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No. 31. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George ; dated India Office, London, 4th March 1869, No. 21, (Financial).

Letters to Mr. P., dated 22nd December 1868, 26th January, and 2nd paragraph of 11th February 1869.
Letter from Mr. P., dated 13th January 1869 ; copy Medical Board's Report, and of Dr. Barker's certificate.

I forward, herewith, for your information, copy of correspondence with Mr. C. G. Plumer, Madras Civil Service, relative to his leave and absentee allowance under the new Furlough Rules.

2. Mr. Plumer has been permitted to return to his duty by the first steamer in March, and any adjustment of his allowance which may be necessary must consequently be made in India.

3. A copy of this Despatch, and of its enclosures, has been forwarded to the Government of India.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
22nd December 1868.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acquaint you that it appears from a letter received from the Government of India that the statement of allowances transmitted by the Accountant General of Madras, on which the letter from this office of the 4th November 1868, (29th October 1868,) was founded, is erroneous, and that you are not entitled to any absentee allowance under the new Furlough Rules, as at the time when your present furlough commenced you had no leave at your credit. Should you, under these circumstances, desire to withdraw your acceptance of the new Furlough Rules, you will be considered as at home on two years' furlough under the old Rules, with the allowance which you were formerly drawing, and the necessary adjustment of the amount over-issued to you, in respect to the period from the 1st July to the 29th September last, will be made on your return to duty in India.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) M. E. G. DUFF.

To C. G. PLUMER, Esq.
,, R. W. BARLOW, Esq.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
26th January 1869.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and in reply to request that you will appear for examination before the Medical Board at this office on Thursday next at 1 o'clock.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) M. E. G. DUFF.

To C. G. PLUMER, Esq.
,, R. W. BARLOW, Esq.

Extract of letter to C. G. Plumer, Esq., dated 11th February 1869.

Paragraph 2. I have to add that, under the circumstances of your case, you will be considered as at home on furlough on medical certificate under the new rules, and your allowance will be issued accordingly.

EAST INDIA UNITED SERVICE CLUB,
LONDON, S. W.,
13th January 1869.

SIR,

As we fear, from the communication we have recently received, that the nature of our present leave is misunderstood, we have the honor now to place before you the grounds on which we claim to be entitled to draw the high rate of allowance under the new rules. In April 1867, (having

served in India the one of us six-and-a-half, the other five-and-a-quarter years since our return from sick leave in 1860 and 1861, respectively,) we were compelled by the state of our health again to proceed to England, and we were accordingly furnished by our doctors with certificates in the prescribed form. As, however, our furloughs were due, and as we had no difficulty in obtaining them, we did not send these certificates in to Government, but forwarded them to the Secretary of the Civil Fund, from whom in consequence we received the usual advances towards defraying the expenses of the passage to England granted to officers going home on sick certificate.

2. On the new Leave Rules coming into force we were first informed that we could not elect there as we had no leave to our credit when we took furlough. On our representing, however, that our furlough was backed by medical certificate, we were informed that we might draw the increased rate of allowance from July 1st, 1868, to April 14th, 1869, when our two years' leave would expire. We drew at this rate, and made all our arrangements in accordance with this permission. Last month we were informed that we were not entitled to the increased rate of allowance, and must refund the amount overdrawn. Now, sir, independently of the hardship of having to refund money already spent in the full belief that we were entitled to it, and to alter arrangements made under the supposition that, until the 14th April 1869, we were entitled to a certain income, we would strongly urge upon you that we are entitled to the increased rate of allowance sanctioned by the new rules. We contend that our cases come most clearly within the scope of Rule VIII., Clause A. We had no leave to our credit, it is true, but we had medical certificate, and had the new rules been in force when we came home, we could, under the said clause, in virtue of our certificate, have obtained two years' leave on half pay and retained our appointments. To prove this we would cite the case of Mr. E. Macnaghten, of the Bengal Civil Service, who informs us that, in June last, a furlough of three years under the old rules was allotted to him, but that before he availed himself of it the new rules came into force. He had *no leave* to his credit, but on producing a medical certificate he was allowed to cancel his former leave and take two years *under Clause A, Rule VIII., retaining his appointment and drawing* ALLOWANCE OF HALF HIS AVERAGE receipts for the previous three years. We, through no fault of our own, but in consequence of our health breaking down, have been twice compelled to take leave to England, and have thus lost most of the benefits of the new rules. We have this time forfeited our appointments, but we feel sure that our present claims to be allowed to draw the half of our average receipts for the three years previous to taking leave will be dealt with favorably, and its justice finally admitted.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
(,,) C. G. PLUMER, } *India Civil Service.*

MEDICAL BOARD, INDIA OFFICE,
28*th January* 1869.

We certify, after having taken the usual obligation, to have carefully examined Mr. C. G. Plumer, Madras Civil Service, and find that he left India in April 1867, and arrived in England the following month on private leave, but he was in possession of medical certificates showing that the state of his health required his returning to Europe; but as his furlough was due, and it suited him better to avail himself of it, he did so. Since he has been at home he has been repeatedly under the care of different medical gentlemen on account of his health. He is still in impaired health, and requires further treatment.

We, therefore, recommend that he be granted an extension of leave for four months for the recovery of his health.

(Signed) J. R. MARTIN, *Inspr. Genl. of Hospitals.*
(,,) J. R. MILLER.
(,,) L. KIDD, M. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
10*th April* 1869.

