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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th September 1867.*

No. 602. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating Despatch from the Secretary
of State giving cover to correspondence re-
garding the arrangements for the conduct of
business connected with the passage of troops
to and from India by the Overland route. } (Here enter 18th September 1867, No. 3,548.)

No. 603. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1867, No. 2,975.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 65.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 29th June 1867, No. 182; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council.

I forward for your information and guidance, copies of correspondence which has passed between myself and the Lords of the Admiralty, regarding the arrangements for the conduct of business connected with the passage of troops to and from India by the overland route.

No. 1733.

INDIA OFFICE,
LONDON, 17th May 1867.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, forwarding a memorandum shewing a plan which it is proposed shall be pursued in lieu of that proposed by the Secretary of State for India in Council, and shewn in my letter dated the 21st February last.

2. In reply, I am directed to request you will submit to the Lords of the Admiralty, the following observations:

3. Sir Stafford Northcote is of opinion that the system pursued up to the present time in regard to the provision of passage at the expense of the Government of India, for officers and soldiers proceeding to or from India will, after the introduction of the new mode of relief, need very little change, and that no changes that can be avoided should be made therein. The scheme forwarded with your letter under acknowledgment coincides in many points with the system heretofore in force, but deviates therefrom in some important particulars.

4. I am instructed therefore to forward, for the information of the Lords of the Admiralty, a memorandum shewing exactly what that system has been. The number of regiments or of drafts to proceed to India each year is, it will be observed, arranged between the Military Authorities in this country and the Secretary of State for India, while the particular Regiments to come Home on relief are similarly determined upon and the Government of India informed. No change is therefore required in this matter, nor indeed are these preliminary proceedings connected with, or dependent upon the manner of transport.

5. With regard to the "Homeward overland service" noticed in the memorandum which accompanied your letter, Sir Stafford Northcote is of opinion that the arrangement for the embarkation and distribution among the vessels must be left entirely in the hands of the local authorities, the Transport Officer at Bombay receiving his instructions from them (as the Director of Transports will receive his instructions from this office), and making to the Director of Transports all returns and reports the latter officer may require from him.

6. From the annexed memorandum, it will be observed that, under the present system, all applications for passages to India are made by the Military Secretary at the Horse Guards to this office, and that, if sanctioned, a requisition is made to the Admiralty by this department, and, in the case of passage required for troops, application is made in a similar manner, and instructions are issued to the Marine Department of this office to take up the requisite shipping.

7. The only change required in the present system is that the Director of Transports should be, in the above arrangement, substituted for the Admiralty and for the Marine Department, and that provision be made for keeping the Director of Transports informed from this office to what department the passage of an individual passenger is to be charged.

8. Should it be found practicable or desirable to allow any passenger to proceed at his own expense, the passage money should be paid prior to his receiving an Embarkation Order, and it will be a matter for consideration, in communication with the Director of Transports, into whose hands such passage money shall be paid.

9. Sir Stafford Northcote therefore adheres to the plan proposed in my letter of the 21st February, and requests that the Director of Transports may be placed in direct communication with this office, with a view to carrying it out with such modifications as time and experience may prove to be necessary or desirable.

To the Secretary, Admiralty.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) T. T. PEARS, Major-Genl.,
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MEMORANDUM.

Arrangements of the India Office for the despatch of troops to and from India.
Outwards.

INDIA OFFICE.

The Military Secretary, Horse Guards, forwards in the early part of each year to this office, for the approval of the Secretary of State, a list of the Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry and Batteries of Artillery it is proposed to embark for India during the season, and the Quarter Master General furnishes the numbers for whom accommodation will be required. This officer also furnishes a return of the drafts (including women and children) for the several regiments and brigades serving in India to embark during such season.

When the regiments and the return of drafts are approved of by the Secretary of State for India, and the former have been submitted to the Queen, the Governments in India are informed of the same, and preparation is made for the provision of tonnage accordingly.

If it is required that soldiers should embark out of the embarkation season, then special arrangements are made for sending them to India either by long sea, or by requisition on the Admiralty for Government passages overland.

Officers outwards.

Officers who proceed with their Regiments to India are provided with passages, but in the case of officers who embark with drafts, their cases are, upon application by the Military Secretary, Horse Guards, specially considered before sanction is given to their passages being defrayed by the Government of India.

With regard to officers who do not proceed with troops (and they are the great bulk), the Military Secretary, Horse Guards, furnishes this office in each case with the circumstances under which he is proceeding, and when sanction has been given, the passage allowance is paid on the production of a certificate of his having engaged a passage.

There are now a great many Medical Officers who proceed by the overland route in consequence of their services being required in India. Each case has to be considered, and when approved of, application is made by this office to the Admiralty for the provision of a Government passage overland accordingly.

A similar course will be followed in the case of any officer for whom it was considered desirable to provide a passage specially. In each case the Horse Guards are informed by letter from this office to the Military Secretary of the passage having been taken.

Homewards.

The particular Regiments destined for the relief of others in India are determined by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India, but all the arrangements connected with their return Home, as well as of all Officers, Invalids, and Time-expired men are made by the local Governments in India.

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ADMIRALTY,
LONDON, 6th June 1867.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 17th ultimo, No. 1733, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that there will not be any objection to all applications for the embarkation of officers and soldiers or others at any port on this side of Egypt, in the new Indian Transports, being sent direct from the India Office to the Director of Transports at Somerset House, or to the Government of Bombay, communicating direct with the Transport Officer at that port and at Aden as to the embarkation of troops in India, &c.

To the Under Secretary of State for India. I am, &c.,
(Signed) W. G. ROMAINE.

No. 2410-4224.

INDIA OFFICE,
LONDON, 28th June 1867.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to transmit to you, for the information of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, copies of correspondence which has taken place between this office and the Admiralty, regarding the arrangements for the conduct of business connected with the passage of troops bound from India by the overland route.

I am &c.,

(Signed) T. T. PEARS, Major General,
Military Secretary.

To the Military Secretary, Horse Guards.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 20TH AUGUST 1867.
No. 522.

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.

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

ORDER, No. 3548, 18th September 1867.
Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and departments concerned.
(True Extract.)

Memmister Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

- .. Adjutant General.
- .. Controller of Military Accounts.
- .. Superintendent of Marine.
- .. Public Works Department. With 20 separate copies
- .. Commissary General,.....
- .. Inspector General British Medical Service, } for information.
- .. Marine Department,.....

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