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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd July 1864.*

No. 400. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Communicating Endorsement of the Government of India }
on the subject of Captain D. J. P. Campbell's return to } (Here enter 16th July 1864, No. 2,446.)
his appointment as Special Assistant Engineer in Banga- }
lore, he having over-stayed his leave to Europe.

No. 401. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1864, No. 2,108.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers and to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Military Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 16th May 1864, No. 143 ; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.

Paragraph 1. I observe, by the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 325 of January last, that a question has arisen regarding the propriety of permitting Captain D. J. P. Campbell to return to his appointment as Special Assistant Engineer in Bangalore, he having over-stayed his leave to Europe, and that Captain Campbell, in a letter to the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division, dated the 19th December last, writes as follows :—

“ Having applied in person to the Secretary at the India Office, on the 26th August last, for permission to return to Bangalore *via* Bombay, I was told there and then to write the letter of that date in the accompanying correspondence, and I wrote it at the India Office. I mentioned the whole of the circumstances regarding retention of appointment, &c., and was most distinctly assured that if I landed in India, at Bombay, within the six months from the date of my leaving India, my appointment was safe. Relying on the written permission given me to return *via* Bombay, and on the faith of what had been told me at the India Office, I had no doubts in my mind that, if I returned by the Mail of the 3rd October, my retention of my appointment was secure.”

2. The intimation referred to as having been received by Captain Campbell on the 26th August, could not have been given by the Military Secretary, who was absent from town, or by any person authorized to give such information, and, under any circumstances, this Officer should not have relied on any assurance regarding his retention of appointment that may have been offered to him by persons not authorized to give it.

3. It is the invariable practice in this country to inform Officers, in answer to official inquiries, whether verbal or written, respecting the retention of their appointments beyond the regulated period of leave granted by the local Government, that such retention cannot be guaranteed to them here. Any departure from this rule would be specially communicated both to the Officer concerned and to the Government of the Presidency to which he belongs.

4. I enclose copy of Captain Campbell's application for permission to return to duty, and of the reply given to that Officer on the occasion, by which you will see that the question of the retention of his appointment was not raised.

5. If an Officer applies for and obtains an extension of leave, or for permission to adopt a route which, by retarding his return, involves practically such extension, he does it at his own wish, and on his own responsibility.

6. The view upon the subject taken by the Controller of Military Finance (see Report dated 26th November 1863, paragraph 4) is, therefore, perfectly correct, and in accordance with the rule laid down in your reply to No. 111 of the published questions, which was approved in my Despatch, No. 475, of 16th December 1861.

7. I deem it necessary to add, that no report of verbal communication made to Officers in this country, should ever be admitted in support of a claim to a relaxation of the Regulations of the Service, or any other special indulgence.

From Captain D. J. P. CAMPBELL, Madras Staff Corps, East India Army and Colonial Agency, 55, Parliament Street, S. W., London, 26th August 1864; to JAMES COSMO MELVILL, Esq., Assistant Under Secretary of State, India Office.

I have the honor to request the favor of your obtaining, from the Secretary of State for India in Council, permission for me to return to my duty on the Madras Establishment, by the Overland route *viâ* Marseilles and Bombay, on the 3rd October and due at Bombay on the 26th of that month, my leave expiring on the 28th thereof, there being no Cabin accommodation vacant per P. and O. Steamer to Madras by that Mail, and Bangalore being as easily accessible *viâ* Bombay and Beypore as from Madras.

From G. E. COCHRANE, Esq., for Military Secretary, India Office, S. W. 29th August, 1864; to Captain D. J. P. CAMPBELL.

I have received and laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, your letter dated 26th August, and I am directed to inform you, in reply, that you have permission to return to your duty on the Madras Establishment, Overland, *viâ* Bombay.

MEMORANDUM.—This letter must be presented personally at the Adjutant General's Office immediately upon landing.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, SIMLA, 22ND JUNE 1864.

No. 298.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(By order.)

(Signed) H. W. NORMAN, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER, No. 2446, 16th July 1864.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Controller of Military Accounts,—also to the Commissioner of Mysore, with reference to Proceedings of Government as per margin.

Proceedings of Government, No. 325, 28th January 1864.

To the Commissioner of Mysore. | Here enter, 16th July 1864, No. 2447.
(True Extract.)

Marshall
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Controller of Military Accounts.
- „ Examiner Pay Department.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Public Works Department, for information.

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*Shepherd
22nd July 1864*

*To The Superintendent Engineers
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