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Read by his daughter
Alice Simpson. Balance part
Dated 21 Sept 1870
Letter to Commander in Chief dated 21 Nov 1870
2^d Sept 1872

about being papered over by H. Smith - Superintendent
Army and Department -

Letter of recommendation
from Sir Richard Airey
Sir Harry Smith &
other Testimonials
Sir J. Halle -
Service & Testimonials

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Bombay ¹⁴ October 1852

My Lord.

It is at all times a disadvantage, I am aware, to have to appeal against the decision of those in authority above one in the public service; but circumstances may arise where a sense of duty to a man's own character, and position renders such an appeal imperative, and, I trust, Your Lordship will kindly view what I have to say in that light, and not as a captious opposition to those placed in office over me.

In April last, finding that I had been passed over by Mr. Munro's promotion to the rank of Inspector General of Hospitals, and seeing in the Army list the removal of S. Dawson from Van Diemen's Land to Madras, which, I considered, deferred all prospect of advancement for me in India to a very distant date, I applied to S. Smith, Superintendent of the Army Medical Department, for the appointment of Inspector General of Hospitals in Dublin, on the retirement of Sir James Spence in July, and was not only disappointed at a refusal, but very greatly surprised to be given to understand that was not to expect promotion until those who
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were Senior to me not in rank, but in
length of service were provided for. Now
this, My Lord, I need not point out to You,
is so much at variance with the usages
of the Army in all other branches of the
Service, and so manifestly unjust
if allowed now to be adopted by D. Smith,
as an *ex post facto* regulation in the higher
grades of the Medical Department, that
I claim the protection of the Commander
in Chief against it. Had seniority of
Service always been the rule in the
Medical Department of the Army, as is
the case in the Medical Department of
the Hon^{ble} Company's Service in India,
no one could have complained, as in that
case the relative position of all, not excepting
the Superintendent himself, and make
the observation without any disparagement to
him, would have been essentially dif-
ferent. Besides, My Lord, it is well
known that many officers in the Medical
Department have from time to time refused
promotion on the Staff either to avoid
Service in unhealthy climates, or to obtain
appointments where their emoluments were
good. My Service on the contrary
has been chiefly in the West Indies amidst
Scenes of Disease, and Death, and

Exposure to the fatigue, and risk of ^{latterly of the Cape of Good Hope} Savage Warfare -

I am the only Deputy Inspector on full pay, with the exception of Mr. Meakin now at the Cape, who can claim that service in the field as head of my Department in that rank, and having on three separate occasions performed that duty to the entire satisfaction of my military Superiors. I need not meet with that consideration from the Superintendent of the Medical Department which I concerning my services entitled me to expect; as all officers in command of Regiments, or Detachments, or in charge of Departments, employed on the very same service, obtained either rank or honors. The head of the Medical Department alone remained unrewarded, and when I sought promotion in due course of Seniority of rank I am not only refused a recommendation by the Superintendent, but told by him that my claim cannot be brought forward until officers of longer service have been provided for -

- 1. Copy of a letter from Sir James to the Surgeon General dated 21st Dec 1827
- 2. Extract from the General Order dated 17th Dec 1827
- 3. Copy of a letter from Sir James to the Surgeon General dated 10th July 1829
- 4. Extract from the General Order dated 17th Dec 1827
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- 12. Extract from the General Order dated 17th Dec 1827
- 13. Copy of a letter from Sir James to the Surgeon General dated 10th July 1829
- 14. Extract from the General Order dated 17th Dec 1827

of the occurrence of the Medical, and General Officers under whose Superintendance, and Command I have served. Had Sir James De Giger been still at the head of the Medical Department I could with confidence referred to him for my professional reputation as he has known me ever since I entered the service; but I take leave to mention to your Lordship, that Confidential reports of the character and conduct of those under their Superintendance, are made annually by the Principal Medical Officers of the Army to the head of the Medical Department, and as these documents must be official records in the Medical Board Office in London, so conscientious and of having at all times endeavoured to do my duty, I fearlessly appeal, and on this, and the publicly expressed opinion of my military Superiors both in Garrison and on active service, as Head of my Department, in the field, I rest my claim for advancement, in opposition to any one in the Department whom I should may bring forward to my prejudice; and if there, after more than 35 years of actual and varied service are not to be admitted so valid as that of Medical Officers to ground their claims, or what incentive is there for them to exert themselves zealously in the public service. To be passed over

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at the Cape of Good Hope exposed to the
fatigue and risk of savage warfare.

I am unwilling to trespass on Your
Lordship's valuable time, but crave permission
to annex an abstract of my Service, and Copies
of the incidentally expressed opinion of some
of the Medical, and General Officers, under whose
Superintendance, and Command I have served.
Had Sir James De Giron been still at the
Head of the Medical Department I could with
confidence ^{have} referred to him for my professional
Reputation as he has known me ever since
I entered the Service; but I take leave to
renew to Your Lordship, that Confidential
Reports of the Character and Conduct of those
under their Superintendence, are made Annu-
ally by the Principal Medical Officers gathering
to the Head of the Medical Department, and
as these Abstracts must be official Records
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1. Abstract of Service

