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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd June 1867.*

No. 51. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 23rd May, 1867, No. 1,901 :—

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From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 15th February 1867, No. 47; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.

I forward for your Excellency's information, copy of a letter* in the Public Works Department, from the Govern-

* No. 49, dated 25th September 1866.

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of Royal Engineers, who may be hereafter detailed for duty in India, on such a footing, with respect to the Government, as will render their services in the Department of Public Works compulsory when that department is in need of them, and when, in the opinion of that Government, they are not required with the Sappers and Miners.

2. The subject is one of general interest, and should therefore have been submitted for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government through your Government.

3. The Department of Public Works being a civil department, organized and governed without reference to military rank and precedence among the officers serving in it, it appears to me that employment therein is necessarily optional with military officers, and with this view, the memorandum published with the Horse Guards' Regimental Order, dated the 1st July 1862, No. 462, appears to have received the concurrence of Sir Charles Wood.

4. You will observe that, according to the seventh paragraph of that memorandum, an officer declining all extra regimental employment would receive the regimental pay and allowances of his rank only, which are now, however, the same at all the Presidency towns as elsewhere. This must necessarily be the case so long as such officers are supernumerary to the establishment of officers required for duty with the corps of Sappers and Miners.

5. By his despatch, No. 68 of the 9th March 1865, Sir C. Wood communicated to your Excellency his approval of the arrangement proposed by you for the future organization of the corps of native Sappers and Miners.

6. The regular establishment of officers exclusive of the staff, was fixed at four, who were to receive a staff salary of Rupees 112; while it was stated that any junior officer temporarily serving with the corps would receive an allowance of Rupees 60.

7. The corps of Sappers and Miners at Madras and Bombay appear to be on a different footing from that in Bengal, the establishment and staff salaries of European officers different.

8. From your military budget for 1866-67, I find that there are 15 officers exclusive of staff with the Madras Sappers and Miners, viz., six Captains and nine Subalterns, and that, of the 15, 10 are in the receipt of Rupees 160 per month besides company allowance.

9. I should wish that the question of the future establishment and allowances, &c., of the officers with the corps of Sappers and Miners in Madras and Bombay

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should be taken into early consideration; that in these two Presidencies, as well as in Bengal, the number of officers entitled to any additional salary, as doing duty with that corps, should be laid down and strictly limited; and that Officers of Engineers who, declining civil employment, may be placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief, should, if appointed to do duty with the Sappers, be considered as only entitled to an allowance in addition to their regimental pay, on being brought within the establishment of officers so fixed.

10. I desire that the names of any officers who may refuse to continue in the Public Works Department should be specially reported to Her Majesty's Government.

Public Works letter from Madras, dated 25th September, No 49 of 1866.

An Officer of Engineers, on the British establishment, having requested permission to resign his appointment in the Public Works Department of this Presidency on the plea that, under the provisions of paragraphs 2, 4 and 7 of the Horse Guards' memorandum which accompanied the General Order of the Corps of Royal Engineers, No. 462, dated the 1st July 1862, he is at liberty to choose either military or civil employment, the orders of the Government of India were requested as to whether the General Order in question supersedes the ruling in paragraph 3 of their Secretary's letter, No. 370 of the 5th February 1861, that employment in the Public Works Department is not optional but obligatory on young Engineer Officers, and if so, how such officers are to be disposed of when, in the opinion of Government, they are not required for duty with the head quarters of Sappers and Miners.

2. Your Lordship will observe from our Proceedings, No. 3007, dated 19th September 1866, that the Government of India are of opinion that their letter No. 370, above quoted, must be considered to be superseded by the more recent General Order from the Horse Guards; but, as the operation of that Order, by leaving it optional with Officers of Engineers on the British establishment serving in India to decline at their caprice employment in the department for which they may have been specially sent out by the Home Government, will cause not only much embarrassment to the Government, but also make it difficult to maintain the discipline and organization of the Public Works Department, we consider it desirable to bring the matter to your immediate notice, with a view to your adopting such measures as may be necessary for placing all Officers of Royal Engineers, who may be hereafter detailed for duty in this country, on such a footing, with respect to the Government, as will render their services in the Department of Public Works compulsory when that department is in need of them, and when, in the opinion of this Government, they are not required with the Sappers and Miners.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, THE 13TH APRIL 1867.

No. 551.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and for guidance, with reference to paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and

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(By order,)

(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Lieut.-Colonel,
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GENERAL ORDER BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Simla, 25th August 1865, No. 816.

With the sanction of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council is pleased to lay down the following establishment for the Bengal Corps of Sappers and Miners:—

The officers of the corps are to be officers of the Royal Engineers, and will consist of one Commandant, who will receive Rupees 700 a month staff salary, with the full pay and allowances of his regimental rank. This appointment will be considered permanent.

One Adjutant,
One Interpreter and Quarter Master,
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Superintendent of Park and Field Train.

These officers will retain their appointments for four years, being graded on the Public Works Department list, and transferable to the Public Works Department without loss of grade.

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The senior of these four officers, if a Captain regimentally, will receive also an additional allowance of Rupees 100 a month as second in command.

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All these officers will be required to be mounted, but will not receive any horse allowance in addition to the salaries already sanctioned.

To carry on the duties of the corps, four more officers will be attached to it with the staff allowance of an Assistant Field Engineer, viz., Rupees 112 a month. After two years' duty, this allowance will be increased to Rupees 200. After three years, the officers will become available either to fill any vacancies which may occur in the staff of the corps, or for transfer to the Public Works Department.

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The establishment of the corps will be increased by raising the strength of the present ten companies from 80 to 100 Privates, each company having one Subadar, one Jemadar, four Havildars, and eight Naicks.

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His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is requested to issue such subsidiary orders, in furtherance of the foregoing, as may be necessary.

The provisions of this Order will come into effect, so far as may be feasible, on the 1st October next.

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

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, (Adjutant General's Department) the Public Works Department and the Controller of Military Accounts.

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(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1867, No. 1,661.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 3.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

Capt. Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Macmillan Colonel,
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To the Adjutant General.
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*Sturt & Co
30 June 1867*

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