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Read the following papers :—

No. 144. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department.

Referring, for remarks, General Order by His Excellency the Governor General of India, publishing the Despatch from the Home Government relative to the substitution of Honorary Commissions for the Veteran Commissions formerly bestowed upon Warrant Officers of long and meritorious service. } (Here enter 27th May 1864.)

No. 145. From Lieutenant-Colonel O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 20th June 1864, No. 423.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract of the Orders of Government of the 6th instant, calling upon Superintending Engineers to offer such remarks as they may desire on the subject of the revision of the scale of Pay and Pensions of Warrant Officers on whom Honorary Commissions will in future be bestowed, I beg to report that I do not feel myself competent to make any remarks of moment regarding what the future pay and pensions of this meritorious class of public servants should be, but that I consider that it would be both unjust and unwise not to make their departmental emoluments equal to at least what their fellows received formerly, partly as pay as Veteran Officers, and partly as Staff or Civil allowance.

No. 146. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to Major J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E., Deputy Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Masulipatam, 10th August 1864, No. 57.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Secretary's Endorsement, dated 6th June 1864, and to your Memorandum No. 109, dated 23rd ultimo, calling for any remarks I may have to offer on the subject of the promotion to Warrant Officers in the Department Public Works to Honorary rank of Commissioned Officers, I have the honor to state that I do not consider that such rank would be any boon to Warrant Officer, and that should it be in contemplation to improve their prospects, I conceive the object would be best effected by increasing the number of existing higher grades of the Warrant rank or by reducing the period of departmental service qualifying for pension.

2. Warrant Officers have already the opportunity of rising to a very high position considering the humble rank and pay from which they have to start. The highest grade in the Department, that of Deputy Commissary, carries a salary of Rupees 242 per mensem and a retiring pension of £ 91-5 per annum, and should he hold the rank of Sub-Engineer 1st Class, he would draw in all a salary of Rupees 492 per mensem, which I cannot but think is a sufficiently liberal one. As regards pensions however, he would stand in an inferior footing to an Uncovenanted Servant, as the latter can under certain qualifications draw one-third of his average salary for five years after fifteen years service, which with the above amount of salary would carry a claim to a pension of Rupees 167 per mensem.

No. 147. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 26th July 1864, No. 68.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Endorsement, dated 6th June 1864, on the subject of the substitution of Honorary Commissions for the Veteran Commissions formerly bestowed upon Warrant Officers of long and meritorious service, I have the honor to observe that, in my opinion, the change will be highly appreciated by the Warrant Officers of this Department.

2. With regard to the proposed revision of the present scale of pay, pensions and other advantages granted to Warrant Officers, I would beg to suggest that Service in the Army entitling a Serjeant to promotion to the Warrant grades, be reduced from fifteen to ten years.

3. On the 10th September 1860, I forwarded to the Commandant of Engineers a Memorial from Assistant Commissary W. Arnold, praying that a Commission might be conferred on him, and again on the 2nd October 1861, I urged his claims to promotion in a letter to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle; I therefore trust that Mr. Arnold will now be recommended an Honorary Commission as he is the Senior Warrant Officer of the Public Works Departn. in the Madras Presidency.

4. I cannot forbear remarking that I have good reasons for stating, that the prospect of future promotion to the Warrant grades alone induced the great majority of the Military Subordinates to remain in this Department after the late re-organization, when their pay and allowances were suddenly reduced below the scale in force in every other part of Her Maje.'s Indian empire.

5. It is difficult to understand why, of two Soldiers quitting the Madras Civil Engineering College at the same time, the fortunate man sent to Mysore at once draws higher rates of pay and travelling allowance than his comrade posted to a District in the Madras Presidency.

No. 148. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 23th September 1864, No. 105.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 3 of my letter No. 68, dated 26th July last, I have the honor herewith to enclose a copy of the Memorial therein alluded to, from Deputy Commissary W. Arnold, Sub-Engineer 1st Class, Department Public Works.

Copy of Memorial.