2. Copy of a letter from Sir J. De Giron
to Major-General Sir J. De Giron dated
24 Sept 1827

3. Copy of a letter from Sir J. De Giron
to Sir James De Giron dated 24 Sept
1827

4. Extract of a letter from Sir J. De Giron
to Sir James De Giron dated 20 Oct 1827

5. Copy of a letter from Sir J. De Giron
to Sir James De Giron dated 10 July 1829

6. Extract of a letter from Sir J. De Giron
to Sir James De Giron dated 24 May
1829

7. Extract from Brigade Orders
dated 17 June 1828

8. Extract from General Orders
dated 17 Dec 1827

9. Extract from General Orders
dated 17 Dec 1827

10. Extract from General Orders
dated 15 Sept 1828

11. Extract from General Orders
dated 15 Sept 1828

12. Copy of a letter from Sir J. De Giron
to Major-General Sir J. De Giron dated
1 Oct 1821

13. Copy of a certificate from Sir
J. De Giron dated
1 March 1821

14. Copy of a letter from Sir J. De Giron
to Major-General Sir J. De Giron dated
2 Dec 1826

impious censure in the eyes of all, because it is an admitted axiom in the Army that no one is ever passed over in his immediate rank without some reason for so humiliating a mark of degradation. The Commander in Chief, I am quite sure, is too just and considerate ever to promote a junior Field Officer over a Senior ^{one} in the same Regiment merely because the junior had entered the service first - And why? it may be asked, should the Superintendent of the Army Medical Department be permitted to do that which His Grace in His high position has never been known to do -

Dr. Smith grounded his refusal to recommend me for the Lieutenancy in Dublin on the General plea of providing for "meritorious officers of longer service" - Now where the rules of the service are to be set aside, and the just claims of others prejudiced, it is only just, I think to require that the grounds on which the term "meritorious" is applied should be distinctly set forth. I have already stated, and now repeat that should by challenge Dr. Smith to contrast the reports of my military and medical superiors with ^{his own} statements he may propose to Your Lordship some prejudice, and I am willing to abide by Your Lordship's decision in the matter as I feel confident it would be equitable - Having been injured for, with a family to provide for, and the chances of failing health in this climate at my time of life, in no other light can I possibly view being passed over, I appeal to the Commander in Chief to protect me in future, and that Dr. Smith may be restrained from carrying out his head rule to my prejudice in Dublin where now alone I look for my promotion, and hope to obtain it in due course of seniority.

Because its adoption in this instance would imply dissent on the part of those passed over, and impinge the justice of those who have been, by this showing, their merited promotion

I have the honor to be,
 My Lord,
 Your Lordship's most obedient
 Humble servant
 John Dale M.D.
 Lieut. Surgeon Genl. of Foot

Abstract of the Services of S^r. John Hale,
Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, as a Medical
Officer in the Regular Army.

Entered the Service as an Hospital assistant by
Commission on the 24 June 1815.

	Years	Months	Days
Served in Flanders in 1815 —	1	5	20
Placed on Half Pay on reduction of the Army 25 th February 1816, and remained on Half Pay until the 24 September 1817	}		
Served in the West Indies at different periods — — —	15	3	28
Served at Gibraltar — — —	4	4	—
“ at the Cape of Good Hope —	4	9	9
“ at Bombay, reckoning from the date of leaving the Cape of Good Hope — — —	1	—	18
Foreign Service —	25	11	15
Home Service including one year at home on sick leave from the West Indies — — —	9	6	17
Total Service	35	6	2

Bombay 14 October 1852

John Hale M.D.
D^y Inspector General of
Hospitals

My dear Hall,

Sir Henry has given
me the accompanying
note, which perhaps you
will attach to the copy
of his letter to Sir James
W. Fyfe. — He would
have sent it yesterday,
but he was desirous that
it —

it should be in his
own handwriting, and he
was not at the time equal
to the exertion.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel W. Wood.

Gov. W. W. Wood,

26th May, 1849.

John Wall Esq. M.D.

Rev. Lush Greene

Spartan



Genl - Brown

Cape Town 25 May

1849

My Dear Genl

I have the heartfelt
satisfaction to forward you
a copy of the Letter I have
this day written to Sir
James McGregor as to your
men and all sorts
and personally in my
recent awful setbacks
as to your ability and
concern for my life - I
have therefore upon this

personal Point endeavor
to express My gratitude and
that of Lady Smith -

as to your Public
character I have stated
to the Chief of your Department
my candid opinion of
your abilities and Merit
founded upon considerable
observation and I have
repeatedly expressed my esteem
of them, the highest
rank of your profession
with honor to yourself

and with great benefit
to Her Majesty's Service

I have much respect
an Expression of
My warmest gratitude
and that of Lady Smith

I am Dear Madam
Your grateful and
faithful friend
A. Smith

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(Enclosed with
ECO1/4a)

Government House, Cape Town,

24th May, 1859.

My dear Sir James, M^r Surgeon,

D^r Hall will have acquainted you with the awful visitation of sickness I have had - I have only therefore joyfully to tell you how rapidly I am daily gaining strength; and how much - how deeply - indebted to him I am for the preservation of my life. - I knew D^r Hall some years ago in Jamaica with the 83rd Regiment, where he had the reputation of being a most able and attentive Officer. - On my arrival in this Command I find him the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals; and upon my Inspection never did I observe any Medical or Surgical arrangements better or more ably carried out than those under his

his auspices... On my recent expedition beyond the
Great Orange River, most fortunately did he
accompany me; for at our affair at "Boem Plaats"
we had three times the number of casualties I had
anticipated, and had doubted him to provide for.
This difficulty however he overcame much to my
satisfaction, and for the benefit of the wounded
and the Service generally; and he has displayed
to me every quality of the able Military Medical
Officer, and the energetic warrior within himself
which he could command.

