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THE EGYPTIAN CAMPAIGNS, 1798-1807

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

SIRS,—It occurred to me while reading the proofs of Dr. Meyerhof's excellent paper, published in March, that it might interest our readers if I abstracted some of the information given, in Johnston's *Roll of Army Medical Service*, about the various English surgeons who are mentioned. Arranged in alphabetical order are the results of my researches.

DEWAR, HENRY. Assistant Surgeon, 30 Foot, 8 Jan., 1801. Hospital mate in the same regiment previous to being commissioned. Resigned 30 July, 1803.

FARRELL, CHARLES. Assistant Surgeon, Hompesch's Mounted Riflemen, 16 Nov., 1799: on half pay, 25 Oct., 1802: on full pay, 63 Foot, 5 Oct., 1804: Staff Surgeon, 2 Jan., 1806: Physician, 1 Aug., 1811: D.I.H. (brevet), 17 July, 1817: D.I.H., 9 Oct., 1817: I.H. (brevet), 27 May, 1825: half pay, 25 April, 1827: full pay, 15 Oct., 1829: I.G., 22 July, 1830. Retired on half pay 3 Aug., 1833. Born, 24 Aug., 1779. M.D.Edin., 1798. Died 15 Jan., 1855. Served in the Peninsular War.

MCGRIGOR, SIR JAMES. Surgeon, 88 Foot (by purchase). 25 Sept., 1793: R. Horse Guards, 9 Feb., 1804: D.I.H., 27 June, 1805: I.G., 25 Aug., 1809: Physician, Portsmouth Garrison, 13 June, 1811 (while I.G. Southern Command): half pay (special £3 a day), 25 Oct., 1814: full pay, D.G., A.M.D., 13 June, 1815 (ret. rank of Major-General, salary £2,000 a year): Retired on pension, 6 Feb., 1851: Served in Flanders, 1794-5: Grenada and St. Vincent, 1795-6: Egypt, 1801: Walcheren, 1809: Peninsular War, 1812-15 (Medal with 5 clasps). Knight Bachelor, 1814. Baronet, 1830. Physician Extraordinary, H.R.H. Prince Regent, 1816. Q.H.P., 1837. K.C.B., 1850. Turkish Order of the Crescent. Commander of Portuguese Order of the Tower and Sword. Born at Cromdale, Inverness, 9 April, 1771. Son of an Aberdeen Merchant. M.D., Aberdeen. 1804. LL.D.Edin., F.R.S., 1816. Rector of Aberdeen Univ., 1826, 1827, 1841. Died in London, 2 April, 1858.

MACGREGOR, SIR PATRICK. Assistant Surgeon, 11 Dragoons, 30 Aug., 1799: Coldstream Guards, 21 Nov., 1799: Staff Surgeon, 9 Feb., 1804: Surgeon, Royal Military Asylum, 9 Feb., 1804: Serjeant Surgeon to the King, and Personal Surgeon to H.R.H. the Duke of York. Baronet, 17 March, 1828. Died, 17 July, 1828. Hospital Mate previous to being commissioned. (In the London Gazettes and Army Lists either no christian name is given or he is named Peter.)

POWER, GEORGE. Assistant Surgeon, 23 Foot, 21 Dec., 1801: Surgeon, 23 Foot, 13 Nov., 1806: Staff Surgeon, 11 July, 1811: Retired on half pay, 25 Jan., 1816. Served in Egypt, 1801. Copenhagen, 1807. Martinique, 1809. Peninsular War. 1810-14. M.D., St. Andrew's, 1819. Hospital Mate, 11 March, 1801. Died at Bere Island. 18 April, 1824.

PYM, SIR WILLIAM. Surgeon, 70 Foot, 27 April, 1794: Garrison of Gibraltar, 3 Oct., 1799: Surgeon Major, Gibraltar, 17 Sept., 1801: D.I.H., 20 Dec., 1810: on half pay, 15 May, 1813: on full pay, I.H. (afterwards I.G.), 25 Sept., 1816. Retired, on half pay, 25 Sept., 1816. Served at Martinique, St. Lucia, Guadaloupe, 1794. Knight Bachelor, 1830. K.C.H., 1831. Born, 7 Jan., 1772. M.D., St. Andrew's, 1799. Regimental Mate, 35 Foot, 1792. Died in Harley Street, 18 March, 1861.

He was in medical charge at Martinique during the yellow fever epidemic of 1794-96, when it was estimated that 16,000 soldiers died. He was one of the few survivors of the wreck of the *Athénienne* in the Mediterranean in 1806. President, Board of Health, Malta, 1811-12. Superintendent General of Quarantine, 1826. Was at Gibraltar during the yellow fever epidemic of 1828. Chairman, Central Board of Health, cholera epidemic in England, 1832. Author of *Observations upon Bulam Fever*, 1816.

REID (or REED), HENRY. Surgeon, 89 Foot, 1 Jan., 1799: 2 Dragoons, 16 Jan., 1817: on half pay, 27 Feb., 1817: died on his way to Ireland, 12 May, 1817: Hospital Mate, 26 Dec., 1796: Surgeon, Midlothian Dragoons, 2 March, 1798: Elgin Fencibles, 21 July, 1798.

VETCH, JOHN. Assistant Surgeon, 67 Foot, 6 Aug., 1806: 54 Foot, 25 Sept., 1806: 20 Foot, 30 April, 1807: Staff Surgeon, 25 Feb., 1808: Physician, 16 July, 1812: Retired on half pay, 25 July, 1816. Served in the Peninsular War, 1812-13. M.D.Edin., 1804. Hospital Mate previous to being commissioned. Died, 28 April, 1835.

WITTMAN, WILLIAM. Assistant Surgeon, R.A., 1797: Surgeon, R.A., 1794: Surgeon, O.M.D., Jan., 1804: Assistant S.G. and D.I.H., O.M.D., 1814. Died in Paris, 22 July, 1815. M.D.

The name of Arthur Edmonston does not occur in Johnston's "Roll." I suppose that he did not take a commission in the regular army, but the Dr. Davis referred to by Max Meyerhof is THOMAS DAVIS, Assistant Surgeon, 26 Dragoons (afterwards 23 Dragoons), 25 June, 1801: Hospital Mate, 22 May, 1800: Resigned 1805.

Yours truly,

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