

**Correspondence and copy correspondence re the claims of Inspector General of Hospitals F. C. Annesley to recognition of his services as Senior Medical Officer during the siege of Delhi, India, 1857**

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Surgeon F. C. Annesley by Wm. R. King  
Served with his Regt during the Siege & Capture  
of Delhi & was the Senior Med<sup>l</sup> Officer of his Regt  
present during that Siege & I always heard praise  
his duties with great zeal & ability more  
especially at a very trying time when Cholera  
was raging in the Bagdad to which he was  
attached & I have much pleasure in recommending  
him to Dr. Alexander Dir Gen of the O. M. D. as  
deserving of promotion - A. Wilson  
Cabley Con. Delh. Field Force

Ashmeethope Hall  
Wymondham  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1859

Ashmeethope Hall.  
Feb 4 1859.

Dear Sir, I have addressed a letter to Dr. Alexander  
Dir Gen of the O. M. D. in which I have pointed out the mistake  
by which your name was omitted in my Despatch & have  
requested him to recommend you to the proper authorities  
for promotion.

Yours truly  
A. Wilson

F. C. Annesley Esq  
Surgeon Major 8<sup>th</sup> Regt

Sir. Having been informed by Surgeon Annesley  
103<sup>rd</sup> Foot that the omission of his name from my Despatch  
after the capture of Delhi is the great obstacle to his

obtaining his promotion I beg now to  
inform you that such objection was  
solely from a mistake on my part from  
not being aware then or until regrettably that  
Surgeon Annisley was the Senior Medical Officer of  
Her Majesty's Service serving with the Field Force  
before Delhi - as I consider that Surgeon  
Annisley is entitled to the advantages  
usually given to the position he held. I shall  
feel much obliged to you if you could  
overlook & rectify the mistake by recommending  
him to the proper authorities for promotion  
making use of this letter as you deem fit.

I have the honor to be

Sir

W. F. Alexander C.B.  
Director General  
A. M. P.

for most obedt Servant  
A. Wilson  
Major General  
Cohibit Commandy  
Delh. Field Force

My dear Dr. Alexander,

20<sup>a</sup> Hill Street  
Berkley Square  
31 Oct 1859

I take the freedom of  
an old acquaintance in recalling to your  
memory an interview I had with you on the subject  
of the claim of Surgeon Annisley to promotion  
I told you ~~that~~ at the time that I had as junior  
to offer as to a Medical Officer's professional  
ability but that I could touch for Annisley's  
constant attention to his duties & they  
were at one time terribly onerous during  
the whole of the siege of Delhi.

He was the Senior Medical Officer of  
Her Majesty's Forces during that time &  
as his junior Officer who remained at  
Delhi as Surge Agent he has been decorated  
with the 3<sup>d</sup> class of the Bath, I must  
submit that the claim of Surgeon Annisley  
to some recognition of his services is due to  
him

Dr. Alexander C.B.  
Director General.

Believe me  
very truly your  
E. H. Peacock

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Surgeon J. C. Annisley H M O Regt served during  
the Siege of Delhi with his Regt from the 27<sup>th</sup> Jun to the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
Sept 1857 and was Senior Med Officer of H M Hosp  
during the above period. I have much pleasure in  
attesting that Surgeon Annisley has on all occasions  
more especially during the time above specified evinced  
great zeal in the performance of his duties & I now  
beg to strongly recommend him for promotion.

Umballa

15<sup>th</sup> Mo 1857.

J. Macandrew M.D.

Surgeon

New Hospital

I have great pleasure in giving a Certificate to  
Surgeon Annisley H M O Regt who was the Senior  
Med Officer of the Brigade under my Command  
during the Siege & Capture of Delhi - his great  
attention to the sick & wounded during that  
period when Cholera was raging in the Camp  
together with his great zeal & valuable services  
during this happy Campaign will no doubt  
meet with the approbation of the Authorities  
at home. Who I trust will reward him  
according to his merits.