No. 149. From Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 29th September 1864, No. 3,125.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department, dated 28th May 1864, on the subject of the substitution of Honorary for the Veteran Commissions formerly bestowed on Warrant Officers referred to me for report on the 6th June 1864, I have the honor to submit the following remarks.

2. It has for some time been the rule in the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments to advance to the Commissioned ranks all Warrant Officers on their attaining the grade of Deputy Assistant Commissary, the chief requirements being long and meritorious service, with perfect respectability of character; but no Commission has yet been conferred on a Warrant Officer of the Public Works Department, though I understand that three have been recommended for the boon.

Deputy Commissary H. O'Hara.
Do. P. Curley.
Do. W. Arnold.

3. Insufficient length of service has, I believe, been the *only* reason for none of the Warrant Officers of this Department having been promoted, and now that the subject of granting Commissions to that class of men in all Departments has been taken into consideration by the Secretary of State for India, it is well that some definite rules should be laid down explanatory of the principle under which the grant of such boons may be recommended.

4. Under the guarantee afforded in paragraph 12 of the Despatch embodied in the G. O. under reply, I would suggest that it be ruled that on a Warrant Officer of not less than thirty years' service, who has distinguished himself by zeal and ability in the performance of his duty, and general intelligence and propriety of conduct, being advanced to the grade of a Deputy Assistant Commissary, he should be considered as eligible for the Honorary Commission of a Lieutenant, and that after serving in that rank for ten years he should be presented with the

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Commission of a Captain. The *Departmental* Military salary and pensions should be made equal to that which would be given to Commissioned Officers on the Veteran establishment.

5. The value of the services of a body of intelligent and useful individuals would thus, I conceive, meet with just recognition.

No. 150. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 26th July 1864, No. 660.

SIR,

Having addressed the Controller of Military Accounts, as directed in G. O.* Military Department of 27th May last, regarding the substitution of Honorary for Veteran, Commissions, I have the honor with reference to your No. 28 of 5th instant, to enclose copy of my letter on the subject.

1 Copy of a letter.
* Endorsement Public Works Department, 6th June 1864.

(By Order.)
(Signed) A. R. EDGCOME, Lieutenant, R. E.,
For Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

From Captain T. E. GAHAGAN, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Controller of Military Accounts, dated Salem, 22nd June 1864, No. 405.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. in the Military Department, No. — of the 27th May 1864, regarding the revision of the present scale of pay, pensions, &c., for Warrant Officers, I have the honor to state that I have no remarks to offer on the subject.

(True Copy.)
(By Order.)
(Signed) A. R. EDGCOME, Lieutenant, R. E.,
For Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

No. 151. From Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 11th July 1864, No. 675.

SIR,

1. In reply to Orders of Government, dated 27th May 1864, and received with your Endorsement, dated 6th June 1864, I have the honor to state that increased rates of pay to the higher grades of the Warrant Officers in our Department would increase the efficiency of a useful body of men.

2. I have reason to believe that Commissions would be gladly sought after. If not on the Veteran establishment they would be acceptable as Honorary Commissions, but I would not award them without great care in selection; and the increased pay, whether derivable from the Commission or the highest grade of the Warrant, should be such as to enable the individual to keep up the position which his meritorious conduct has obtained for him from Government.

No. 152. From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 11th July 1864, No. 56.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, the following remarks on the subject of the proposed revision of the scale of pay and pensions of Warrant Officers of the Public Works Department.

2. Their work is so different from that of Warrant Officers of the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments, and generally speaking so much more trying to the constitution, that for the most part they will be unable to serve effectively for such lengthened period as the latter do. For this reason I am of opinion that the period of service to qualify for a Warrant may advantageously be reduced in the Public Works Department. The disparity of salaries and pensions attainable by Military and Civil Subordinates should likewise be reduced, to obviate all inducement on the part of Serjeants Supervisors to purchase their discharges. (The case of Mr. Sub-Engineer O'Shaugnessy is in point.)

