

Castle of St. Louis, Quebec,

13th of November, 1823.

Sir :

His Excellency, the Governor-in-Chief, directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him of the 2nd inst., and to acquaint you that he approves of your suggestion for the new modelling of the Board of Medical Examiners at Montreal. And also of the scheme proposed in the paper which accompanied your letter, by the Medical Officers of the Montreal General Hospital for connecting with that establishment a medical school for giving a course of lectures on the different branches of that science.

His Excellency will readily join his support to this desirable object and will do all in his power to assist the endeavors of the medical gentlemen who have come forward in so liberal a manner. For this purpose he is ready to cancel the appointment of the Board of Examiners already existing and to form a new Board consisting of the Medical Officers of the Montreal General Hospital. But before this step is taken I am to suggest to you that as, by the Charter of the Montreal General Hospital now sanctioned, these officers may be changed every year, or oftener if requisite, some inconvenience may arise from this circumstance, which you may be able to suggest the means of obviating. The latter part of your proposal also—that the gentlemen who intend giving lectures in the medical school (and who may be seven in number) should be included in the Board of Examiners—seems in some degree to clash with the former part when it is recommended that the Medical Officers (limited to five by its rules) should form the Board. And I am further to request you will consider whether in the event which may occur under the Charter, of the gentlemen giving lectures ceasing to be officers of that institution, the Board of Examiners would not become inconveniently numerous if made to include both the Medical Officers of the institution and the lecturers in the medical school, which having no charter or public corporate existence, is only connected accidentally and by the voluntary act of its members with the hospital.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. W. Cochrane,
Secretary.

To Wm. Robertson, Esq., Montreal.

 Montreal, 10th October, 1823.

At a meeting of the Medical Officers of the Montreal General Hospital, present: Wm. Robertson, Wm. Caldwell, A. F. Holmes, J. Stephenson and H. P. Loedel.

It was resolved that Dr. Robertson be requested to answer the letter received from A. W. Cochrane, bearing date the 30th ult., of which answer the following letter is a copy:—

J. Stephenson, M.D.
Secretary.