

Message of farewell from his colleagues to James Forbes, Inspector General of Army Hospitals, Superintendent General of Vaccination and Principal Civil Medical Officer, Ceylon

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To

James Forbes Esq^o M.D.

Inspector General of Army Hospitals

Superintendent General of Vaccination, and

Principal Civil Medical Officer

of _____ of _____ of _____

Colombo

Sir,

We view your departure from
this Colony, with the same sincere regret as we
do the cause which compels it: permit us
therefore to express, however inadequately,
the sentiments of respect and esteem we
have ever entertained for you during your
official

official career in Ceylon..

The exemplary aid you have
ever been ready to afford us - the kind solicitude
you have always evinced towards us, and the
flattering encouragement you have on all
occasions given us in our endeavours to improve
and advance ourselves in our Profession cannot
but reflect the highest honor on yourself as the Head
of that Profession in Ceylon, and impress us with
gratitude as lasting as sincere. Need we add that
the Department over which you have happily
presided has been through your auspices rapidly
advancing in knowledge, in general improvement
and respectability.

But, Sir, it is not we nor that

Depart.

Department who are alone indebted to you. In the same proportion as the members of the profession are making rapid advances in knowledge is a benefit conferred on the public at large; and it cannot be denied that He who is the instrument for effecting so desirable an object, the mover, the encourager, and supporter of it, deserves the fullest meed of praise and public gratitude..

We will not presume, Sir, to enter into your private character it not only needs no commendation from us, but we are convinced that it would be ill-timed and unacceptable. Of this however, we are assured, that it stands in as high estimation as your public character..

In conclusion we heartily wish you

speedy

speedy recovery of your health and in the possession
of every pure enjoyment, and we indulge in the
hope of seeing you again amongst us. But
wherever your fortune may lead you, we beg you
to be assured that we will ever gratefully remember
the fostering hand that helped us forward in the
paths of science and improvement.

We beg to remain

Sir

Your very faithful and
Obedient Servants.

Colombo
Feb 7 29. 1836

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