

(1) Number of pages _____

(2) Date of repair _____

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	Press Mis.
Dated	18 . . .

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd November 1864.*

No. 54. Read again letters from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, R. E., dated 20th August, and Controller of Military Accounts, dated 17th September, and recorded in Miscellaneous Proceedings, dated 20th September 1864, No. 63.

Read also the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, R. E., to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Department Public Works, dated Cuttack, 10th October 1864.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government of the 20th ultimo, No. 63, together with its enclosures, and to request that before I am finally desired to make my election of the old or new Furlough Regulations the following circumstances may be re-considered, and if necessary a reference be made to the Secretary of State thereon.

2. In the first place I would solicit the attention of Government to the letter from the Secretary to Government of India, Department Public Works, to your address, dated 5th February 1862, No. 467, forwarding copy of a letter from the Secretary to the East India Irrigation Company, in which an application is made for my services.

3. The conditions on which I consented to such an application being made is stated therein, viz., that it could only be "without prejudice to the rights and privileges belonging to my position as an Officer in H. M.'s Army." To this application the Governor General in Council, in the letter above quoted, signified as follows:—"That there was no objection on the part of the Government of India to the grant of leave without pay to that Officer for the *longest period* which the Regulations might admit of. At the end of such term, he would revert to his Corps "or obtain renewed leave (if desired) as might be then determined."

4. The Regulation abovementioned could not refer to Furlough Regulations either new or old, or they would have been so specified, for had Furlough been intended, I had only to apply in the ordinary way for such leave, and should have been entitled to and obtained my Furlough pay accordingly. It is evident that the Government of India considered the application made by the Irrigation Company as being out of the ordinary course, and granted me extraordinary leave of absence accordingly, on the grounds that they were "deeply interested" in the success of the Company's operations, and for that purpose added the clause that "renewed" leave might be granted me if desired at the end of the extreme term that the Regulation of the Service admitted.

5. By that extreme term I understood a period of absence of five years, after which no Officer's name is allowed to remain on the Army List, but the full term of which many have been permitted to enjoy.

Secondly.—The purpose for which the Government of India granted me the leave of absence was not for that of relaxation or pleasure, but for one entailing on me more responsibilities and wear and tear of body and mind than had yet fallen to my share on the works of Government.

Thirdly.—The object sought by myself in undertaking the Company's works was entirely a disinterested one, and unconnected with any pecuniary or other advantages.

6. Under these circumstances to direct that my leave should be classed under Furlough Regulations is to deprive me of a privilege, the forfeiture of which, had it been made known to me as a necessary condition of acceding to the Company's application, would have deterred me from undertaking their works. To start so large a scheme, and to establish it so as to secure its future satisfactory progress of course requires a longer period than two years. It is not my desire to resign my Commission or the Service of Government, and if therefore the Secretary of State should see fit to place the alternative before me by still directing my leave of absence to be classed under Furlough Regulations, it will be necessary for me to acquaint the Company with this determination at an early date, otherwise they will be subjected to great inconvenience by being obliged at a short notice to appoint a Chief Engineer, for they have been under the impression equally with myself from the terms of the letter from the Government of India that there would be no difficulty in my procuring an extension from time to time until the five

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd November 1864.*

years had expired. To myself I need scarcely add that it would be very mortifying to be obliged to relinquish to other hands, at a most important and interesting stage, the project from whose development I trust benefits similar to the Delta works in the Madras Presidency may result.

7. With these remarks I would leave it to the Government to determine whether or not the leave of absence granted to me is not entirely of an exceptional character, not necessarily connected with any of the prescribed Furlough Rules, and not hampering the Finance Department, inasmuch as I have received no pay. Should however a further reference to the Secretary of State be necessary, I trust the Government will not object to lay the matter again before him.

From Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, R. E., to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calcutta, 20th August 1864.

SIR,

As my leave of absence expires on the 8th of November next, I have the honor to request you will submit, for the consideration of Government, my application for an extension for 12 months on the same special grounds on which leave was originally granted me.

No. 2,834, dated 30th September 1863.

Referred to the Controller of Military Accounts for report, with reference to the Order marginally noted.

CHEPAUK,
3rd September 1864.

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

From Major J. G. TOUCH, Acting Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort Saint George, 17th September 1864, M.

Dated 20th August 1864.

1. I have the honor to return the letter of Lieutenant-Colonel Rundall, R. E., referred under your docket of the 3rd September 1864, and to observe that the grant of an extension of leave for one year on Furlough conditions appears to depend upon the election he has made in regard to Furlough Regulations.

2. This Office is not informed on that point, beyond the absence of any indication against his name in the Army List that he has elected either.

3. If he has not elected, and by taking Furlough without election he has so brought himself under the Furlough Regulations of 1854, his leave is not susceptible of extension on private affairs, but, if he is under the old Regulations, there would appear to be no objections to the extension for one year as solicited.

4. If the leave is granted on "Furlough conditions" it is for Government to determine whether Lieutenant-Colonel Rundall should not receive Furlough pay.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1864, No. 3,157.

Resolved that the papers recorded above be referred for the orders of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Rundall, R. E., Cuttack.

To the Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Work Dept

34

No 3157

*Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 2nd Nov 1864*

*Read again letters
from Lieut Colonel F. H.
Rundall R.E. of 20th Aug.
& Controller Military Accounts
of 17th September & recorded
in Misc. Proceedings dated
20th September 1864 No 63.*

Read also the following

From Lieut Colonel F. H. Rundall R.E.

*Bringing to notice the
circumstances under which he
accepted the Company's services,
and, requesting that if necessary,
his application for leave may
be referred to the Home Govt.*

*Resolved that
the papers recorded
above be referred for
the orders of the
Right Honorable
the*

for India



70

Wm L. G. & H. Randall
A. G. Luntz

to the funds of Military
Accounts.

Dec^r 3^d November

10

3

Copy in a letter to Eng?
 of 10: Nov. No 75 of 1864.

7+
 Feb. 1864 - Deposited
 Pro. of Govt for Registrar
 No. 4613
 From
 Vienna Coll
 & H Randall 1922
 Outback

2/10 } Oct 1/4
 Rec. 24 }

Bringing before the
 circumstances under which he
 accepted the Co's services; and re-
 questing that, if necessary, his
 application for leave may be
 referred to the Home Govt

No. 54.

no. 2154 - 2nd Nov. 1864

No. 54. 55-

for 1864 & after
 No. of Govt for
 No. of the Public
 of 10 Nov 1864
 of paper relative
 to Unit. Coll. 582.
 Randall's application
 for an exp. leave
 of 12 months leave.