Simla

10<sup>th</sup> Mo 1857

William Jones

Brigadier & Colonel  
H M. 61<sup>st</sup> Regt

Command 51<sup>st</sup> Inf Brigade  
Delhi

Ashwellthorpe Hall  
Wymonhurst  
4 January 1859

Sir, I have much pleasure  
in forwarding herewith a  
recommendation of Surgeon  
J. C. Annesley for promotion  
which I shall be happy to find  
has proved effectual. I return  
the two Certificates received with  
yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

M. Genl  
Dudgum.  
&c &c

Believe me  
Yrs Obedt<sup>y</sup>.  
(Signed) A. Wilson M. Genl  
"True copy"  
J. C. Annesley Surg. R. B. S. Fort

No.

It is requested that in any further communication on this subject, the above Number may be quoted; and the Letter addressed to—

“The Military Secretary,  
Horse Guards,  
War Office,  
London, S.W.”

HORSE GUARDS, WAR OFFICE, S.W.

5<sup>th</sup> July 1877

Sir

Colonel Tyrwhitt  
having referred to me your  
letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Ultimo  
I am directed by the Field  
Marshal Commanding  
in Chief to transmit to  
you the enclosed copies  
of testimonials which were  
received from the above  
named Officer in June 1869  
with reference to your  
claims to the distinction  
of the Order of the Bath  
I have to add that  
the originals are not in this  
department

Inspector General of Hospitals  
F. C. Annesley  
Halifax

Department,

I have the honor to be

Dear  
your obedient servant

A. Horsford

2 Church Villas  
Dover 6 July 1877

Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge  
~~the receipt~~ with my thanks, the receipt  
of your letter of yesterday date,  
enclosing the testimonials referred  
to in my letter dated 25 ult<sup>o</sup>  
addressed to Colonel Fox Pitt

I have the honour to be

Sir

The Military Secretary  
Horse Guards  
War Office  
London SW1

Yours obedient servant  
S. C. Comiskey  
Inspector of Hospitals



Fulbourn May 1859.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will do me the favor of <sup>to</sup> placing the following statement before the Right Honble the Commander in Chief -

I was the Senior Medical Officer of Her Majesty's Service present with the Field Force during the Siege and Capture of Delhi - I took part in all the risks and labour <sup>attended thereon</sup> endured by the Medical Department during that operation, and from the effects of these hardships my health became <sup>much</sup> so impaired as to necessitate my being sent to the Bath, and subsequently to England, on sick certificate <sup>while at home</sup>. Having observed in the Gazette, <sup>in the presence of the King's Household</sup> that Surgeon James of the 60<sup>th</sup> Rifles, who is <sup>some</sup> years <sup>longer</sup> junior <sup>to me</sup> in the Service, was nominated a Companion of the Bath, and afterwards promoted to the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, <sup>also that</sup> that all the Surgeons of Her Majesty's Indian Army who were ~~then~~ besieged in the Residency at Lucknow, <sup>and all of whom</sup> <sup>at Delhi</sup> were made Companions of the Bath, while no recognition of any kind was bestowed upon me I have taken the earliest opportunity for reporting my Reg<sup>t</sup> in India of providing the enclosed <sup>copies of testimonials received</sup> Certificates from J. M. D. the then Inspector General of H. M. Hospitals in India,

Brigadier Jones M.M. Col. Mif. who commanded  
the Brigade to which my Regt was attached,  
and Major General Sir Archdale Wilson Bart.  
who commanded the ~~Army~~ before Delhi.

Should Lord Clyde consider that these  
Certificates afford sufficient evidence that  
I performed my duties in a satisfactory  
manner I beg most respectfully to solicit  
that his Lordship will do me the honor to bring  
my name & services to the favorable notice  
of His Royal Highness the Commander in  
Chief -

I have the honor to be  
Sir,

Your most Obedient, Humble Servant,  
Edw. Mearns  
The Honble Mr. Com. Chief  
J. C. Curwen Esq  
Maj. P. B. S. Mearns Regt  
Dept of Forwarding Letter

P.S. I have the honor to forward  
the enclosed letter from Surgeon  
General of the Battalion under my  
Command. The certificates  
attached to it show that during the  
Siege of Delhi a period when the services  
performed by the Medical Officers of the force  
were most arduous & important Surgeon  
General performed his duty of various  
kinds & satisfactorily both to his Warrant &  
Military Superior. And as Surgeon General  
cites several instances in which officers Surgeons  
of Junior standing & holding temporary commissions  
duties have received marks of Royal approbation  
which he has been pleased with the case stated  
seems one which I am justifying on reports that  
you will be good enough to submit for the  
favorable consideration of His R. H. M. C. in Chief

Royal Military College,  
York Town,  
Parish of St. Andrew,  
Hants.

