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The War Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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Your Reference.....

My dear General,

I enclose three Warrants  
relating to the early history of the Corps which  
you may care to have for your Museum.  
I think I mentioned these when you were  
last here.

Please don't bother to acknowledge.

Yours sincerely

Ed. White



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The Act, 1871  
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# Victoria 31.

WHEREAS it has been represented unto Us, that great benefit will result from re-establishing the rank of Apothecary to the Forces; Our Will and Pleasure is, that Apothecaries to the Forces shall form part of the Regular Establishment of the Army, and that they shall rank as Lieutenants, according to the dates of their Commissions for the first fifteen years of their Service, and after that time, as Captains, but as juniors of that rank.

The pay of an Apothecary to the Forces shall be—

Upon First Appointment .....	9	0	a-day.
After Five years' Service .....	10	6	"
" Ten .....	12	0	"
" Fifteen .....	13	6	"
" Twenty .....	15	0	"
" Twenty-five .....	16	6	"
" Thirty .....	18	0	"

He will receive an Allowance for a Servant, and for Lodging and fuel, if not provided with quarters, and forage for one horse, if kept.

The rate of Half-Pay of an Apothecary to the Forces shall be,—

After Ten years' Service .....	5	0	a-day.
" Fifteen .....	6	0	"
" Twenty .....	7	0	"
" Twenty-five .....	8	0	"
" Thirty .....	9	0	"

But no Apothecary to the Forces shall be entitled to claim retirement after any period of Service under thirty years' duration, upon the ground of ill health, contracted in the Service, unless such unfitness for service shall be supported by Medical Certificates satisfactory to our Secretary at War.

Every Apothecary to the Forces who shall have served upon full pay for thirty years, and upwards, shall have the right to retire upon half pay, provided that the Secretary at War shall be satisfied with the manner in which such Apothecary shall have performed his duty.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this twenty-third day of October, 1854, in the eighteenth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

SIDNEY HERBERT.

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23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1855

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VICTORIA R.

**Whereas** We have considered it necessary for the  $\frac{124,004}{1}$  improvement of Our Service, and for the better providing for the duties of the Purveyor's Department, that the ranks and classes of that Department should be extended, and the rates of Pay and Half Pay of the Officers and Clerks thereof be regulated and amended: Our Will and Pleasure thereof is, that, instead of the provisions contained in Our Royal Warrant of the 27th April 1853, re-establishing the Purveyor's Department, those contained in this Our Royal Warrant, to be administered and interpreted by Our Secretary-at-War, shall from the date hereof be the sole authority regarding that Department of Our Service.

1. The Purveying Department of the Army shall consist of a Purveyor-in-Chief, a Deputy Purveyor-in-Chief, Purveyors, Purveyor's Clerks of the 1st Class, and Purveyor's Clerks of the 2d Class.

2. The full pay of these Officers and Clerks shall be according to the accompanying Table :—

Pay.	Purveyor-in-Chief. per diem.	Deputy Purveyor-in-Chief. per diem.	Purveyors. per diem.	Clerks 1st Class. per diem.	Clerks 2nd Class. per diem.
On appointment -	£ s. d. 1 5 0	£ s. d. 0 15 0	£ s. d. 0 10 0	£ s. d. 0 8 0	£ s. d. 0 7 0
After 5 years' Service	1 7 6	0 17 0	0 12 0	0 9 6	0 7 0
" 10 "	1 10 0	0 19 0	0 13 6	0 11 6	0 8 0
" 15 "	1 10 0	1 1 0	0 15 0	0 12 6	0 9 0
" 20 "	1 10 0	1 1 0	0 16 6	0 14 0	0 10 0
" 25 "	1 10 0	1 1 0	0 18 0	0 14 0	0 10 0
" 30 "	1 10 0	1 1 0	1 0 0	0 14 0	0 10 0

*Allowances.*

Ordinary Field Allowance -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Extra Ordinary ditto -	2	2	1	1	1
Servants, or allowance in lieu -	2	2	1	1	1
Forage for Horses, if necessarily kept -	2	2	1	1	1

3. The Purveyor-in-Chief, Deputy Purveyor-in-Chief, and the Purveyors, shall be Commissioned Officers, and shall have the following relative ranks :—

The Purveyor-in-Chief, as Major, according to the date of his Commission as such.