"We have travelled together some 2500
miles; during which daily observation enabled
me to perceive that he is a man of a highly
cultivated and well regulated mind" - but little
did I then foresee the great cause I have now
to be so deeply indebted to him... His treatment
of my case, as a Professional man, appears to
be

be one evincing great moral courage and char-
sighted-
ability - while his devotion to me as a kind friend,
and still kinder nurse, I would willingly describe
if I were able. - For nearly twenty nights he never
quitted my bed side; and I never, in the restless
state of excessive pain, moved, when he was not
with me to arrange my pillows. - It is on a bed
of sickness and apparently approaching death,
that these attentions are so indelibly impressed
upon the mind as to prevent their obliteration;
although one cannot sufficiently appreciate them.

You may judge therefore of my private
gratitude to Dr. Hall, as well as that of daddy
Smith - but what I desire most to impress upon
your mind, as the head of his Department, is,
the worth of this young and distinguished Medical
Officer, as one well calculated to discharge the
duties

duties, with advantage to His Majesty's Service, of
whichever Post of importance he may be hereafter
selected to fill. —

Excuse this letter being in the
handwriting of my Secretary Colonel Jauvot; for
although my head is as clear as it ever is, any
continued manual process is too laborious for me
to attempt. —

Lady Smith unites with me
in most affectionate regards to yourself and
Lady M^{rs} Geyor, and believe me

Very Dear Sir James,

Ever your old and faithful friend,

(Signed) Harry Smith.

2 Copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. H. G. Smith, to Major
General Sir John Keane K.C.B. - on the death of
Dr. Tully Inspector General of Hospitals
dated
Kingston Jamaica 2nd September 1827

My dear Sir John.

I am seldom at a loss to devise some expedient to aid a meritorious officer, but in the present instance neither he nor I can offer you favorable consideration any specific mode of serving him further than by recommending him according to his merit in general terms to Sir James Mc'Gregor.

You have for some years witnessed the trials, but mild, and attentive manner in which he executes his arduous duties - therefore, to you I am unable to recommend further than during the late period of sickness in which his professional abilities both as a physician & medical officer have been brought most fully under my observation, and I know it will gratify you to learn, that I entertain you that by his exertions upon all occasions ^{has} enabled me to consider it an imperative duty to recommend him to you in the strongest terms.

He, during the late period of sickness, was laboring under Intermittent Fever, but his own afflictions never rendered ^{him} ineffectual for one moment a fact which proves, more than I can express, his zeal, and devotion to the service.

Believe me &c &c

Signed H. G. Smith

2nd Lt. Martin Galt

Copy of a letter from the same to Sir James Mc'Gregor Director
General Army Medical Department, on the same occasion
dated Deputy Quarter Master Galt's Department
Jamaica 2 September 1827

3.

Sir. I have the honor to state to you with reference to my communication to you of this day's date relative to the lamented death of Dr. Tully Inspector of Hospitals, that, as His Excellency Major General Sir John Keane

is absent, and there may be some delay in the recommendation of individuals, who by their zealous exertions during the late afflictive sickness with which this part of the Army has been visited.

I consider it a duty incumbent on me as senior officer at present here to bring under your particular observation the services of D. Hall, Assistant Staff Surgeon. He is, as you are well aware, a very old officer, and has been a long time in this debilitating climate. I therefore trust you would delay filling up all vacancies until you hear officially from Sir John Keane, which you will, I assure you, by the next packet, and I may venture to offer a particular recommendation of D. Hall.

From your knowledge of the Service and its most active part, I feel satisfied the testimony of an officer of Experience, which I may venture to consider myself, in behalf of the zealous services of one of your own Department will be received with pleasure, permit me to recommend to your protecting influence the individual in question, D. Hall, and to assure you if you can give him promotion you will only further the interests of the Service, and reward a meritorious officer, a gratification I am well aware most interesting to you.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Signed H. G. Smith
D. O. L. M. Genl.

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Extract of a letter from Major Genl Sir John Keane
Commander of the Forces in Jamaica to his Son-in-Law
Director General of the Army Medical Department
on Ass. Staff Surgeon Hall being compelled to leave
Jamaica on account of ill health

Head Quarters Jamaica 8 October 1827

My dear Sir James.

"I am sorry to say that we are at last obliged to part with D. Hall, at a moment when we can but ill spare his services. His late unceasing exertions after a residence of nine years in this climate have so impaired his constitution that a Medical Board has considered it necessary to his salvation to leave the colony.

I have therefore given him six months leave of absence, and he proceeds in the same ship with Mr. Tully - He takes a month in England to let him up, indeed the voyage may, and it is his anxious desire to return as soon as he is established - In my own name, and in that of every soldier under my Command do I intreat you will permit him to return, for no man can be more esteemed than he is both professionally and personally -

I remain in good health but God knows worried by surrounding sickness and heavy losses, I shall write recommended to your friendly notice and he will give you a far better statement of our situation than I dare attempt - The remainder of Mr. John's letter refers to subjects unconnected with I shall

Copy of a letter from Major General Sir John Stave to Sir William Franklin, Principal Inspector of Army Hospitals, applying to have Staff Surgeon Hale sent back to Jamaica:

London 10th July 1829

My dear Sir William

I know Sir James is out of town but I cannot resist saying to you at once that I have heard from Jamaica and Staff Surgeon Hale is condemned by a Board and homebound bound as quite useless. That already too small Staff ought to be efficient to meet plague, and I do intreat in my own behalf, and also for the profession, and Community at large that the worthy Director will allow me to have the bearer Mr. Hale, the man of my own choice

Ever sincerely Yours
Signed John Stave

Served at Gibraltar from Nov^r 1836 to Feb^r 1841
under the Command of Lieut Genl Sir Alexander
Burdwood K. C. B., Governor of the Forts, to whom
I am ^{well} known, and to whom I think I can confidently
refer your Lordship for a testimonial of my conduct while
employed in that Garrison.

