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Government of Madras.

Judicial Affairs DEPARTMENT.

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No. 30. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 31st October 1857.

Read the following letters.

From Lieutenant Colonel W. G. WOODS, Adjutant General of the Army; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government Military Department, dated 30th October 1857, No. 1318.

SIR,

I have the honor, by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying copies of letters received from His Excellency General Sir C. Campbell K. C. B. Commander in Chief in India, for such notice of Captain Campbell's improper proceedings as may be considered to be called for.

Dated 21st September 1857.
„ 16th October 1857.

Lieutenant General Sir P. Grant requests to be informed if it is desired to retain at Jackatalla the services of the men of Her Majesty's service now employed under Captain Campbell.

Letter from His Excellency General Sir COLIN CAMPBELL K. C. B. Commander in Chief of India; to His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir P. GRANT, K. C. B. Commander in Chief Madras dated Calcutta 16th October 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose for your Excellency's consideration a private letter addressed to me by a Captain Campbell who appears to be an Executive Engineer employed under the Government of Madras.

I beg you to inform His Lordship the Governor of Madras that it is far from my wish to interfere with any arrangement regarding the Public Works proceeding under His Lordship's orders, and I shall be obliged to you to give what orders may be requisite for the furtherance of the public service in this respect.

I would remark on the irregularity pursued by my correspondent with whom I am totally unacquainted, and I request your Excellency to cause this Officer to be instructed in the course he ought to follow when he makes requests involving the convenience and furtherance of the public service.

Captain Campbell should not forget the respect due to the Government and the Military authority of the Presidency in which he is serving.

Letter from Captain JOHN CAMPBELL, 7th Madras Cavalry, Executive Engineer Jackatallah Barracks; to His Excellency General Sir COLIN CAMPBELL K. C. B. Commander in Chief of India, dated Neilgherries, 26th September 1857.

MY DEAR SIR COLIN CAMPBELL,

A report having reached me through the Adjutant General's office that as the Queen's 84th Foot have now been transferred from this Presidency to the Bengal Establishment, I am likely to lose the services of 1 Serjeant 2 Corporals and 3 Privates, who have been with me on these great works for some years back, but will now most probably be required at once to rejoin their Regiment, I take the liberty of laying before you this my most urgent request that you will be so good as allow these six men viz. Serjeant Kelly, whose state of health quite unfits him for duty in the plains, Corporals Hall and Buttler and Privates Bates, Slater and Brittain to stand fast with me at Jackatalla, still if your Excellency should not see fit to grant the services of all six, I do most earnestly hope you will in that case spare me Corporal Hall and Private Bates, two men of irreproachable character now filling most responsible posts under Government, should these two be removed not only would many months elapse ere I could hope to train others to take their place,

but intermediately the pecuniary interests of Government would be most dangerously perilled, eminently qualified as they are by years of experience, good conduct, good temper, knowledge of the language, professional skill of no mean order, and last the not least peculiar aptitude for contralling and taking the work out of large bodies of men.

It now only remain for me to apologize for addressing you direct, but perhaps when I mention the name of a near relative Sir Colin Campbell who died just after vacating his Governorship at Ceylon, I believe an old friend of your own, and also with reference to the magnitude of the interest at stake you will pardon me, indeed I would have written through Sir David Baird, but I know not if he is with you. Should my application prove successful would you be so kind as direct a telegraphic Message to be sent to Colonel Denison the Queen's Adjutant General on this side, placing the men applied for at my personal disposal till these gigantic works are finished, which may take 3 years yet, it would be matter of great regret to me if these men were removed before a reply could come by post.

Referred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) C. A. BROWNE, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 2253; dated 3rd December 1857.

Para. 1. It appears from the correspondence received with the above Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, that Captain Campbell, Executive Engineer at Jackatallah, has addressed a private letter to His Excellency Sir Colin Campbell, the Commander-in-Chief in India, requesting that the services of six men of the Queen's 81th Foot (recently transferred from this Presidency to the Bengal establishment) now doing duty with him, may be allowed to continue with him.