January 29 1855.

Sir

Your ward having been nominated a Gentleman Cadet, I am directed by the Governor of the Royal Military College, to forward a copy of the Standing Orders, which after perusal, you will be good enough to hand to your ward who will be required to bring it with him to the College.

In accordance with paras 31 & 32 Clause III of the Regulations respecting examinations for admission to the Royal Military College, the following sums must be paid by cheque on a London Banker -

1<sup>st</sup> The sum of £ 20 as contribution for residence to be paid to the Paymaster Royal Military College and to be forwarded direct to him according to the instructions contained in the enclosed document -

2<sup>nd</sup> The sum of £ 30 to cover the expenses for uniforms, books, instruments, contingent expenses &c, to be paid to the Commandant R. M. College and to be transmitted in a letter addressed to

The Commandant,  
Royal Military College,  
York Town,  
Parish of St. Andrew,  
Hants.

All articles of uniform except books (which must be of regulation pattern) are necessarily supplied at the Royal Military College after the arrival of the cadet, and not to be procured elsewhere, but any cadet who may be in the Militia at the time of his passing the examination may bring his trousers, patrol-jacket, great-coat

F. C. Amisley Esq.

great-coat and cap with a view to their being altered and made available if found to be in sufficiently good state.

With respect to money allowances made to Cadets, I am desired by the Governor to state that considering the age of the Cadets, he must leave it entirely to the discretion of their Parents or Guardians to give them that which they think adapted to their future prospects in life merely observing that extravagance as Cadets will lead to extravagant habits as Officers and that it is not desirable they should while in a state of tuition have large sums of money at their disposal but whatever the allowances may be it is to be clearly understood to be an affair between the Cadet and his friends, and the College authorities have nothing to do with it.

I may add that all absolute wants and necessities are provided at the College out of the sum allowed by the Regulations including uniform, books &c, bedroom actual requisites (except towels), all meals including beer & the servants are paid by the Public.

I am further desired to impress upon you that the entire sum required as a contribution by the Paymaster is paid over to the Government and that the sum of £ 30 demanded by me in this letter for uniform, books, contingent expenses &c, does not allow of any advance to Cadets for travelling expenses. All sums required by Cadets for travelling from this College must be furnished to the Cadet direct by the Parent or Guardian in time to admit of their leaving at Easter on Wednesday before Good Friday and on the days the terms end, viz: July 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

As it is not desirable that young men should go freely to London, or anywhere else, from the College, I am desired by the Governor to request that you will inform me whether you wish your ward to be given leave of absence occasionally for Saturday and Sunday & that if so you will send me a list of the friends and their addresses whom you may wish him to visit when he gets leave after parade on Saturday to the Sunday evening. In the absence of such list your ward will not be allowed to absent himself from the College.

No Cadet is allowed to bring dogs with him to the College under any pretence.

No horse or pony is allowed to be kept by a Cadet unless at the written request of parent or guardian. If a Cadet intends to play polo or hunt the written sanction from his parent or guardian must also be given.

No air-guns, pistols, or firearms of any description are allowed to be kept by Cadets during their residence at this College.

Your word has been posted to a particular room and Division which will be communicated to him on arrival here. No alteration can be made unless under most exceptional circumstances.

Cadet F. Annesley Rudjans must join on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1885.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant.

J. Sedgwick Colonel  
Commandant Royal Military College.

N.B. The nearest Stations on the several Railways in the vicinity of the College are:-

Camberley on the S.M.R. which is the nearest from London (a little over a mile from the College.)

Farnborough on the S.M.R. which is the nearest from Southampton &c (about 4 miles from the College.)

Blackwater on the S.E.R. which is the nearest from Dover &c, and from places via Reading G.M.R. (about a mile from the College.)