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The Adjutant-General to the Forces,
Horse Guards, War Office,
Pall Mall, London,
MEDICAL DIVISION. (S.W.)

WAR OFFICE,

6th August 1895.

Sir,

I have the honour to acquaint you that I have received with pleasure the testimony to the good work you have done, as brought to notice in correspondence forwarded by the Colonial Office upon the subject of the services, medical and otherwise, which you rendered during the recent expedition to annex certain territories to the North of Zululand; and a note of the same has been made in your Record of Service.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

W. A. Macdonald

Surgeon-Captain M. P. C. Holt
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Horse Guards, War Office,
Pall Mall, London,
(S.W.)

Medical Division.

WAR OFFICE,

17th August, 1895.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your

letter of 6th instant, and to acquaint you in reply that upon looking into the case which you put forward with a view to having the 50 days cancelled as leave whilst you were in the employment of the Zululand Government in Medical Charge of the Zambian's Annexation Expedition, and the period reckoned as special service, I regret that there does not appear sufficient reason for recommending the very special indulgence which you solicit.

I may point out to you that you obtained leave in order to go upon the Expedition, and could not have proceeded without obtaining such leave. In fact you abandoned for the time being your military duties of your own free will and, therefore, forfeited all claim upon the Imperial Government whilst otherwise employed. The case is simply that, being on leave you cannot be regarded as on duty, and the leave must, therefore, stand.

I have the honour to be

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Your obedient servant
W. A. Mackintosh

Surgeon-Captain
Mr. P. C. Holt
Army Medical Staff
of the Principal Medical Officer
Aldershot.