Serjeant Kelly.
Corporal Hall,
" Butler.
Private Bates.
" Slater.
" Brittain.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot but express his great surprize that an Officer of Captain Campbell's standing and rank in the service, should have been so regardless of his duty both to the Head of the Army of this Presidency, and to the Government under which he is serving, as to have taken upon himself a direct communication with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the Army of India, upon matters of a public nature appertaining to this Presidency, without reference to the authorities in it. The Governor in Council must record his strong displeasure at such an objectionable course of proceeding, and must request that the Chief Engineer will in communicating to Captain Campbell the view taken by Government of his conduct, warn him against a repetition of it.

3. The men who formed the subject of correspondence with His Excellency Sir Colin Campbell, are not enrolled in the list of the Public Works Department, and the Government believe that they are paid out of the estimate for the Barracks. The Chief Engineer will be so good as to report if their services will be required by Captain Campbell, and if there is any pressing necessity for detaining them from their Regiment.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated 31st October 1857.

Read the following Letters.

No. 1318.

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The Adjutant General
of the Army

To

The Secretary to Government
Military Department

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" 18th Octr. 1857 received from His Excellency General

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Adjt. Genl's Office Fort William 30th Octr. 1857.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.
Signed, W. G. Woodburn Lt. Col.
Adjutant General of the Army.

Calcutta 16th October 1857.

Sir,

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I beg you to inform His Lordship the Governor of Madras that it is far from my wish to interfere with any arrangement regarding the Public Works proceeding under His Lordship's orders, and I shall be obliged to you to give what orders may be requisite for the furtherance of the public service in this respect.

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Captain Campbell should not forget the respect due to the Government and the Military Authority of the Presidency, in which he is serving.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Excellency's Most Obt.
Humble Servant.
(Signd) C. Campbell General
Commander in Chief

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To

His Excellency Lieut. General
Sir P. Grant K. C. B.
Commander in Chief
Madras.

26th Septr. 1857
Jackatalla Barracks.
Neilgherries.

My Dear Sir Colin Campbell

A report having reached me thro the Adjutant Generals Office that as the Queens 84th Foot have now been transferred from this Presidency to the Bengal Establishment, I am likely to lose the services of 1 Serjeant 2 Corporals and 3 Privates, who have been with me on these great works for some years back, but will now most probably be required at once to rejoin their

Recently

their Regiment, I take the liberty
of laying before you this my most
urgent request that you will be so good
as allow these six men viz^t Serjeant
Kelly, whose state of health quite
unfits him for duty in the Islands,
Corporals Hall and Butler and
Privates Bates, Slater and Brittain
to stand last with me at Jaffnapatam
still if your Excellency should not
see fit to grant the services of all six,
I do most earnestly hope you will bid
that case spare me Corporal Hall
and Private Bates, two men of irre-
proachable character now filling most
responsible posts under Government,
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taking the work out of large bodies of
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I most humbly remain for me
to apologize for addressing you direct,
but perhaps when I mention the name
of a near relative Sir Colin Campbell
who did just after vacating his Gover-
norship at Ceylon, I believe an old
friend of your own, and also with refe-
rence to the magnitude of the interests
at stake you will pardon me, indeed
I would have written thro Sir David
Baird, but I know not if he is with
you. Should my application prove
successful

P.W.D.

No. 2253

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 3 ~~November~~ Dec. 57.

Read the following Extract
from the Minutes of Consultation
in the Military Department -

(Here enter 31st October 1857 -)

Sergeant Kelly.
Corporal Hales
" Butler.
Private Bates.
" Slater
" Brittain.

It appears from the
Correspondence received with
the above extract from the re-
Minutes of Consultation in the
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Captains Campbell, Execu-
-tive Engineer at Cuttack,
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letter to His Excellency Sir
Colin Campbell, the Com-
-mander in Chief of India,
requesting, that the services
of Six Men of the Queen's 84th Foot
recently

Public Works Dep't
Dated Fort William 8th Dec. 1857

No. 2162.

Extract Minute of Gov.
Military Department.

Dated 31st October 1857.
Read the Same -

Professional services of
Sergeant Kelly & Five Men of the
84th Regt lent to Captain
Campbell Executive Engineer
Cuttack during the Expedition
against Kujang and Kendrapara
in December 1857 and January 1858
to be remunerated by the
Public Works Department
Rs. 80 per month each
Rs. 480 per month
Rs. 2880 for 6 Men
for 6 months -

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[signature]

Copies to the Chief Engr.
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Public Works 1857 Dep^t.
D^o to Cous: & Desr.

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