

Letters in Regard Dr. F. J. Vinci, Wilmington, N. C.

W. C. Mebane, M. D.
Murchison Building
Wilmington, N. C.

December 18, 1944.

Dr. J. Street Brewer
Roseboro, N. C.

Dear Dr. Brewer:

Dr. F. J. Vinci is practising here in Wilmington, working part of the time at The North Carolina Shipbuilding Co. and part private practice. He tells me that he received a temporary North Carolina medical license when you were on the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners. He asked to bring his private patients to The Bullock Hospital Clinic and treat them as the responsible physician. We like Dr. Vinci and would grant him the privilege provided he is duly licensed to practice in hospitals in North Carolina. However, we do not want to bring any reproach upon the hospitals if he is not duly licensed. If you will advise me of his status I will greatly appreciate it.

With best wishes for the season and the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Mebane, M. D.

J. Street Brewer, M. D.
Roseboro, N. C.

December 22, 1944.

Dr. W. C. Mebane
Bullock Hospital Clinic
Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Dr. Mebane:

Dr. F. J. Vinci was granted permission by the Board of Medical Examiners to work at the shipyard clinic of the N. C. Ship Building Company in Wilmington. He was not granted any kind of medical license and was not to engage in the private practice of medicine outside the shipyard except in case of extreme emergency. That he has asked to bring private patients to the Bullock Hospital Clinic surprises me for I felt quite sure that Dr. Vinci understood the work he was permitted to do. The Board of Medical Examiners explained to him that under the regulations he could not be granted a license to practise medicine in North Carolina but that owing to the emergency, we would permit him to work in the shipyard clinic with the understanding that as when the shipyard closed and his job stopped, he need not expect to engage in the private practice of medicine.

The doctors in Wilmington should judge for themselves just how much outside work they want Dr. Vinci to do. It might be that during the present crisis they might feel like winking at the fact that he does not have a license and let him go ahead knowing as you do that just as soon as the war is over, he will have to stop and get out. If you decide to put a stop to his outside activities now, I would write to Dr. W. D. James, Hamlet, N. C., retiring secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners and to Dr. Ivan Procter, Raleigh, N. C., secretary to the new Board of Examiners.

With best wishes for a good Christmas and New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Street Brewer, M. D.



The Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners was instructed to write the A. M. A. for information and advice regarding licensing physicians graduates of Grade B schools in the U. S. The A. M. A. in reply stated that it was the duty of the Board of Medical Examiners to decide this question.

SIGNED

W. D. James
 W. D. James, M. D.
 Secretary

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Office of Secretary

Nov. 6, 1944

Dr. W. D. James
 Secretary
 Board of Medical Examiners
 Hamlet, North Carolina

Dear Doctor James:

I have your letter of October 28 requesting the attitude of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association toward the licensure of the graduate of an unapproved medical school.

It has always been the policy of the Council to leave matters of evaluation of credentials entirely to the discretion of the boards of medical examiners. The Council unfortunately is not in a position to make recommendations in individual cases.

I am returning the credentials of Dr. M. B. Wilkes, Jr.

Yours sincerely,

Victor Johnson, M. D.
 Secretary

Numerous requests have been made by graduates of grade B schools (Middlesex University in Boston, Chicago Medical School) for permission to take the examinations or to receive North Carolina license by endorsement of credentials.



The president of the board L. A. Crowell, Jr., M. D., was complimented for the way he handled the affairs of the Board of Medical Examiners for the past year. He was patient and tolerant at all times. His advice and council to the unfortunates summoned to meet with us was always received with sincere appreciation. All seven members of the board worked for six years in harmony and were willing to give and take in the best of spirits. At no time was there a sententia of evidence of any dissention. The meetings were looked forward to with genuine pleasure and it is with a feeling of regret that we bow out of the picture.

The secretary was instructed to turn over to the new secretary, Ivan Proctor, M. D., the physical properties of the board and wish him God speed.

W. W. James.
Secretary.
June 13 1938-1944