The Deputy Purveyor-in-Chief, as Captain, according to the date of his Commission as such.

The Purveyors, as Lieutenants, according to the dates of their Commissions, during the first ten years of their service in the Department; but after that time as Captains, but as junior of that rank.

4. These Officers, if placed on half-pay by reduction of Establishment, or in consequence of ill health contracted in the Service, or after twenty-five years' full pay service, in which last case they shall have the right to retire upon halfpay, will be allowed the half pay to which their total service in the Department, as specified in Clause 10 of this Warrant, shall entitle them, according to the following table :

	Purveyor-in-Chief. per diem.	Deputy Purveyor-in-Chief. per diem.	Purveyors. per diem.
After 10 years' Service -	£ s. d. 0 14 0	£ s. d. 0 10 0	£ s. d. 0 5 0
" 15 "	0 14 0	0 10 0	0 7 0
" 20 "	0 17 0	0 13 0	0 8 0
" 25 "	0 17 0	0 13 0	0 9 0
" 30 "	1 0 0	0 16 0	0 10 0

5. Any Officer, retiring at his own desire after twenty-five years' full pay service, will be entitled to the rate assigned to his rank and service in the above table, provided he



shall have served three years in the rank from which he retires; but if he shall not have served three years in such rank he shall only receive the rate attached to the rank from which he was last promoted.

6. The widows and families of these Officers will be allowed the pensions and compassionate allowances granted to Officers of their relative ranks by the Pension Warrant of 15th June 1855, subject to all the conditions and restrictions stated in the said Warrant.

7. These Officers must, if so required by the Secretary-at-War, give such Security for the due care of public monies entrusted to them as the Secretary-at-War may be pleased to direct.

8. The Purveyor's Clerks will not receive Commissions, but will hold temporary appointments. They will not be entitled to any half pay on reduction, or retirement, nor will their widows or families be entitled to any pensions or compassionate allowances.

9. The Purveyor's Clerks will have the following relative ranks:—

Purveyor's Clerk of the 1st Class, as Ensign, according to the date of his appointment.

Purveyor's Clerk of the 2nd Class, as Ensign, but as junior of that rank.

10. Service in the inferior ranks will be allowed to reckon, if continuous, towards increase of full pay, in the higher ranks; but a Clerk or Officer will be required on promotion to serve one year on each rate of pay of the rank to which he shall be promoted, commencing at the minimum of each rank, until he shall have attained the rate of pay warranted by the whole of his service.

The Purveyor-in-Chief will be allowed to reckon only one third, and the Deputy Purveyor-in-Chief only one half, of their service as Purveyor, or Purveyor's Clerk, towards increase of full pay in their respective ranks of Purveyor-in-Chief and Deputy Purveyor-in-Chief.

Given at Our Court at Saint James', this thirty-first day of October 1855, in the nineteenth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

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The Medical Staff Corps is to consist of 9 companies, each of which is calculated for attendance in a hospital for 500 patients, and is to be composed as follows:

## *Purveyor's Department.*

- 1 steward, to rank as serjeant major.
- 4 assistant stewards, to rank as serjeants.
- 6 issuers, to rank as privates.
- 2 washermen, to rank as corporals.
- 1 cook, to rank as serjeant.
- 3 assistant cooks, to rank as privates.

## *Surgeon's Department.*

- 1 wardmaster, to rank as colour serjeant.
- 8 assistant wardmasters, to rank as corporals.
- 2 barbers, to rank as privates.
- 50 orderlies, to rank as privates.

