

[D^r Wiesenthal to Council.]

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Gentlemen. I take the Liberty to lay before you the following remarks concerning the future treatment of the Sick in our Troops. Soldiers, from their way of life being exposed to Heats and Colds both day and night, are liable to numerous Complaints, and Sickness of the severest kinds, which if not a proper precaution taken, will bring on an infection, and bring the greatest Havock in an army even more then the Sword, this having been so often experienced, all nations have taken the greatest care to prevent this by separating the Sick from the healthy, and furnishing them with more comfortable Lodgments and diet, besides sufficient attendance with both Physic and nursing. As long as Troops are in Garrison it suffizes to have but one Hospital, called the Garrison or Regimental Hospital into which the sick are removed from the Barracks and which is properly furnished with Bedding &c.; but whenever the Troops take the field another hospital must be established, which is called the moving or flying Hospital which attends the army wherever it marches, and is placed in the Rear on the next plantation to receive both sick and wounded having sufficient Bedding carried after with other necessarys besides a Carriage with a convenient Chest of Medicines and Bandages. But as many sick and wounded would not admit of following the army in its march, another Hospital is erected in some secure place called the fix't Hospital into which those sick and wounded are removed, which have not the appearance of a speedy Recovery. These Hospitals are furnished by a commissary besides proper Bedding, with sundry articles of diet, such as Rice, Oatmeal, Vinegar cyder, Shelled Barley, Sugar, fresh Meat, &c &c in order for the Physician to prescribe the proper diet for the different Disorders. The Physician or Surgeon General has the whole direction of these Hospitals and has a power to appoint additional mates or discharge them, according as they may be wanted or not since the mates of the Troops can not often attend the Hospitals, and the troops together. in this fixt hospital the medicinal shop is generally deposited with a proper person for preparing the medicines under the direction of the Surgeon General who procures those medicines from time to time which become deficient, (if to be had)

This small plan I would recomend to your Deliberation or to lay it before the Convention that proper directions and orders may be issued I have the honour to be with the greatest respect, Gentlemen,

Your most hble and obed^t Serv^t
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