3. I am informed that the highest rate of pension attainable by a Deputy Commissary and First Class Sub-Engineer, is only Rupees 75 a month, which is a very inadequate reward for the services, say, of such a man as Mr. H. Bailey, whose attainments and character are such as would enable him to bear Her Majesty's Commission with credit. A First Class Uncovenanted Sub-Engineer can obtain, as I am informed, Rupees 133-5-4 per mensem after twenty years, and Rupees 200 after thirty years service.

4. I place a very high value on the services of the Military Subordinates of the Department generally, and especially of those who have come from the Sappers; and I believe that it will be beneficial to the interests of Government that the rewards held out to them be increased in amount, and more speedily attainable than at present.

No. 153. From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Kodacanel, 5th July 1864, No. 564.

SIR,

1. Referring to Proceedings of Government, 6th June, forwarding No. 88 from the Government of India in the Military Department, I have the honor to observe that comparatively few of the Warrant Officers gain their Commissions while active members of the Departments to which they belonged, which according to paragraph 10 of the Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India will be charged with extra payments for less efficient members on account of their past services.

2. I believe too that it will be found that Warrant Officers who receive Commissions are more liberally treated by the general body of society in this country than they are in England, and that therefore it would be fairer to attach the pay to the Commission to enable them better to sustain their position.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1864, No. 2,913.

The foregoing reports will be communicated to the Military Department, with reference to the Endorsement of that Department, dated 27th May 1864.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 56

Superintending Engineer's Office
Coonoor 11th July 1864.

From Lieut. Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

To The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government, the following remarks on the subject of the proposed revision of the Scale of pay and Pensions of Warrant Officers of the Public Works Department—

"Their work is so different from that of Warrant Officers of the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments, and generally speaking so much more trying to the constitution, that for the most part they will be unable to serve effectively for such lengthened period as the latter do— For this reason I am of opinion that the period of service to qualify for a Warrant may advantageously be reduced in the Public Works Department— The disparity of salaries and Pensions attainable by Military and Civil Subordinates should likewise be reduced, to obviate all inducement on the part of Serjeant Supervisors to purchase their discharges— (The case of Mr Sub Engineer O'Shaughnessy is in point)—

I am informed that the highest rate of Pension attainable

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a man as Mr. Bailey, whose
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as soon informed, Rupees 83 & 4 per
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after 20 years service.

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creased in amount & and more
speedily attainable than at present.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed. Servant

C. H. Walker, Lieut. Roll. E.
Superintending Engr. T. R.

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No. 675

Supy Engineer's Office 6th Div.
Tanjore 11th July 1864.

From

Captain J. Bean R.E.
Offg Supy Engineer 6th Div.

To.

Colonel C. A. Orr. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.

Sir.

In reply to orders of Government dated 27th May 1864 and received with your endorsement dated 6th June 1864, I have the honor to state that increased rates of pay to the higher grades of the Warrant Officers in our Department would increase the efficiency of a useful body of men.

2 I have reason to believe that Commissions would be gladly sought after - If put on the Veteran Establishment they would be acceptable as Honorary Commissions, but I would not award them without great care in selection, and the increased pay, whether derivable from the Commission or the highest grade of the Warrant, should be such as to enable the individual to keep up the position which his meritorious conduct has obtained for him from Government -

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No. 675
Dated 11th July 1864
Read 14 "

Submits remarks on the subject of the proposed revision of the scale of pay and Pensions of Warrant Officers of the D.P.W.

No. 182

No. 2913-104 Dated 14th Oct 1864

From the Supy Engr
T. R.
To
The Secy. to Govt
P. W. D.

No. 56
Dated 11th July 1864
Read 14 "

Submits remarks on the subject of the proposed revision of the scale of pay and Pensions of Warrant Officers of the D.P.W.

No. 182

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed Servant
J Deane Captain R.E.
Offg Supg Engineer 6th Div

No 405 Engineer & Asst Genl Office, 5th Sept.
Calcutta, 22nd June, 1864.

From Captain J. H. Gaisford R.E.
Offg. Secretary, Engr. & Asst Genl
To The Secretary to Govt
Military Department.