78 Total.

The washermen are to be in no way distinguished from the assistant wardmasters, any of whom may be employed to superintend the washing. Likewise, there is to be no distinction between the issuers, assistant cooks, barbers, and orderlies, all of whom are to be termed "orderlies," and are to be liable to be employed in any way that may be required in the performance of hospital duties.

The corps will thus consist of —

- 9 stewards, to rank as serjeant majors.
- 9 wardmasters, to rank as colour serjeants.
- 36 assistant stewards, to rank as serjeants.
- 9 cooks, to rank as serjeants.
- 90 assistant wardmasters, to rank as corporals.
- 549 orderlies, to rank as privates.

702 Total.



Though a portion of the non-commissioned officers and orderlies are to be placed under the immediate orders of the purveyor, they are to be under the general superintendence and control of the principal medical officer of each hospital.

The wardmasters, assistant wardmasters, and orderlies attending on the sick are to be under the immediate orders of the medical officers.

The non-commissioned officers, though taking ranks with those of the other corps of the army, are to be designated "steward," "wardmaster," &c., and they are not to have the ordinary distinctions of non-commissioned officers on their uniforms, but are to wear other distinctions by which the different grades may be known.

The pay and allowances of the corps to be as follows :

	s.	d.	
Stewards	5	0	a day.
Wardmasters	4	0	"
Assistant stewards	3	6	"
Cooks	2	6	"
Assistant wardmasters	2	0	"
Orderlies	2	0	"

The last two ranks to receive an increase of 1*d.* a day for every 5 years' service, under the provisions of the good-conduct warrant for the line, subject to the usual forfeiture for each entry in the defaulters' book.

An orderly appointed to act as assistant cook or assistant washer shall receive 2*d.* a day extra; as barber, 3*d.* a day extra.

Quarters for all members of the corps will be provided; and while attached to a general hospital each non-commissioned officer and orderly will receive a daily ration at the public expense.

When not employed in hospital duty, they will be rationed precisely as the rest of the army.

All members of the corps shall be liable to be discharged from the service at any time that the authorities shall think fit, without any claim to compensation beyond the scale of pension hereafter laid down.

When their services shall be dispensed with, they shall be entitled to pensions on the following scale, after a total service in this corps or in the line exceeding 15 years, of which 10 at least shall have been in this corps.

After	years	s.	d.
15	years	1	3
16	"	1	5
17	"	1	7
18	"	1	9
19	"	1	11
20	"	2	1
21	"	2	3
22	"	2	5
23	"	2	7
24	"	2	9
25	"	2	11
26	"	3	1

Stewards and wardmasters after 15 years' total service (of which at least 5 as steward or wardmaster), a pension for life of 1*s.* 3*d.* a day, increasing to a maximum of 3*s.* 1*d.* a day at the rate of 2*d.* for each additional year's service.

After	years	s.	d.
15	years	1	0
16	"	1	2
17	"	1	4
18	"	1	6
19	"	1	8
20	"	1	10
21	"	2	0
22	"	2	2
23	"	2	4
24	"	2	6
25	"	2	8
26	"	2	10

Assistant stewards and cooks after 15 years' total service (of which at least 5 as assistant steward or cook), a pension for life of 1*s.* a day, increasing to a maximum of 2*s.* 10*d.* a day at the rate of 2*d.* for each additional year's service.

After	years	s.	d.	to	s.	d.
15	years	0	9		1	0
16	"	0	10		1	1
17	"	0	11		1	2
18	"	1	0		1	3
19	"	1	1		1	4
20	"	1	2		1	6
21	"	1	3		1	7
22	"	1	4		1	8
23	"	1	5		1	9
24	"	1	6		1	10
25	"	1	7		2	0
26	"	1	8		2	1

Assistant wardmasters after 15 years' service (of which at least 5 as assistant wardmaster), a pension for life of 9*d.* a day, increasing to a maximum of 1*s.* 8*d.* at the rate of 1*d.* a day for each additional year's service, and also by the addition of the good-conduct pay of which they may have been in uninterrupted possession for six months immediately preceding their discharge; but the maximum shall not exceed 2*s.* 1*d.* a day.