Original in
the possession of
the Hon. Secy of State
for War

Extract of a letter from Lieut. Genl. Sir H. G. Smith Bart.
Governor, and Commander in Chief at the Cape of Good
Hope, to Sir James M. G. Grigor Bart. Director General
Army Medical Department - dated

Government House Cape Town

24th May 1849

My dear Sir James

" I know I shall some years ago
see Jamaica with the 33rd Regiment, when he had
the reputation of being a most able and attentive
officer. On my arrival in this Command I find
him the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals; and upon
my inspection never did I observe any medical
or surgical arrangements better, or more ably
carried out than those under his auspices.

On my recent Expedition beyond
the Great Orange River most fortunately did
he accompany me; for at our affair of Bosom
Plaatz we had three times the number of casualties
I had anticipated, and had directed him to
provide for. This difficulty, however, he overcame
much to my satisfaction, and for the benefit of
the wounded, and the Service generally; and
he has displayed to me every quality of the
able Military Medical Officer, and the energetic
resources within himself which he could com-
mand.

We have travelled together some
2500 miles, during which daily observation
enabled me to perceive that he is a man of highly
cultivated, and well regulated mind; but what
I desire most to impress upon your mind, as the
Head of the Medical Department, is, the worth of
this distinguished Medical Officer, as one
well calculated to discharge the duties, with
advantage to Her Majesty's Service, of whatever
post of importance he may hereafter be selected
to fill" -

- 7 Extract from Brigade Orders issued by Col. Sir Richard Doherty, Lieut. Governor, and Commanding the Troops in the Island of St. Vincent, on Staff Surgeon Hall's leaving that Island for England in June 1843
- Brigade Orders. Fort Charlotte St. Vincent
June 17th 1843

"The Col. Commanding is desirous of expressing his regret at the departure from this Command of Staff Surgeon Hall - He is very sensible how much the Garrison owes in all respects to Hall's standing and merit, a gentleman so experienced and successful in his profession, and so justly esteemed in private life -"

- 8 Extract from the general order issued by Lieut. General Sir George Berkeley - on his giving over the Command of the Army at the Cape of Good Hope -
after the operations in the Cape of Good Hope during the whole of 1847
- Head Quarters Graham's Town
17th December 1847

Para 19. "The Lieut. General's acknowledgments are due to L. Hall, D. Inspector General of Hospitals, and the Officers of the Medical Department for the arrangements they have made for the sick, and their attendance both in the Hospital, and in the field"

- 9 Extract from His ^{Excellency} Lieut. General Sir Harry Smith's Despatch to the Right Hon. Earl Grey, Secretary of State detailing the affair of Boomplaatz on the 29th Aug. 1848
- Camp. Beekany, two marches from Stormfontein
August 26th 1848

"L. Hall, D. Inspector Gen. of Hospitals fortunately came up from Cape Town with me, for I did not imagine I should have such occasion for his services; and the wounded under his able care have been provided for as I could desire"

Extract from Genl Order issued by His Excellency
Lieut. General Sir Harry Smith Commander
in Chief at the Cape of Good Hope on the
termination of the Campaign against the Emigrant
Boers beyond the Great Orange River in
1848 -

Head Quarters Bloubaanfontein
15 September 1848

"

1. His Excellency has served with
many troops, but in no Campaign has
he been associated with more energetic Officers
and Soldiers than those composing these Detachments.

The thanks of their Country are due to Lieut
Col Buller - Major Beckwith, who succeeded
the former officer in command after his
severe wound, and to every Officer & Soldier,
and their merits shall be laid before
His Grace the ^{Governor of the Cape} ~~Commander in Chief~~
in the hope of attracting the attention of
Her Majesty -"

2. "This record of meritorious services
attaches fully to D. Hall, Deputy Inspector General
of Hospitals, and to the Medical Officers generally,
whose care of the wounded could not be exceeded"

"

Copy of General Order issued by His Excellency Lieut
General Sir Harry Smith Commander in Chief at
the Cape of Good Hope on D. Hall's being ordered to pro-
ceed from the Cape to Bombay -

Head Quarters King William's Town 5 July 1857

General Order. 125.
1. Deputy Inspector General R. Melville
having been appointed D. Inspector General of Hospitals at
the Cape of Good Hope, vice D. Hall ordered to Bombay,
that officer will assume the duties of Principal Medical
Officer from this date -

The Commander in Chief cannot permit Mr. Hall to leave the Army under his command, and to relinquish the important office he has filled with such advantage to the Service and credit to himself, without a strong and deep felt expression of his regret at parting with so valuable and talented an officer, - a feeling in which the whole Army participates; nor can His Excellency convey to Mr. Hall this public testimony of his worth without adding his personal feelings of regard, and tenderness to him his grateful acknowledgements for that unceasing attention to which he is so greatly indebted to him personally. Exclusive of this officer's great professional ability he is one of the most able officers in his Department in the field His Excellency is associated with