Sir,

With reference to Govt. Military Department No. 2790 dated 27th last, regarding the receiving the present rate of work, remuneration for Assistant Surveyors, I have the honor to state that I have no remarks to offer on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
J. H. Gaisford
Offg. Secretary

Capt. R.E.
for Offg. Secy. & Asst Genl

No 157

9th Nov 1864 Despatched
From Pro. Govt. No 3122
The Engineer
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To
The Secretary to Govt
P. W. D.

Dated 11th
Read 14th July 1864

No 675

No 2913 - 10th Oct. 1864.

Noting that increased pay to the subordinate establishment of the P. W. D. would increase the efficiency of a useful body of men.

No 660

Superintg. Engr's Office, 5th Dist.
Salem, 26th July, 1864

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From The Sup. Superintending Engineer
5th District

To The Secretary of Government
N. C. W.

Sir,

Encls. one copy of letter Enumerated P. W. Depth 6th June 1864

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obed't Servant
(By order)
H. K. Edgecomb Sam'l H.
for Asp. Supvg. Engr. 5th Dist.

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No. 3125. Superint.g Engrs Office 4th D.
Madras 29th September 1864

From,

Colonel A. J. M. Boileau R.E.
Superintending Engineer 4th D.

Military.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of Government in the Military Department dated 28th May 1864 on the subject of the substitution of Honorary for the Veteran Commissions formerly bestowed on Warrant Officers referred to me for report, on the 6th June 1864, I have the honor to submit the following remarks.-

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From The Sy. Engr. 5th Division
To The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
Dated 26th July 1864
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Forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the Controller of Military Accounts regarding the substitution of Honorary for Veteran Commissions

No. 2910 - 1st Dec. 1864

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Deputy Commissary H. O'Hara
—do— P. Curley.
—do— H. Arnold

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Under the guarantee afforded in para 12 of the despatch embodied in the G. O. under reply I would suggest that it be ruled that on a Warrant Officer of not less than 30 years service who has distinguished himself by zeal and ability in the performance of his duty, and general intelligence and propriety of conduct, being advanced to the grade of a Deputy Assistant Commissary, he should be considered as eligible for the Honorary Commission of a Lieutenant and that after serving in that rank for 10 years he should be presented with the Commission of a Captain. The Departmental Military Salary, ~~and~~ Pensions, ~~to~~ should be made equal to that which would be given to Commissioned Officers on the Veteran establishment.

The value of the services of a body of intelligent and useful individuals would thus I conceive meet with just recognition. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt.

Supt. Engr. Office 4th Div.
Madras 29th September 1864

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Supt. Engr. 4th Div.

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
P. W. Dept.

No. 5[illegible]

From Lieut Col: J.C. Anderson R.E.
Supt. Engineer Dept.

To Major J. Nelson Harris A.D.C.
Dy Secy & Commissy

Sir,

With reference to the Secretary's Memorandum of 26th June 1864 and to your Memo No 109 of 23rd ultimo, calling for any remarks I may have to offer on the subject of the promotions to Warrant Officers in the R.E. Service to Honorary Commissions & Commissioned Officers I have the honor to state that I am quite unable to offer any observations on the subject.

The Number of existing Engineer Warrants, the prospects of promotion to which are already fixed by Regulation, the Number of vacancies to which they are entitled by retirement, the Number of existing Engineer Sergeants & Sergeants Majors now by regulation the Number of Extra Establishment Clerkships to be filled by Warrant Officers of Engineers, the Number of Warrant Officers of Engineers employed in Canada, and the Number of Warrant Officers of Engineers employed in the Field, are all matters of information which I presume are in the possession of the Military Secretary's Office.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J.C. Anderson
Lieut Col: R.E.

Supt. Engr. Office 25th Aug 64
Fortification
Quebec 1st September 1864.

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Prov. Govt for Actg
No. 4240

From,
The Supt. Engineer, 14th Div.
To The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 29th
Rec'd 30 } September 1864

No. 3125.

Submits the information called for in G.O. Milty Dept. dated 28th May 1864 relative to the Substitution of Honorary Commissions for the Veteran Commission formerly bestowed on Warrant Officers of long and Meritorious Service

W. McCrae

No. 2918 - 10th Oct. 1864.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servt

J Abercrombie Lt Col RE
Supt Engineer 2d Div

G.W.A.C.

