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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
8th April 1868.

No. 166. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 1st April 1868, No. 1,331 :—

Read the following papers :—

Extract from the Proceedings of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, in the Military Department, under date the 5th March 1868.

Read letter No. 29, dated 24th January 1868, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, with annexures, respecting the expediency of preventing all unnecessary delay in posting to the Staff Corps Officers who have completed their year's probation.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council observes that some little delay is inevitable in all cases, as the probationer has to be examined, and his papers and certificates to be submitted.

2. Moreover, it has been decided that periods of general leave, whether on private affairs or medical certificate, cannot reckon as part of the year's probation required from each candidate ; and, though private general leave should not be ordinarily granted, it cannot properly be always refused, whilst the grant of sick leave is unavoidable.

3. His Excellency in Council, however, considers that more may be done than has as yet been done to ensure the avoidance of all delay that is not absolutely necessary, as well as to render unnecessary the frequent references from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, respecting officers who have been more than a year on probation, who are in too many cases suffered so to remain till enquiry is made regarding them.

4. His Excellency in Council is therefore pleased to direct that in future the head of the department,—or in the cases of probationers in Civil appointments, the Civil Officer under whom the officer is serving,—shall be held responsible for causing him to be examined without delay, or for *at once* reporting for the information of Government any circumstances that may prevent this being done, on his completing the period of one year ; and further that the date of admission to the Staff Corps will be one year only prior to the date on which the candidate passes the necessary tests, unless he can make it plain that he used every endeavour in his power, by timely application, &c., to avoid delay in his examination.

Ordered that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, accompanied by copy of the letter from the Secretary of State, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with the request that similar orders may be issued in the Madras Presidency.

(True Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
8th April 1868.

From the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 24th January 1868, No. 29.

In forwarding, for the information of your Excellency, a copy of a letter from the Horse Guards, dated the 10th instant, respecting the delay which frequently occurs in the posting of officers who join the Staff Corps from British Regiments of the Line, I have to request that measures may be taken for expediting, as far as possible, the transmission to this country of the papers connected with the cases of the officers to whose position the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has drawn especial notice, as having been on probation for more than a year, but not yet permanently transferred to the Staff Corps.

2. Instructions should also be given to prevent the occurrence of similar delay in future.
3. A copy of the reply which has been addressed to the Horse Guards, is transmitted for your information.

(True Copy.)

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

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Departments concerned, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 167.

ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1868, No. 1,115.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Marshall Major General.

To the Adjutant General.
 " Controller of Military Accounts.
 " Commissary General.
 " Public Department.
 " Judicial do.
 " Revenue do.
 " Public Works Department.

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~~Ex~~ J. E. Cashart.

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Communicating Pro.
of the Govt of India re-
garding the prevention
of unnecessary delay in
posting to the Staff Corps
Officers who have com-
pleted their years pro-
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With an Order