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Copy of a letter from Lt. Col. Galtrest Dep. Inspector Genl. of Hospitals, under whose superintendance I served at Gibraltar from Nov. 1836 to Feb. 1841

Gibraltar 1st Dec. 1841

My dear Sir

I should be guilty of great injustice towards You were I not, now that You are about to leave this command, to testify most cordially to the superior manner in which You have executed all Your duties while here - Perhaps this cannot be better performed on my part than by copying what I said some months ago, to Sir James M. Grigor, when recommending Your re-appointment to a Staff Surgeon: - "I will beg leave to say, that in every way Mr. Hall is one of the most deserving Medical Officers in Her Majesty's Service, and will always, I am sure conduct himself in a manner calculated to do honor to the Department - His abilities are above an every day order; - his attention to his duty great; - never needs a superintending eye; and any act of favor in making his wishes on this occasion, cannot possibly be better bestowed."

I shall always be happy to hear of your welfare, and of your advancement.

F. J. Hall Esq
Surgeon 33rd Regt

Remain, My dear Sir,
Yours very sincerely
Lieut. J. Galtrest Dep.
Inspector Genl. of Hospis

Copy of a Certificate from Sir Jacob Adolphus, Inspector General of Hospitals, under whose Superintendence S Hale served in Jamaica from 1818 to 1826.

London March 1st 1841

I certify that Dr John Hale, Surgeon to the Forces served under my immediate superintendence during the whole period that I had charge of the Medical Department of the Army in the Island of Jamaica; and I can with truth declare that on every occasion I found him an excellent, & meritorious Officer: zealous and active in the discharge of his various duties: and efficient in all the branches of his profession were his Characteristics, and with the manners of a Gentleman, he was second to none in honor and integrity -

Signed J. Adolphus M.D.
Inspector Genl. of Hospd

Original's Letter of Recommendation for his [?] Officers - made by his daughter when Surgeon Surgeon M^r Sturtevant 31. Sept. 1912

Copy of a letter from S Hugh More Inspector General of Hospitals, under whose Superintendence S Hale served in the Westward & Leeward Islands Command from March 1841 to June 1843
My dear Sir
44 Castle St. Edinburgh 2nd Jan^y 1846

I have received your letter dated 29th December, and have noticed the late promotions in our Department, and I certify with great pleasure that the manner in which you performed your public duties when under my Superintendence in the West Indies was altogether to my perfect satisfaction, and especially to have Yellow Fever, ^{prevailed} in the Garrison of St Vincent, where you were Principal Medical Officer, and distinguished yourself, not only by the correctness of your Patients, but by the excellence of your medical arrangements, and by the skill & success of your medical practice -

My dear Sir
Yours very truly
Signed H. Bone M.D.
Inspector Genl. of Hospd

John Hale Esq^r M.D.
Staff Surgeon
London

Copy

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Head Quarters Monteforte
15th September 1848.

General orders.

1. Before parting with the gallant troops under Lieutenant Colonel Butler, Rifle Brigade, consisting of detachments of the Royal Artillery, Sappers and Miners, 105th and 91st Regiments, Rifle Brigade and Capemounted Riflemen, the Commander in Chief has the greatest satisfaction and happiness in again recording his high sense of their gallantry as Soldiers, - of their patient endurance of fatigue in the long and continued marches which they have made, - and of their exertions in crossing rivers and other laborious duties which attach to military operations. - His Excellency has served with many troops, but in no Campaign has he been associated

associated with more energetic
Officers and Soldiers than those
composing these detachments.

The thanks of this Country are due
to Lieut Colonel Buller, - Major
Beckwith who succeeded the
former Officer in Command
after his severe wound, and
to every Officer and Soldier: -
and their merits shall be laid
before His Grace the Duke of
Wellington in the hope of
attracting the attention of
Her Majesty.

2. His record of meritorious
services attaches fully to Dr.
Hall, Deputy Inspector General
of Hospitals, and to the
Medical Officers generally,
whose care of the Wounded
could not be exceeded: -

As

as also to Mr. Deputy Assistant
Commissary General Green and
to his Department, for their
able exertions by which the
Troops have been most abundantly
supplied. — .

By order of His Excellency
The Commander in Chief
Signed John Garwood
Major

Copy of General order
issued by His Excellency
Lieut. Genl. Sir Harry Smith
at Bloubaan Fort in
Cape of Good Hope on
the 15th Sept^r 1848 after
the successful campaign
against the Emigrant
Dutch Boers -

Copy

Head Quarters Cape Town
8th March 1849.General Orders.

1. His Excellency the Commander in Chief has much satisfaction in promulgating in General Orders the following Extract of a Despatch from Earl Grey, bearing date 27th December 1848.

"2. I have to convey to you Her Majesty's approbation of the decisive and rapid measures by which you were enabled, at a single blow, to crush a rebellion which appeared likely to assume such formidable dimensions, - and to disconcert by our energetic action the scheme which had evidently been conceived for seducing the loyal subjects and dependents

D

of Her Majesty into an Extensive
Conspiracy against Her authority:
- that such a conspiracy would
have succeeded to any great
Extent seems highly improbable
from the account which you
give of the general disposition
of the people of the Frontier
both of European and Native
race. - But the Thanks of the
Colonies are not the less due to the
vigorous conduct which suppressed
the movement at the outset.