Superintending Engineer's Office
1st Division Baltair
20th June 1864.

No 423

From

Lieutenant Colonel Chambers R.E.
Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
D. P. Works

Sir,

With reference to the Extract of the orders of Government of the 6th Instant, calling upon Superintending Engineers to offer such remarks as they may desire on the subject of the Revision of the Scale of Pay and Pensions of Warrant Officers on whom Honorary Commissions will in future be bestowed, I beg to report that I do not feel myself competent to make

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Rec'd Office 1st Division 22 June 64

From Lieut. Col. C. Chambers R.E. Superintending Engineer 1st Division

Dated 18th August 64

Transmitting his opinion on the subject of the Commutation of Warrant Officers

Pd. 29/3 - 15th Oct. 64.

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I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

Rb. Chambers Lt Col RE
Superintending Engineer 1st Division

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No. 445

Dated 29th Sept. 1864
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To The Secretary of State
for India

Copies of the Despatch
from the Governor General
of India in Council
No. 31 dated 30th January 1864

Referred to Commander-in-Chief
for information

Secret Department
Fort William
the 29th September 1864

Copies of the Despatch
from the Governor General
of India in Council
No. 31 dated 30th January 1864
on the subject of the substitution
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for information

Secret Department
Fort William
the 29th September 1864

No. 2913 - 10th Oct. 1864

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

General Order by His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council, Simla, 9th May 1864.

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the following Despatch received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, relative to the substitution of Honorary Commissions for the Veteran Commissions formerly bestowed upon Warrant Officers of long and meritorious service.

2. In accordance with the instructions conveyed in paragraphs 11, 12 and 13, the question of a revision of the scale of Pay, Pensions and other advantages at present granted to the higher grade of Warrant Officers is now under consideration.

3. In the sense of the 14th paragraph, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council will be prepared to forward the names of a certain number of selected Officers holding the superior departmental grades, in view to their submission to Her Majesty for honorary rank.

Military Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 30th January 1864, *No.* 31 ; *to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.*

Para. 1. I have received and considered in Council the late Governor General's letter, No. 90A, dated the 19th September 1863, upon the subject of the substitution of Honorary Commissions for the Veteran Commissions formerly bestowed upon Warrant Officers of long and meritorious service; and also a Despatch from your Government, No. 294 of the 8th October last, forwarding copy of a letter from the Government of Bombay on the same subject.

2. The Governor General observes, that, as the grounds upon which Her Majesty's Government have determined that the grant of Commissions in the Veteran Establishment shall be discontinued are not expressed, His Lordship is unable to meet or discuss them, and can only submit the reasons which force him earnestly to deprecate the proposed measure.

3. The determination to discontinue the grant of Commissions to the Veteran Establishment to Warrant Officers in India, and to substitute Honorary Commissions in their stead, was adopted after much and careful consideration, and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for War and the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief.

4. Under the altered circumstances of the Army in India, it was perceived that the practice of granting such Commissions involved an anomaly, which, now that all Commissions would emanate from the direct authority of the Crown, it was necessary to get rid of, with a view to the complete assimilation of the usages of the service in India and elsewhere.

5. It was, therefore, determined to grant, according to the practice which obtains in Her Majesty's Service, Honorary Commissions in lieu of Veteran Commissions to deserving Officers of this class.

6. The objections raised by His Lordship, the late Governor General, to the discontinuance of Veteran Commissions, are founded upon the loss and disappointment which is experienced by a very deserving class of public servants, by the substitution of rank without Pay for a Commission which carried important pecuniary advantages.

7. The Government and Commander-in-Chief in Bombay object upon similar grounds.

8. In my Despatch, No. 461, of the 16th December 1862, paragraph 5, it is stated: "It "is to be understood that Commissions of this nature will not carry Pay or increase of Pay on "attaining advanced rank. The remuneration of the individuals must be dependent on their "position in the Department or post in which they may be serving."

