

Letter of Dr. Robertson to

A. W. Cochrane, Esq., Prov. Sec.

Montreal, 10th October, 1823.

Sir :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult., and to express my own (and the gentlemen with whom I am connected) satisfaction at the interest His Excellency takes in the proposed measure for establishing a medical school in Montreal, to assure him no exertion on our part will be wanting to ensure the success of the institution. We intend to commence delivering regular courses of lectures next fall. The Medical Officers of the Montreal General Hospital are elected by the Board of Directors, but not annually, when once appointed they continue in office until some cause for their removal occurs and such were the conditions expressly understood and declared at the time of drawing up and approving the rules for the government of the hospital, on which they were elected. By the Charter of the New York Hospital the Governor or any seven of them legally convened and met (the President or Vice-President being one) had authority to elect, appoint and nominate the physicians and surgeons from time to time. When a commission is issued appointing members to the Board of Examiners, the names of the individuals composing the medical board of the hospital will, I presume, be inserted, and should any of those gentlemen hereafter cease to belong to the hospital, but still continue to lecture, it will be for the Governor's consideration whether or not they will be continued on the Board of Examiners or if the person elected be added to the members. Circumstances may require some alteration in the mode of constituting the Board.

The proposal I took the liberty of submitting for consideration was meant to apply to the existing state of things.

Upon enquiry I find that a number of persons who at different times were appointed Examiners, continued to belong to that Board although several of them have left the Province, but for some years past the only individuals who act are, Drs. Loedel, Arnoldi and myself.

I remain, Sir,

With consideration, &c.

(Signed) Wm. Robertson.

To A. W. Cochrane, Esq., Quebec.

Montreal, 4th February, 1823.

At a meeting of the Medical Board of the Hospital, Present: Wm. Robertson, Wm. Caldwell, J. Stephenson, A. F. Holmes and H. P. Loedel.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the following copy of an advertisement intended to be published in the public papers of the Lower and Upper Canadas, be transmitted by Dr. Robertson to His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief for his approbation, viz.:—

Letter from Dr. Robertson to the Secretary enclosing the aforesaid advertisement.—

Montreal, 4th February, 1823.

Sir,

I have the honour of enclosing the copy of an advertisement which we