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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th December 1864.*

No. 273. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 25th November 1864, No. 4,211.

Read the following papers:—

From the Controller of Military Accounts, Calcutta, 4th October 1864, No. 785A; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

In returning your Office docket, No. 623, of the 5th August last, with enclosure, I have the honor to state that, in this Presidency, Warrant Officers appointed to act in a higher grade for absentees in Europe or otherwise are allowed the pay and allowances of such grade from date of entering on the discharge of the duties of the appointment, although it may involve a double charge. Government, however, in letter, No. 45, of the 2nd June 1863, directed that appointments are not to be made in the room of absentees without there being an absolute necessity for it.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 2nd June 1864, No. 43; to the Officiating Inspector General of Ordnance.

With reference to the letters from your Department noted in the margin, I am instructed to

No. 4,791, dated 18th October 1862.
" 8,037, " 10th February 1863.
" 8,783, " 27th " "

refer you to Government General Order, No. 370, of the 1st June 1863, laying down Rules for the selection of properly qualified

individuals for admission to the subordinate grades of the Ordnance Department, and to acquaint you, in reply to the letter of the 27th February last, that the Honorable the President in Council is pleased to sanction the proposals contained in its 6th and 7th paragraphs, viz.:—

I. That temporary vacancies likely to last beyond six months by the transfer of men to act in other appointments should be filled up by men appointed temporarily to the Ordnance Department from the Army.

II. That absentees on furlough, whether on sick leave or private affairs, should have their places in like manner supplied, furlough on private affairs being limited to five which is equal to 6 per cent. of the whole number of Warrant Officers.

The sanction now given will, however, apply to such cases only where the Head of the Department considers it absolutely necessary to fill up the place of the absentee.

III. In every case where an application for furlough is forwarded to the Adjutant General's Office for eventual submission to Government, a statement should accompany shewing the number and names of the Warrant Officers already absent, to prevent the possibility of leave being inadvertently granted to any one in excess of the limit now fixed.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, THE 29TH OF OCTOBER 1864.

No. 714.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, with reference to Colonel Marshall's letter, No. 2,217, of the 23rd June last.

(By Order.)

(Signed) B. E. BACON, Lieut.-Colonel,

Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Major J. G. TOUCH, Controller of Military Accounts, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 14th May 1864, A.

1. In returning the correspondence referred for my report under your docket of the 26th April 1864, I have the honor to state that the orders of the Government of India, and of this Government, adverted to by Supervisor D. Booth, do not affect his position in the Department Public Works, being applicable only to Officers in Civil employ in receipt of consolidated salaries.

2. In the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments, promotions are made in place of Warrant Officers absent on leave beyond six months; pay in the advanced grade being admitted from date of appointment, which is usually made

Paragraph 64, page 363, Pay Code.

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from the day following the date on which the leave of the absentee commences; these promotions of course involve a double charge both of pay and Indian allowances.

3. Such promotions in the Departments named are, however, made throughout the various grades in order to complete the establishment which must be maintained at its full strength, in order that the duties may be efficiently performed, whenever the absence of the party on leave exceeds six months, and in effecting this, promotions in the higher grades are generally made to prevent supersession, Warrant Officers below the rank of Deputy Assistant Commissary receiving pay and allowances only.

4. This necessity does not however apparently exist in the Department Public Works, the several appointments in which are held irrespective of Military rank, and by Civilians as well as Soldiers, the latter receiving Civil allowances in addition to Military Pay; it is therefore questionable if temporary promotions, caused by absence on leave, should in this Department involve a double charge; but I would suggest a reference being made on the subject to the Government of India, with a view to ascertain the practice which obtains in Bengal, it being desirable that uniformity in the Rules on this point should exist in the Department Public Works in the three Presidencies.

5. As stated by Colonel Boileau, Pensions, Invaliding, and Furlough to Europe, are granted to Warrant Officers of the Department Public Works under the same Rules as to those of the Ordnance Department, but this does not appear

Paragraph 53, page 196, Pay Code.

to me to have any bearing on the question under consideration.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Under Secretary to Government.

Communicated, with the Report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 14th May 1864,

Letter from Colonel Orr, 22nd April 1864, No. 86.
Military Proceedings, 28th June 1864, No. 2,216

A, to the Public Works Department, with reference to the papers noted in the margin, for disposal in that Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 274. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1864, No. 3,569.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

2. As there is no necessity whatever for filling up the places of absentees in the Warrant grades of the Public Works Department, the Governor in Council directs that no appointments or promotions shall in future be made on the occurrence of temporary vacancies in those grades.

3. Acting Conductor Booth's claim to the pay and allowances of his rank from the 12th January 1864 is clearly inadmissible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
All other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Military Department.

Ed T. O'Connor.

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By order,

(Signed) B. E. BACON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER, No. 4211, 25th November 1864.

Communicated, with the Report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 14th

Letter from Colonel Orr, 22nd April 1864, No. 86.
Military Proceedings, 28th June 1864, No. 2216.

May 1864, A, to the Public Works Department, with reference to the papers noted in the margin, for disposal in that Department.

(True Extract.)

Hamilton
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with copy of Report from Contr. of Mily. Accts., dated 14th May 1864, A.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Adjutant General, for information

Ed. T. Stubbs.

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claim to the pay & allowance of
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with the provisions of the
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and the Act of 1864

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Superintending Engineer

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