Orderlies after 15 years' service (of which 10 shall have been in this corps), a pension for life of 6*d.* a day, increasing to a maximum of 1*s.* 5*d.* at the rate of 1*d.* a day for each additional year's service, and also by the addition of the good-conduct pay of which they shall have been in uninterrupted possession for six months immediately preceding their discharge; but the maximum shall not exceed 1*s.* 10*d.* a day.

In case a non-commissioned officer or orderly should become disabled by disease or injury contracted on duty in the hospital, his case shall be specially considered, with a view to a pension being awarded to him proportionate to his disability, without reference to length of service.

The purveyor is to perform the duty of paymaster to the men of the corps, and the pay lists and accounts of the company or detachment are to be made out under the purveyor's orders by the steward or assistant stewards.

The following is an outline of the duties intended to be performed by the different grades. A Code of Regulations embracing every detail will be framed by the Army Medical Department.

Steward—To take charge of all the hospital stores, except the medicines; to regulate and control the assistant stewards, issuers, cooks, and washermen; to keep an inventory of the effects and necessities of men admitted to the hospital; to send to England, or to dispose of according to orders from the purveyor, the effects of men dying in hospital; to prepare the pay lists, and to keep the accounts of his company or detachment; and to keep such other accounts as the purveyor may direct.

Assistant stewards—To be responsible for such stores as the stewards may put under their charge; to superintend the receiving and issuing of these; and to keep such books and accounts as the purveyor may direct.

After	s.	d.	s.	d.
15 years	0	6	0	9
16 "	0	7	0	10
17 "	0	8	0	11
18 "	0	9	1	0
19 "	0	10	1	1
20 "	0	11	1	2
21 "	1	0	1	3
22 "	1	1	1	4
23 "	1	2	1	5
24 "	1	3	1	6
25 "	1	4	1	7
26 "	1	5	1	8

Increased by good conduct pay, 1*s.* 10*d.*

Issuers—To assist, as they may be directed, the assistant steward, under whose immediate orders they are to be placed.

Cook—Under the orders of the steward, to be responsible for the general management of the kitchen, and for regularity in providing the meals. The assistant cooks to be under his orders.

Washermen—To take account of all the linen received from the wards, and to superintend the washing, drying, and repairs of the same before it is returned into store.

Wardmaster—To exercise a general superintendence of the wards and control over the assistant wardmasters and orderlies; to see that the meals are distributed at the proper hour; to be responsible for the general discipline of the hospital, and for the cleanliness of the wards and corridors.

Assistant wardmasters—To have charge of one or more wards, under the orders of the wardmaster; to administer all medicines; to see that the patients get their diets as ordered by the medical officers; to see that the men directed to be out of bed rise at the proper hour, make their beds, and generally conform to the rules of the hospital; and that the orderlies perform their duties properly.

Orderlies—To be under the immediate orders of the assistant wardmasters, to attend upon and assist generally a certain number of patients; to apply fomentations and such other simple portions of their treatment; to feed such patients as are unable to feed themselves; to keep clean the portion of the ward under their charge; to collect the foul linen, and distribute clean linen at the proper times; and generally to attend to the wants of the patients under their charge.

Strict orders will be given that no orderly is on any pretence whatever to act as servant to a medical or other officer or to any non-commissioned officer of the corps. This rule will not apply to cases where an orderly is specially detailed to attend on a sick or wounded officer requiring such skilled attendance.

For the general management of the corps, an officer is to be appointed who will be quartered at the depôt. He will perform generally the duties usually intrusted to the adjutant and quartermaster of a regiment.

