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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th April 1866.*

No. 123. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating orders of the Government of India
on certain Despatches from the Secretary of State relating to the grant of bounty to Warrant
Officers on re-engagement. } (Here enter 5th April 1866, No. 1,205.)

No. 124. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1866, No. 1,088.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 12.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 24th January 1866, No. 14; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.

I have considered in Council paragraph 5, of your letter to this Department, No. 348 of 1865, relating to the grant of bounty to Warrant Officers on re-engagement.

Dated 15th August.

2. I would observe that the offer of bounty to a Soldier on re-enlistment is not obligatory, but the amount varies from time to time at the discretion of the Government, I therefore see no sufficient reason for the grant of such bounty to men of the class in question, who in common with all other Soldiers have the option of discharge on completing their contracted period of service, and who have sufficient inducement to prolong their service from present position and the prospect of the ultimate advantages of the Warrant grades.

• Paragraph 3 of No. 106 of 1865, dated 7th April.

3. I have therefore to request that the necessary measures may be taken for giving effect to my instructions* upon this subject.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, THE 12TH MARCH 1866.
No. 405.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, with reference to the communication from this Department, No. 222, dated 10th July last, accompanied by copy of the letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 106 dated 7th April 1865.

By Order.

(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Lieut. Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 7th April 1865, No. 106; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.

I have received and considered in Council your letters in this Department, Nos. 8 and 57 of 1865, on the subject of requiring all Warrant Officers to re-enlist, and the grant to them of bounty, &c., on such re-engagement.

2. I observe that by far the greater number of these Officers are employed in the Commissariat and Ordnance Departments, and if it be intended that they shall retain their Military position, they must all re-engage in compliance with the Act of Parliament.

3. Bounty, it may be remarked, is an inducement to a Soldier serving regimentally to re-enlist; but in the case of a Warrant Officer of any rank, I am of opinion that his present position and the prospect of the ultimate advantages of the Warrant grades are, of themselves, sufficient to induce men of that class to prolong their period of service.

ORDER, No. 1205, 5th April 1866.

Communicated to the Commander-in Chief, (Adjutant General's Department,) and to Departments concerned, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2805, dated 28th July 1865.

(True Extract.)

M Marshall Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Military Accountant.
" Examiner Pay Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Commissary General.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.

Ed. A. W. Cooke.

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