3. I have received also
with great satisfaction your accounts
of the behaviour of the gallant
Officers and Soldiers who were
engaged in the operations
Crowned with such complete
Success. The rapidity of their
movements, and the order
And

and precision with which they were executed, together with the gratifying fact which you report of their admirable condition in point of health throughout the Campaign, speak most highly at once for their own discipline, and powers of endurance and for the forethought which was displayed by their leader.

2. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to make the following Promotions in the Army serving at the Cape of Good Hope.

To be Lieutenant Colonels in the Army
Major John Garwood 31st Foot
Major Sidney Bechwith Rifle Brigade
22^d December 1848.

To be

To be Majors in the Army
Capt. Geo. A. d. Blewinsopp 45th Foot
Capt. John Armstrong C. M. Rifles
22^d December 1848

Addendum to the General Order of
the 8th March 1849.

Copy of General Order should be
the Faculties sent through
to the Admiralty at the Admiralty
copy, on the 8th March 1849-50
forming a copy of the Order
inserted about the order
of General Order

The Queen has been
graciously pleased to give orders
for the appointment of Lieutenant
Colonel G. Butler of the Rifle
Brigade to be an Ordinary
Member of the Military Division
of the 3^d Class, or Companions of
the Most Honorable Order of
the Bath.

Signed A. J. Coste
D. A. M. J.

EC01/9a

(including EC01/9600)

Horse Guards.

18th December 1852.

Sir,

Having had the honour to receive and submit to the General Commanding in Chief your letter of the 20th Ultimo, forwarding a Memorial from D^r John Hall, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals at Bombay, relative to his claims to promotion, and expressing your high approbation of his services when under your command at the Cape of Good Hope, - I am now directed by His Lordship to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which has been received from the Superintendent of the Army Medical Department, in reply to the reference made to him on the subject of D^r Hall's representation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

Richard Airey

Major General

Sir H. G. M. Smith Bart G.C.B.

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Copy.

ECO1/96

(Enclosed with ECO1/94)

13. St James's Place.
St James's
16th Dec^r 1852.

Sir. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th. With enclosing for my consideration and report a communication dated 23rd Nov^r 1852, from Major General Sir Harry Smith R^t giving cover to a Memorial from Mr John Hall, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals at Bombay, praying for the reasons therein set forth that his claims to promotion may be considered as opportunities offer.

In return of the enclosed they leave to report for the information of the Genl. Com^d in Chief that on the 31st May last I received a letter from Mr Hall, soliciting to be promoted and appointed to succeed Sir James Pitt Rivers then about to retire from the Service, and that on the 9th of June following, I replied in these words namely "I have the honor to express my regret that it will not be possible to promote Mr Hall."

"will not be in my power to
"recommenced you for the ap-
"prominent you desire. -
"your character as a Med^l
"officer is so well known that
"you may rest assured
"I will not fail to submit
"you for advancement as
"soon as I find I can do so
"without injustice to other
"meritorious officers of
"longer service."

At the time this reply
was given I felt as I had
always done, and as I have
reason to believe Sir James
Maclean also did, namely,
that when the merits and
professional qualifications
of two or more Med^l Officers
of the same rank were equal,
the officer of the longest
service ought, in common
justice to be held as the
just in promotion, and
it was the recognizing this
principle that induced
me to recommend Mr
Munro, and Sr Maclean
for promotion in preference
to Sr Hall, see return of
services hereto appended
nos 1 and 2. During the time I have
held

held my present app. I have
constantly endeavoured to
act justly by every Officer
of the Department, and
think I have reason to believe
only a very few will be
found who consider I have
failed, and a summary
trial, & consequently that
the principle which Dr.
Hall reprobates is generally
recognized as a reasonable
and just one. I hope I need not
hardship will approve
of my merely repeating
on the present occasion
the promise I made to
Dr. Hall in my letter to him
dated 9 June last, namely
that I will not fail to
submit him for advance-
ment, as soon as I find
I can do so without injustice
to other meritorious Officers
of longer Service.

Yours
D^r

Wm Andrew Smith
M.D.
Superintendent
Army Med. Dept

W.A.S.

P.S. lest the circumstance
of Mr Mauro's having been
promoted before S. Maclean -
an Officer of longer Service -
may after what I have
stated give rise to an appearance
of inconsistency, I think
it well to mention that
Mr Mauro was selected
in consequence of S.
Maclean not being fit
at the time, on account
of the state of his health
to serve in the West Indies
where the vacancy existed
which gave occasion
for the promotion.

A.S.

Copy

No. 1

ECO1/9c
(Enclosed with ECO1/9a)

Return of the Services of Mr
Munro and S. E. Hall, up to the period
viz: 12 March 1832, when the former
was promoted from the rank
of Dy. Insp. Genl. to that of Insp. Genl.
of Hospitals.

Mr Munro				S. E. Hall			
Station	Period			Station	Period		
	Y.	M.	D.		Y.	M.	D.
Home	"	1	10	Home	"	"	7
Peninsular	"	4	"	Netherlands	"	5	20
Home	1	9	15	Home	"	3	12
West Indies	6	1	24	Jamaica	10	1	3
West Indies	6	7	22	Home	1	0	14
Home	2	6	17	Jamaica	"	5	9
West Indies	6	3	10	Home	"	5	22
Home	5	6	21	Jamaica	2	5	14
Jamaica	3	7	18	Home	4	5	24
Home	2	2	9	Philippine	4	4	0
Donna Sebastia	3	5	11	West Indies	2	4	22
				Home	3	2	28
				Cape of Good Hope	4	11	8
				Bombay	"	5	17
Total Service	38	8	7	Total Service	35	1	20