6 UPPER HYDE PARK STREET, W.,
25*th January* 1869.

I certify that I have frequently attended Mr. C. G. Plumer since his return from India in May 1867, and that he arrived in England in a very prostrate condition, much emaciated and exceedingly depressed. He has since that time gradually improved, but only very recently. At my request Dr. Gale was consulted, and he agreed that rest of mind and body were actually necessary to restore Mr. Plumer to health. I am of opinion that it would be very beneficial to Mr. Plumer's health that he should stay in England as long as possible.

(Signed) E. BARKER.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1869, No. 183.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch, and of its enclosure, be furnished to the Accountant General, and that his attention be drawn to the instructions contained in paragraph 2 of the Despatch.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.
,, Managers of the Civil Fund.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of India
1869
FINANCIAL.
THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL.
&c., &c.,
Dated April, 10th.
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G. O., 10th April 1869, No. 183.
APRIL.
Nos. 31-32.
Communicating Despatch from the Secretary of State forwarding copy of correspondence with Mr. C. G. Plumer, M.C.S., relative to his leave and absentee allowance under the new Furlough Rule.

India Office
London 22nd Decr 1868

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acquaint you, that it appears from a letter received from the Government of India that the statement of Allowances transmitted by the Accountant General of Madras on which the letter from this Office of the 4th Nov.r/68 ~~29th Oct.r/68~~ was founded is erroneous, and that you are not entitled to any absentee allowance under the new Furlough Rules, as at the time when your present furlough commenced you had no leave at your credit

Should you under these circumstances desire to withdraw your acceptance of the new Furlough Rules you will be considered as at home on 2 years furlough under the Old Rules,

with

C. Plumer Esqr
W. Barlow Esqr

with the allowance which you were formerly drawing and the necessary adjustment of the amount over issued to you in respect to the period from the 1st July to the 29th September last, will be made on your return to duty in India

I have &c

(Signed) M E Grant Duff

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Copy Correspondence with
Mr C.G. Plumer Madras C.S.

Referred to in Financial Letter to
Madras, No 21, dated 4th March 1869.

India Office
London 26th January 1869.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant, and in reply to request that you will appear for examination before the Medical Board at this Office on Thursday next at One o'clock

I have &c
(signed) M. E. Grant Duff

R. W. Barlow Esqr
C. G. Plumer Esqr

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Extract of Letter to C. G. Plumer Esq
dated 11th February 1869

Para: 2 I have to add that under the circumstances of your case, you will be considered as at home on furlough on medical certificate under the new Rules, and your allowance will be issued accordingly.

East India United Service Club
London SW
January 13th 1869

Sir,

As we fear from the communication we have recently received that the nature of our present leave is misunderstood we have the honor now to place before you the grounds on which we claim to be entitled to draw the high rate of allowance under the new Rules.

In April /67 (having served in India the one of us 6½ the other 5¼ years since our return from sick leave in 1860 & 1861 respectively) we were compelled by the state of our health again to proceed to England & we were accordingly furnished by our Doctors with certificates in the prescribed form: as however our Furloughs were due, and as we had no difficulty in obtaining them, we did not send these certificates in to Hd Qrs but forwarded them to the Secy of the Civil Fund, from whom in consequence

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we received the usual advances, towards defraying the expences of the passage to England granted to Officers going Home on Sick Certificate.

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69 we were entitled to a certain income we would strongly urge upon you that we are entitled to the increased rate of allowance sanctioned by the new Rules; we contend that our cases come most clearly within the scope of Rule VIII clause 'a'; we had no leave to our credit it is true but we had Med. Certificate, and had the new Rules been in force when we came Home we could under the said Clause in virtue of our Certificate have obtained two years leave on half pay and retained our Appt.; to prove this we would cite the case of Mr C. Macnaghten of the Bengal Civil Service who informs us that in June last a Furlough of three years under the old Rules was allotted to him but that before he availed himself of it the new Rules came into force; he had no leave to his credit but on producing a Medical certificate he was allowed to cancel his former leave and take two years under Clause 'a' Rule VIII retaining his Appt. and drawing allowance of half his average receipts for the previous 3 years

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We have &—

(Signed) R. W. Barlow
—"— C. G. Plumer
Indian Civil Service

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Medical Board
India Office
28th January 1869.

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We therefore recomend that he be granted an extension of leave for four months for the recovery of his health

(Signed) J. R. Martin Insp.ʳ Gen.ˡ of Hospitals
—"— J. R. Miller
—"— Leo.ᵈ Kidd M.B

V. S

6 Upper Hyde Park Street
W

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(Signed) Edgar Barker

Jan 25th 1869.

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India Office London
4th March 1869.

Financial
No. 21

Letters to Mr P. 22d Dec. 68. 26 Jan. 72d 5: 4 Feb. 69.
Letters from Mr P. 13 Jan. 69 - Copy of Medical Board's Report
& of Dr Baker's Cert.

My Lord,

I Forward herewith for your information copy of correspondence with Mr C. G. Turner, Madras Civil Service, relative to his leave and absentee allowance under the new Furlough Rules.

2. Mr Turner has been permitted to return to his duty by the first Steamer in March, and any adjustment of his allowance which may be necessary must consequently be made in India.

3. A copy of this despatch and of its enclosures has been forwarded

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W. Hall
Copy
S. of A.

His Excellency
The Right Honble
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

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e Government of India.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient

humble Servant.

Recd 27 April

No. 12.

Financial
4 March 1869

The
Letter to Dft H. George
No. 21.

No 183 - 10 April 69.

Ordered that
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be drawn to the instruc-
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To
The Accountant General
& Managers of the Civil
Fund.

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With an addi-
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Forwarding copy & corre-
spondence with Hon C. G.
Plumer Ln. C.S., regarding his
leave & absentee allowances
under the new Furlough Rules,
& stating that, as he has been
permitted to return & duty in
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The Accomtant General.

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