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17th September 1867.*

Read the following:—

No. 408. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 5th September 1867, No. 3,338.

Read the following papers.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated Simla, 7th August 1867, No. 96; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

A copy of the despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for

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India, No. 36, dated 30th March 1867, regarding the admission of Lieutenant J. S. F. Mackenzie to the Madras Staff Corps, having been forwarded in due course to the Government of India in the Military Department, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the marginal transcript of a Memorandum which was sent with a copy of the despatch in question, to Local Governments and Administrations.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Proceedings of Government, 28th May 1867, No. 1,956, in which the despatch alluded to is recorded—also to the Civil Departments of the Government Secretariat, with a copy of those Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major-General,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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Read the following:—

Military despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 30th March 1867, No. 36; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

Para. 1. Your Military letter, dated 22nd December last, No. 429, transmits correspondence connected with the admission of Lieutenant J. S. F. Mackenzie of the Royal (Madras) Artillery, to the Madras Staff Corps, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

2. It appears from this correspondence, that on the 1st October 1866, the services of this Officer were placed by your Government at the disposal of the Commissioner of Mysore, for employment in the Mysore Commission. It was at the same time notified to him that he was to submit "for record," a formal application to be permitted to join the Staff Corps, accompanied by the certificates required under the General Order of the Government of India, No. 531 of 1864. Lieutenant Mackenzie, having made application accordingly, and produced the

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certificates, was admitted to the Staff Corps, with effect from the 1st October 1866, the date on which his services were placed at the disposal of the Supreme Government.

3. It seems to me that the action of your Government in this matter has been irregular, inasmuch as it has not been in conformity with the General Order, No. 531 of 1864, referred to by you, nor with the Notification issued in the Home Department, in respect to the admission of Officers to the Staff Corps in the Civil and Political Departments.

4. According to the General Order No. 531 of 1864, a fixed period of probation is to be undergone in all cases, whether the Officer be in Civil or Military employ, before permanent appointment to the Staff Corps can take place. According to the Notifications in the Home Department, dated 5th and 8th October 1864, a candidate for appointment to the Political Department, with the view of qualifying for the Staff Corps, must produce the certificates required by the General Order No. 531 of 1864, and must have been previously attached, for a period of not less than one year, to a Native Regiment, unless he shall have served for the same period in one of the departments named in the margin.\* That this Notification contemplates also a period of probation is evident from the third clause, referring to the period during which the probation is to extend. Moreover, Officers employed in the Political Department are required to pass, within one year, additional examinations in international law and Indian treaties, failing which, they forfeit their appointment.

\* Survey. Stud.  
Public Works. Police.  
Commissariat.

5. Notwithstanding the condition last referred to, I observe, from a Notification in the "Gazette of India" of 1st December 1866, that Lieutenant Mackenzie, having passed in the Native languages, by the prescribed examination by the first or lower standard, is permanently appointed to the Mysore Commission.

6. Lieutenant Mackenzie, moreover, has not served the prescribed period with a Native Regiment, nor does he appear to have done duty in any of the Departments, employment in which is to be held as furnishing a claim to exemption from this rule. I am aware that in General Orders, dated 30th October 1865, the Commander-in-Chief in India announced that candidates for civil employ need not have previously served with a Native Regiment, as this portion of an Officer's probationary service was only required of Officers desirous of serving with Native Corps, or the Forces under the immediate control of the Government. But it was subsequently explained, by the same authority, that the civil employ here meant referred solely to the civil branches of the army administration, subject to the control of the Military Department, and that candidates for civil or political employ are still required, under the regulations in the Home Department, to serve previously for one year in the Native Army, or in one of the departments named in the Notification No. 3,101.

7. I am unwilling that Lieutenant Mackenzie should suffer the inconvenience which would be occasioned by deferring his appointment to the Staff Corps. I

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accordingly informed the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief that, should His Royal Highness have no objection, Lieutenant Mackenzie's appointment would be confirmed. His Royal Highness having expressed his concurrence in the appointment, the name of Lieutenant Mackenzie will be submitted for Her Majesty's approval accordingly.

8. I trust that the foregoing observations, in regard to appointments to the Staff Corps, will be borne in mind on future occasions.

9. With reference to the second paragraph of your letter under reply, I have to inform you that the intimation to the Government of India, with respect to the appointment of British Officers to the Staff Corps, under Sir Charles Wood's despatch of the 7th November 1864, No. 105, is no longer necessary, transfers of Indian Officers to Staff Corps vacancies in line Regiments having ceased to be made under the General Order of the Government of India, No. 824, dated 28th September last.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to the correspondence marginally noted.

Pros. of Govt., 1st October 1866, No. 3,417A.  
Do. 10th Dec. " " 4,283.  
Do. 18th " " " 4,401A.  
Posted to do duty with the Recruit Depot from 13th October 1860, until 28th January 1862.  
Posted to do duty with No. 5 Battery, 23rd Brigade, Royal Artillery, from 29th January 1862, until 10th March 1863, with half a Company Gun Lascars from 29th January 1862, to 14th August 1863.  
Posted to A Battery 23rd Brigade, 11th March 1865.  
Present with A Battery, 23rd Brigade, from 20th March 1865, until 30th Sept. 1866.

2. Adverting to the remarks contained in paragraphs 3 to 6 of the foregoing despatch, it is observed that although Lieutenant Mackenzie had not literally served with a Native Regiment, the marginal statement of his service shows that he did duty with a Battery of Artillery (5th Battery, 23rd Brigade,) to which half a Company of Gun Lascars was attached for more than a year of his service with

it, the object of serving with a Native Corps being considered to have been thereby sufficiently met, in the case of an Artillery Officer.

3. Lieutenant Mackenzie having passed the Staff test in Hindoostani, and the 2nd Standard in Canarese,\* and having been permanently† appointed by the Government of India, to the Mysore Commission, as having passed the prescribed examination in one of the Departmental Standards, this Government had apparently no alternative, but to admit that Officer to the Staff Corps, *subject to Her Majesty's approval.*

4. It has been ascertained that Lieutenant Mackenzie has subsequently passed the higher Standard of the tests required by the Notification‡ of the Government of India, No. 3,101 of 5th October 1864, although his having done so has not yet been notified in G. O. by that Government. Docket to the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. } Here enter 28th May 1867, No. 1,957.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Major-General,  
Secretary to Government.

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No. 409. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1867, No. 2,876.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 50.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,  
*Under Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineers.  
To Captain Kennedy.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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ORDER No. 3338, 5th September 1867.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to Proceedings of Government, 28th May 1867, No. 1956, in which the despatch alluded to is recorded—also to the Civil Departments of the Government Secretariat, with a copy of those Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

*Macdonell*

Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Controller of Military Accounts.
- „ Public Department, with Proceedings No. 1956 of 1867.
- „ Revenue Department, with do.
- „ Public Works Department, with do.
- „ Judicial Department, with do.

*20 spare copies of Order*

Ed. A. W. Cooke.