Munro - 22 Sept^r 1848 - Hall 25 Sept^r 1846 - Junior as a Dep^y Inspector - 2 1/4 Years
When promoted to the Inspector's office 12 month 1852

Maclean 19 Jan^y 1849 - Hall 25 Sept^r 1846 - Junior as Dep^y to Hall
2 Years 3 months & 24 days -

Scott - 2 Aug^t 1850 - Junior to Hall 3 Years 10 - & 8 days

Ferguson 9 July 1850 - Junior to Hall 3 Years 9 months & 26 days

Melvin 21 Feb^r 1851 - Junior to Hall 4 Y^r 4 months & 27 days

Bell 12 March 1852 - Junior to Hall 5 Years 5 months & 16 days

Dawson 29 March 1842 - Junior to Hall - by 4 Years 5 months & 26 days

12th March 1852

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Inwards
 from London
 - 4 - - Peninsular
 6.1.24 } W. Indies
 6.7.22 }
 6.3.10 - 20
 3.7.18. Jamaica
 3.5.11. N. Scotia
 Total - 26.2.25

In all the Foreign
 Service
 - 5 - 4 Malacca
 4-5-27 Peninsular
 1-11-23 N. Scotia
 5-11-17 E. Indies
 2-6-10 Gibraltar
 1-10-13 Malta
 3-11-25 Bombay
 1-10-16 W. Indies
 - 8 - 4 Jamaica
 2-6-2 Jamaica
 Total 26.3.21

12th March 1852

Walter's Foreign Service
 - 5 - 20 Florida
 15-3-28 N. Indies
 4-9-9 Cape Verde
 4-4- - Gibraltar
 11. - - Bombay

 25-9-27

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No 2

Relief of the Services of Dr. Macclean
and Dr. Hall, up to the period viz: 24
August 1832, when the former was promoted
from the rank of Dr. Insp. Genl to that
of Insp. Genl of Hospitals.

Dr. Macclean				Dr. Hall			
Stations	Period			Stations	Period		
	Y.	M.	D.		Y.	M.	D.
Home	"	"	17	Home	"	"	7
Malcherm	"	5	4	Netherlands	"	5	20
Home	"	"	16	Home	"	3	12
Panabalar	4	5	27	Jamaica	10	1	3
Home	1	0	21	Home	1	0	14
H. Helena	1	11	23	Jamaica	"	5	9
East Indies	5	11	17	Home	"	5	22
Home	6	3	23	Jamaica	2	5	14
Gibraltar	2	6	10	Home	4	5	24
Home	2	2	21	Gibraltar	4	4	0
Malta	1	10	13	East Indies	2	4	27
Ionian Islands	3	11	25	Home	3	2	28
Home	2	6	13	Cape of Hope	4	11	8
East Indies	1	10	16	Bombay	"	11	0
Home	3	4	12				
Ionian Islands	"	8	14				
Home	"	10	23				
Jamaica	2	6	2				
Home	"	4	6				
Total Service	43	1	23	Total Service	35	7	3

Belmont Court

Sarant 21 Dec^r 1852 -

My Dear Hall

Immediately on the receipt of your Letter and enclosure I wrote to the Military Secretary, his reply and that of the Inspector general I herewith enclose - I shall be very glad to see you get away from Bombay Wife and Children the luxury of Climate is not to be despised - I am as fat as a Whale and I never take any Medicine - but about once a Month one of your Aloes & Myrtle Pills - and Lady Smith is

much better and her belious attacks,
far better, with fewer heart aches,
all we want here is the Cape
Income (not the People) when I
would put up your Wife and
Prison with a real welcome, but
you must get out of that as soon as
possible - We have had a most
extraordinary Season perpetual
rain - and half the Wheat not sown,
Cape Affairs are in "Stato Quo"

Machumun who has just come home
I mean they are worse, however it is
very evident the Kaiser and Bismarck
too are tired and exhausted, but where
the

Further will be clear of Grandette
remains still a Problem to solve.

The Political World an uproar
The Derby Administration defeated in a
Large coaliced Majority of Whigs
Peelites - Extra Liberals and Radicals
The Poor dear Ruin must be
carefully disturbed. It has called on
Lord Aberdeen to form a Ministry
which he is endeavouring to effect
out of a heterogeneous Mass of
claimants, disputants & Cotton
Spinning Weavers - I do not see My
friend Lord G - spoken of as yet
in any way - I have always
asserted

a system attempting conciliation
never can did or will succeed &
that assertion is verified - I have
a high opinion of Earl Derby he is
a clever noble minded respected
gentleman -

Now our love to your
Dear Wife our Child and the
Mammy - Ever Dear Galt

Your grateful friend

W. Smith

13 St. James' Place. -

St. James' - London. -

9th June 1852. -

12841
7.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th April last, I have to express my regret that it will not be in my power to recommend you for the appointment you desire: - Your character as a Medical Officer is so well known, that you may rest assured I will not fail to submit you for advancement, as soon as I find I can do so without injustice to other meritorious Officers of longer service. -

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble, Servant

Andrew Smith and

Superintendent

D^r: Hall

D^r: Insp: General Army Medical Department,

in ² ² ²
Queen's Troops

Bombay. -

copy

Head Quarters Bombay
Mahabharatwar 24 April 1852

Sir.

