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Ottawa, 15th Nov., 1911.

Memorandum:

Hon. R. Rogers,

With reference to Dr. Wother-  
spoon's letter to you of 6th instant - returned  
herewith - I beg to say that he was first appointed by  
this Department on the 7th October, 1907, as medical  
attendant for the Birtle boarding school and the Bird  
Tail Sioux reserve, in succession to Dr. Swinden, who  
resigned. Dr. Wotherapoon was paid by fees until the  
1st of April, 1909, when he was paid at the rate of  
\$25 a month for attendance at the Birtle boarding school.  
In August, 1909, he was paid at the rate of \$800 a year  
and his attendance included the Birtle boarding school,  
the hospital and the Bird Tail Sioux reserve. He re-  
signed, owing to ill-health, on the 20th July, 1911,  
and his resignation was accepted on the 23rd August. He  
subsequently, on the 18th September, applied for two  
months' leave of absence, and was informed on the 26th  
of that month that the Department regretted that his

request

request could not be complied with, as the rules and regulations of the Department would not permit of salary being paid after the date on which he had ceased to do duty as an officer of the Department. On the 30th of September, he wrote further to the Department on the subject, and was informed in reply as follows,-

"With further reference to your request for two months' leave of absence after you resigned your position as medical officer for the Department, I have to inform you that as you were not required to devote your whole time to the service of the Department you are not entitled to any leave, as would a permanent official such as Agent, unless you placed some one in charge of your work during such leave. The Department, therefore, regrets that it cannot pay you anything further, as it cannot pay two doctors for the same service and Dr. Gilbert has been paid from the date of your resignation."

I may add that the rule of the Department in the case of medical officers applying for leave, is to grant such leave during their tenure of office, on the understanding that they provide a substitute without any



any additional cost to the Department, and as Mr. Wotherspoon had resigned and his successor had been appointed, the Department was unable to meet his request to be allowed the leave with pay.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.