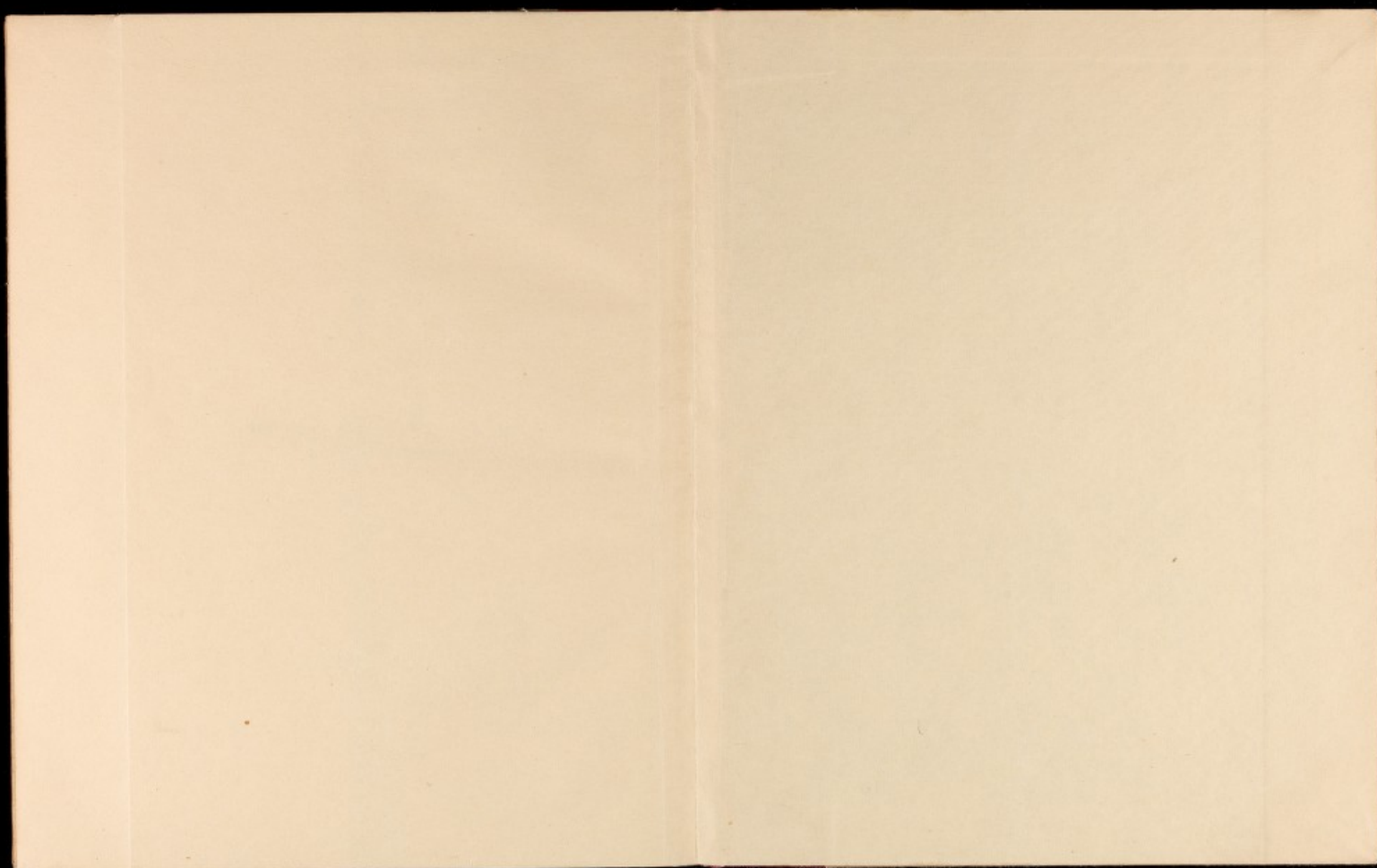
Given at Our Court of St. James, this 11th Day of June 1855, in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
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