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APPENDIX.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF PHYSICIANS INTO THE MEDICAL STAFF OF THE ARMY.

The subjoined regulations respecting the admission of Medical Men into the Army of the United States, and the pay of Army Surgeons, were issued by the War Department in March, 1857:

No person can receive the appointment of Assistant Surgeon in the Army of the United States, unless he shall have been examined and approved by an Army Medical Board, to consist of not less than three Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons, to be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of War; nor can any person receive the appointment of Surgeon in the Army of the United States, unless he shall have served five years as an Assistant Surgeon, and unless, also, he shall have been examined by an Army Medical Board, constituted as aforesaid.

Boards of Medical Examiners are convened at such times as the wants of the service render it necessary, when selections are made by the Secretary of War of the number of applicants to be ex-
examined for appointment of Assistant Surgeon. To
the persons thus selected, invitations are given to
present themselves to the Board for examination.
These invitations state the time and place of meeting
of the Board.

Applicants must be between 21 and 28 years of
age. The Board will scrutinize rigidly the moral
habits, professional acquirements, and physical quali-
fications of the candidates, and report favorably in
no case admitting of a reasonable doubt.

The Board will report the respective merits of
the candidates in the several branches of the exam-
ination, and their relative merit from the whole;
agreeably thereto, if vacancies happen within two
years thereafter, they will receive appointments and
take rank in the Medical Corps.

An applicant failing at one examination, may be
allowed a second, after two years; but never a third.

Applications must be addressed to the Secretary of
War; must state the residence of the applicant, and the date and place of his birth. They
must also be accompanied by respectable testimo-
nials of his possessing the moral and physical qualifi-
cations requisite for filling creditably the responsi-
ble station, and for performing ably the arduous and
active duties of an officer of the Medical Staff.

No allowance is made for the expenses of per-
sons undergoing these examinations, as they are in-
dispensable prerequisites to appointment; but those
who are approved and receive appointments will be
entitled to transportation on obeying their first order.
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The allowance for forage and servants is paid to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons only when they actually employ and keep in service the number of servants and horses charged for.

In addition to the above, Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons are allowed an additional ration per day, after the termination of every five years' service.

The Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the Volunteer Military service are commissioned by the Governor of the State in which they are enrolled, their appointment being received either directly from him or from the officers of their regiment. It is obvious that the candidates for admission should be subjected to a rigid examination before a competent Medical Board; and there is reason to believe that, in view of the great importance of the subject, such a Board will soon be established in every State. The pay of the Surgeons—of whom there are two in each regiment, a Chief and his Assistant—of the volunteer forces, is the same as in the regular army, when mustered into service. The salary of the Surgeon-General is $2740 a year.