

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond, February 25, 1863.*

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 23. }

I. The senior surgeons of commands entitled to medical directors will be detailed as medical directors for such commands. Whenever, however, the interest of the service shall require a departure from this rule, medical directors for commands will be recommended by the Surgeon General, and announced in Orders from this office.

II. Par. VI, Special Orders, No. 79, and par. II, Special Orders, No. 80, of last series from this office, directing medical purveyors to obey all instructions relative to the transfer of medical supplies and reports of supplies on hand, emanating from Surgeon E. W. Johns, Medical Purveyor, are hereby revoked; and hereafter all reports will be made direct to the Surgeon General, and all instructions to medical purveyors will emanate from his office.

Surgeon Johns will send to the Surgeon General's office, without delay, all records, books and papers connected with the duties assigned him under the above named Orders.

By order.

S. COOPER,  
*Adjutant and Inspector General.*