Notice in the Gazette of the 12th March I have been passed over in the list of promotions, and as D. Dawson's removal from Van Diemen's Land to Madras renders any prospect of my advancement in India so remote, that, I trust, in the event of Dublin becoming vacant by the retirement of Sir James Fitzcarrin, on the completion of his five years, in July next, my claims for promotion to the rank of Inspector General of Hospitals will not be overlooked; as, with the exception of D. Dawson, who, I presume, after having been passed over so often since he came to the top of the list of Deputy Inspectors General of Hospitals, has been sent to India at his own request for the purpose of succeeding D. John in Bengal, there is no Deputy Inspector Senior to me on the full pay list; and even without wishing to detract from D. Dawson's merits, I may fairly, I think, place my claims on the service in competition with his; for, in addition to a varied service of 35½ years, with, I have every reason to believe, a full share of approbation from my immediate Medical Superiors, I have been three times thanked in General orders, and once specially mentioned in an official despatch for service in the field as head of my department.

In the event of my being fortunate enough to succeed Sir James Fitzcarrin, I trust you will have the goodness to bring my services under the notice of the Commander in Chief, and that His Grace will be pleased to recommend me for the Full Rank of Inspector General of Hospitals; for the Medical Department is the only one that has received no reward for its arduous and prolonged service in South Africa. Whereas all other branches of the Public Service engaged in the African War have been rewarded with rank & honours -

I have the honor to be &c

John Hall Esq

D^o Ins^t Gen^l H^os^pals

To this letter D. Smith sent the answer on the 1st page dated 9 June & numbered

12841

To
D^r Andrew Smith
Superintendent
and Deputy
London

Copy

Bombay - 24 September 1852

Sir. I am favored with your letter of the 9th June 1852^{no 12821} and must own I was greatly disappointed at your refusing to recommend me for the promotion solicited in my letter of the 24 April, and still more surprised to find by the last paragraph of your letter that your future recommendation of me would be made dependent on the advancement of those officers who were senior to me, not in rank, but in mere length of service. Now a regulation like this which is at variance with the common usage of all other branches of the Service bears hard, need not say, when applied as an ex post facto measure to the higher grades of the Medical Department alone, because the adoption of it implies censure to the individuals passed over, in the eyes of the whole Army, both as to those who recommended them for their present rank, and to the manner they have performed their duty since they attained it - The wording of your letter certainly implies this in my own case, because you say you will submit my name for promotion "when you find you can do so without injury to meritorious officers of longer service." If any one has cause to complain of injury in this case it is myself, but let that pass. I have no means of judging of the merits of those you may think fit to bring forward to my prejudice, but I am very willing to have my services and the expressed opinion of both my Medical, and Military Superiors contrasted with theirs, and to rest my claims for promotion on these premises, which, I think you will admit is not an unreasonable request. It is hardly necessary I should remind you, that with the exception of Mr. Pellice, I am the only Dep^y Inspector Gen^l of Hospitals on the Staff who can claim War Service in the field as Head of my Department, and I hope you do not wish the world to infer that my removal from the Staff to India was for incapacity in that situation which passing me over in the way you have done, and, as senior says, intend to do, is but too well calculated to discourage - At all events being now in India, if I don't benefit by the new Regulation, I trust it will not be made to operate farther to my prejudice, and that I may look for my promotion in due course of Seniority rank as has hitherto been the invariable custom in this Country.

D. Andrew Smith
Superintendent
Asst. Department
London

I have the honor to be, Sir, &c &c
Y^r Obedt^l Serv^t
D. J. S. of Staff
To this letter D. Smith
sent a simple acknowledgment with receipt
JH

Postpaid

June 1872

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Washington, D.C.
June 24 1872

Letter from Mr. [unclear] to
Mr. [unclear] dated [unclear]
[unclear]

J. M. [unclear]

Dr. Hall
D. of Inspector General
Washington
Washington Queens Road
Bombay

Read by the daughter
Miss Simpson
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Howland

June 14 1852

My dear Smith

I have received your letter
of the 8th with its accompany-
ing memorandum from
Dr. Hall.

It is a highly meritorious
Officer and his services
are fully recognized by
the Superintendent of
the Medical Department
who cannot however in
Major General
J. H. W. Smith M.D.

justice to several others,
who are his seniors
recommended him for the
Head of the Medical
Staff in Ireland in
succession to Sir James
Ritchie.

Dr Smith will however,
you may depend upon
it being his present
for advancement when he
can.

Very faithfully yours
Richard Lawrence

ECO1/13

London

16 June 1852

My Dear Fmina Hall

The moment I rec^d
your letter I wrote
in the strongest terms
I could devise, to
Lord Fitzroy Somerset
his answer I enclose
with it were more
favorable - poor old
Sir James and Lady
McGregor called on us
the

day after we arrived
looking wonderfully well
he has a great regard
for you and I really
believe were he in
command you deserve
might have been more
favorably entertained
I will never look out
for you as I fear Mr
Call and the Young
Lady will soon be tired
of Bombay - I have

described you in strong
terms to Lord G. Fitzclarence
a very old friend of
mine and we both

quite well. Juana
better than when she
went to the Cape &
I drank beer - eat
salad and side
dishes. The reception
I have received from
Her Majesty I cannot
describe and from

All "The Nobility and
Gentry" - Ah and People
too - on my arrival here
I found a most potable
Letter from Earl G. and
after various interchanges
of civility - I have dined
with him - for which
the World call me the
Magnanimous Sir Harry
I hold myself favored
Lord Grey - Juana and
I send our Love to Mr
and Mrs Ball & Gen
Pechon my ever grateful
friend

By Appointment

