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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd May 1864.

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 19th April 1864, No. 1314A.

Sanctioning certain arrangements proposed consequent on the abolition of four Paymasterships in this Presidency. (Vide Proceedings Military Department, dated 19th April 1864, Nos. 482A—482C.)

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1864, No. 243.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter :—

From the Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, 15th April 1864, *A ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

I have the honor, with reference to the Order of Government, No. 1148, dated 6th April 1864, to submit a Draft G. O. with a view to the reduction of Pay Offices as therein directed.

2. The Draft G. O., submitted with my letter of the 27th January 1862, A, provided for the reduction of three Offices only, and contemplated the establishment of a Pay Office at Wellington. It has therefore become necessary, under the orders now received, to alter the arrangements then proposed.

3. The Range of the Southern Division has been amalgamated with the Presidency Range, as also Quilon, which was added to Malabar and Canara, but which, it is now proposed to include in the Presidency Range, as the communication is more direct than that with Bangalore, and to the Bangalore Office, nearly two full Ranges are added.

4. Kurnool is brought under the Hyderabad Office as the more convenient arrangement.

5. The present measure involving a reduction of the number of Paymasters from ten to six, the four juniors last appointed to the Department will, under existing Regulations, vacate their appointments.

1. *Colonel Macdonald,* ... ... 30*th October* 1838.
2. *Lieutenant Colonel Russell,* 22*nd December* 1848.
3. „ *Greenlaw,* 24*th June* 1853.
4. *Major Taylor,* ... ... 17*th April* 1855.
5. *Lieutenant Colonel Fraser,* 1*st May* „
6. „ *Tod,* ... 5*th August* 1859.
7. *Captain Magrath,* ... ... 1*st May* 1860.
8. (*Acting*) *Captain Clarke,* 9*th August* 1861.
9. *Captain Stoddard,* ... ... 8*th November* 1861.
10. „ *Pringle,* ... ... 14*th January* 1862.

6. The order of appointment is as per margin, and the four who vacate in ordinary course are, Captain Magrath, Captain Clarke, Captain Stoddard and Captain Pringle.

7. In the Draft G. O., Captain Clarke is directed to continue to act at Vizagapatam during the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Russell and Captain Magrath at Rangoon during the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Greenlaw, and with reference to the proposed arrangements, I would explain, that Captain Clarke, who had been previously acting as Paymaster at Secunderabad, was on the last occasion (9th August 1861) appointed to act at Vizagapatam, and in consequence of the present reduction being in contemplation, he was not, on the occasion of a full vacancy created by the appointment of Major Gillilan to the Examinership of Commissariat Accounts, recommended to be confirmed, as it was believed that the vacant Office would be shortly abolished.

1*st January* 1862.

8. In my letter of the 6th January 1862, B, I recommended that Captain Pringle should *take charge* of the Paymastership at Bellary, the nomination being subject to such alterations as circumstances might thereafter render necessary.

9. The General Order, however, appointed him Paymaster at Bellary and he appears as a Paymaster appointed 14th January 1862, while Captain Clarke, who was on the last occasion appointed to act on the 9th August 1861, and would have been recommended by me for the Paymastership at Bellary, had a permanent appointment been contemplated, has continued to act and appears in the Army List below Captain Pringle.

14*th January* 1862.

10. It was not my intention, and I presume it was not the intention of Government to give Captain Pringle the subsequent appointment precedence over Captain Clarke who was at the time and had been previously acting in the appointment of Paymaster very satisfactorily, and in now recommending two Officers to act for Colonel Russell and Colonel Greenlaw, I have considered Captain Clarke as senior in the Department to Captain Pringle.

11. Captain Magrath is a Deputy Paymaster, but the duties being exactly the same as that of Paymaster of a Range, he has been dealt with according to the date of his appointment to the Department.

12. Captain Stoddard's appointment is peculiar and always united with the Command of the Depôt. He was not a Paymaster of a Range.

13. In regard to Colonel Russell's case, I would remark, that from the date of the abolition of the Paymastership of the Southern Division he will cease to draw any portion of the salaries until he joins his new appointment at Vizagapatam.

14. It appears to me, however, that Paymasterships should be now considered as Departmental and not independent appointments, and that Paymasters should be appointed on the Establishment and posted to Circles similarly to Officers of the Adjutant General's, Quarter Master General's and Commissariat Departments, as the rates of salary of the various Circles have now been equalized.

15. Should Lieutenant Colonel Russell join at the expiration of his leave (11th June 1864) it is a matter of little consequence to him, but if he should obtain an extension of his leave on Medical Certificate, he will cease under existing Rule to draw any Staff salary till he joins at Vizagapatam. If Government see fit to adopt the above recommendation, its application to Colonel Russell's case would have to be specially authorized, as he was appointed independently to the Southern Division and otherwise Captain Clarke would continue to draw the full salary at Vizagapatam as at present.

16. It will be necessary to increase the Office Etablishments at the Presidency and Bangalore to meet the additional work. I shall communicate with the Paymasters concerned and arrange as far as possible for the additional Establishments being taken from those of the abolished Pay Offices, a scale of Establishments, which in the first instance should be considered temporary only, will be submitted in due course. Experience only can shew what additions, are actually necessary.

Palamcottah.
Quilon.

17. I propose also to instruct the Paymaster Presidency to disburse at once the Pay of the most distant stations of the Southern Division without waiting for an examination of the Abstracts, which any adjustments that may be necessary, being effected by this Office.

18. I deem it due to the Officers, whose appointments are abolished under the reduction now ordered to be carried out in the Pay Department, to bring specially to the notice of Government the very satisfactory manner in which the duties of their respective Offices have been performed, and the correctness, regularity, and promptness with which their Accounts have at all times been rendered.

ORDER, No. 1314A, 19*th April* 1864.

Ordered that a G. O. be published, corresponding with the Draft submitted.

2. The Governor in Council sanctions the arrangement suggested in paragraph 14 of the Controller's letter for considering the Paymasterships in future Departmental, and grants authority for the application of the Rule in the case of Lieutenant Colonel Russell, whose receipts are not to be affected in consequence of his not having joined the Pay Office of the Northern Circle.

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept. | Here enter 19th April 1864, No. 1314B.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

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