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*Secretary of War.*

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## DUTIES OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

See A. R. 1362.

### MEDICAL OFFICERS.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

See A. R. 1394. Candidates to be examined by a board.

A. R. 1385. No allowance made for expenses of candidates.

1. Appointments of assistant surgeons are made by the President, after the applicant has passed a successful examination before a Medical Examining Board and has been recommended by the Surgeon General. Permission to appear before the board is obtained by letter to the Secretary of War, which must be in the handwriting of the applicant, giving the date and place of his birth and the place and State of which he is a permanent resident, and inclosing certificates based on personal acquaintance from at least two reputable persons as to his citizenship, character, and habits. The candidate must be a citizen of the United States, between twenty-two and twenty-nine years of age, of sound health and good character, and a graduate of some regular medical college, in evidence of which his diploma will be submitted to the board. The scope of the examination will include the morals, habits, physical and mental qualifications of the candidate, and his general aptitude for service; and the board will report unfavorably should it have a reasonable doubt in any of these particulars.

2. The physical examination must be thorough, and each candidate will be required to certify *that he labors under no mental or physical infirmity or disability which can interfere with the efficient discharge of any duty which may be required.* Errors of refraction, when not excessive, when unaccompanied by ocular disease, and when they can be corrected by appropriate glasses, are not causes for rejection.