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India Office,  
June 3, 1913.

GEORGE R. & I.

**W**HEREAS We deem it expedient to revise the rules for the promotion and precedence of Our Indian Medical Service:

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that the Warrant of Our late Royal Father of the 13th March, 1908, and Our Warrant of the 8th August, 1911, be cancelled, and that from and after this date the following rules shall be established, and that by these rules Our Viceroy and Governor-General in Council shall be governed.

1. The substantive ranks of Medical Officers in Our Indian Military Forces shall be as follows:—

Surgeon-General (ranking as Major-General).  
Colonel.  
Lieutenant-Colonel.  
Major.  
Captain.  
Lieutenant.

The Director-General of Our Indian Medical Service shall hold the substantive rank of Surgeon-General, but may rank as Lieutenant-

General when approved by Our Secretary of State for India in Council.

2. An officer will not be permitted to remain in the service if at any time during the first three years from the date of his first commission his retention therein is, in the opinion of Our Secretary of State for India in Council, undesirable.

3. Except as otherwise herein provided, a Lieutenant shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Captain on completing three years' full pay service, if he has previously passed such examinations as may be prescribed by Our Secretary of State for India in Council, and is in all other respects qualified and recommended. An officer who has not passed the prescribed examinations may be provisionally promoted, if, in the opinion of Our Governor-General of India in Council, he has not had a reasonable opportunity of passing. Such provisional promotion may be cancelled as soon as he has had such opportunity and has not passed.

4. Except as otherwise herein provided, a Captain shall be eligible, if in all respects qualified and recommended, for promotion to the rank of Major on completing nine years' full pay service in the rank of Captain. This period may be reduced by six months in the case of an officer who produces satisfactory evidence of progress in any branch of knowledge