9. I entirely concur in the opinion expressed by His Lordship, the Governor General regarding the value to the State of the class of public servants who are likely to be affected by this change.

10. There can be no doubt that the pecuniary advantages, which have heretofore accompanied Commissions in the Veteran Establishment, were fairly earned and well-bestowed, but it is evident that such advantages are placed on their proper footing by being granted in connexion, with Departmental services, past or present, in which the recipient may be useful and distinguished, rather than as the accompaniment of a grade among the Commissioned ranks of the Army, the duties of which he is in most cases not supposed to be fitted for, or expected to perform.

Commission to Enable Him better to Sustain

11. The Honorary Commission appears more appropriate for this class of public servants, while it is quite in accordance with the usages of Her Majesty's Service.

12. I shall not object, however, to such a revision of the present scale of Pay, Pensions, and other advantages, granted to the higher grade of Warrant Officers in the Ordnance and other Departments, as shall secure to a limited number of those grades, advantages in these respects fully equal to those which they may be considered to have lost by the discontinuance of Veteran Commissions.

13. I request, therefore, you will take the subject into early consideration, with a view to the adoption of a uniform system in the three Presidencies, by which a limited number of Warrant Officers in the higher grades may be admitted to a scale of Pay and Pension such as shall constitute a fitting remuneration for the discharge of their important duties, and a suitable recognition of past services in their several Departments.

14. Of the Officers holding the superior departmental grades, a certain number might be from time to time selected, and their names submitted to Her Majesty for honorary rank.

No. 88.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Military Department, with a request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to submit, as early as practicable, a Report upon the proposed revision of the present scale of Pay Pensions, &c., for the consideration of the Government of India, and eventual transmission to Her Majesty's Government.

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

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief and to the heads of Departments concerned for remark as early as practicable, the communications in reply being forwarded through the Controller of Military Accounts.

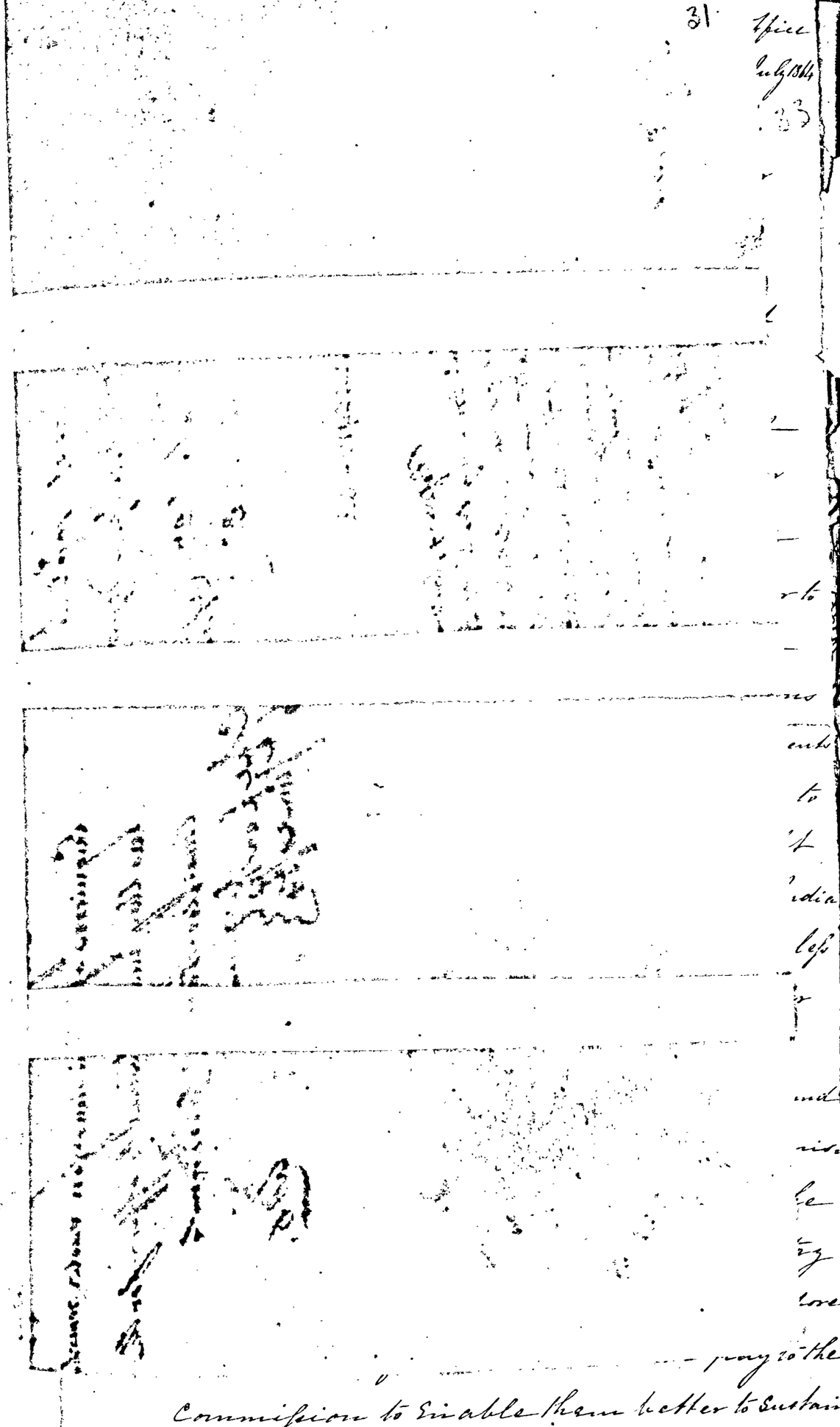
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th May 1864.

