith.

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*Director of Public Works.*

*B. In the Sanitary Department.*

Secretary, Sanitary Board,  
For report.

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*Colonial Secretary.*

The President,  
Submitted.

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*Secretary, Sanitary Board.*

Secretary, Sanitary Board,  
Request the Medical Officer of  
Health to report.

\* \* \*

*President.*

Medical Officer of Health,  
Passed to you for report.

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*Secretary, Sanitary Board.*

Secretary, Sanitary Board,  
Report herewith.

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*Medical Officer of Health.*

The President,  
Submitted.

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*Secretary, Sanitary Board.*

Secretary, Sanitary Board,  
Forward to the Hon. Colonial  
Secretary.

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*President.*

Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Report by Medical Officer of  
Health herewith.

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*Secretary, Sanitary Board.*