



24th April 1896.

Dear Mr Russell,

Konthack called on me a short time since about the point to which your letter refers. There are two difficulties in the way. The first is that the question of a Boyjoint Examining Board for Sanitary Inspectors has been before this Board for several years, and, so far as it is concerned, has been settled long since. The only reason

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reason why the Board has not been formed has been a dispute amongst some of the bodies included in the draft order or charter as to the number of representatives they were to send to the Board. I doubt if the Local Government Board would re-open the question as to the admission of another body at this date. The second objection is this. - The scheme of instruction given at Bedford College is of a very different sort from that
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which is wanted for Sanitary Inspectors
who, please remember, are but Inspectors
of nuisances under a new name. We
do not wish them to know anything
about the classification of micro-organisms,
pathogenesis, animal metabolism,
pre-disposition, immunity, and things
of a like nature, otherwise we should
be creating a body which would prove
utterly unfit to perform ordinary
inspection of nuisances. I fear your
course would be held to be largely
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foreign to the purpose; but this need
not prevent you, if you disagree with
me, from making application to the
President of this Board in a formal
manner to be represented on the new
Examining Board. Such application
would, under any circumstances, be the
first essential step.

I am truly Yours,

J. Stone Thomas.

To Russell, F.R.S.