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
„ Department Public Works. *With 10 Spare Copies*
„ Inspr. General of Ordnance.
„ Commissary General.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. R. Stephenson.

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No 564

Superintending Engineer's Office
8th Division Secunderabad 5th July 1864

From

Captain F. A. Abbott R.E.
Superintending Engineer

To

8th Division.

Colonel H. M. Ord R.E.
Secretary to Government
of P.W.D.

Sir,

Military.

Referring to Proceedings of
Government 6th June forwarding No 88
from the Government of India in the
Military Department, I have the honor to
receive that Communication
marked Officer gain their commissions
while acting Engineer in the Department
to which they belonged - which according to
para 10 of the despatch from the Right Hon
ourable the Secretary of State for India
will be changed with Extra Payments for Efficient Services on account of their
Field Services.

2 I beg to state that it will be found
that wartime Officers who receive Commis
sions are more liberally treated by the
General Body of Society in this Country
than they are in England, and that the expe
it would be found to attach the key to the
Commission to Suitable Plan better to Sustain

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(13) No 2357
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Referring, for remark,
Genl Order by the Govr Genl
of India, publishing the Des-
patch from the Home Govt
relative to the substitution
of Honorary Commissions for
the Veteran Commissions for-
merly bestowed upon Warrant
Offrs of long and meritorious
service.

Referred to the Superintending
Engineers of Divisions for such remarks
as they may desire to offer for the
consideration of Government

Chepauk
6th June 64

WBB

their position.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant

Captain R.E.
Superintending Engineer 8.th Div.n

To
Supply Engr's office
8.th Div.n Chatham
3.rd July 1864

Colonel C.A. Ow R.E.
Secretary to Government N.W.P.

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1st Oct 1864 Despatch
Pub. Works Dept. No. 564
From Do. No. 3089.
The Supg Engineer
8th Division
To
The Secy to Government
P.W.D.
Dated 5th } July 1864
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Offers certain observations with reference to Proceedings of Government No. 88 of 6th June 1864 regarding extra payments for warrant Officers.

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Public Works Dept.

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Government

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From the Supg Engineer
Reports on the subject of the Rev.
-sion of the Scale of future pay and
pensions of Warrant Officers on whom
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Here enter the Nos. and Dates of the following Papers

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The foregoing reports will be communicated to the Milita Dept. with reference to the Endorsement of that Dept. of 27th May 1864.

W.R.

Dated

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