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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th December 1868.*

No. 196. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 23rd November 1868, No. 4,564:—
Read the following papers:—

Military despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 7th October 1868, No. 104.

1. With reference to the list of unemployed Officers of the Madras Staff Corps, No. 259, dated 23rd July 1868, dated the 1st April 1868, in which I observe that several Officers have been permitted to resign their appointments at their own request, I forward, for the information and guidance of your Government, copy of a despatch which I have recently addressed to the Government of India upon this subject.

2. I request that these periodical statements may be sent, in future, as enclosures with despatches.

Military despatch 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, 23rd July 1868, No. 259.

1. I have had under my consideration your Excellency's Military letter, No. 184, dated the 20th May 1868, forwarding a quarterly return of unemployed Officers of the Bengal Staff Corps, for the quarter ended 31st December 1867, in connection with which I have to request your Excellency's attention to the following points.

2. By the return in question, it appears that there were at the above date eighty-one Officers of all ranks in the Bengal Staff Corps unemployed. On the 31st December 1866, the number was eighty-five. Thus, at the close of 1867, the number of unemployed Officers was only four below that at the close of 1866, while the Official Army List for the Presidency of Bengal shows, that twenty-eight fresh admissions to the Staff Corps, from the Artillery or Line Regiments, were sanctioned during the year 1867.

3. I regret to observe, that of the Officers included among the unemployed on the 31st December 1867, eleven are stated to have been permitted to resign their appointments.

4. In each of these cases, there may have been special reasons for a departure from the principle very properly laid down by your Government in 1864, on the occasion of Lieutenant-Colonel Richards desiring to resign his appointment.

5. With reference to that case, you caused His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to be informed, that you considered it objectionable to allow any Officer to place himself out of employment.

6. The result of the re-organization of the Army in India has been, that employment on the regular Regimental system has given place in all cases to Staff employment.

7. Under these circumstances, it is obviously as incompatible with the interests of Government, and with his own position and duties, for an Officer to resign a Staff appointment and place himself out of employment, as it would have been, under the former system, for a Regimental Officer to give up his Regimental duties, retaining his claim to pay, promotion, and pension.

8. As the Officers at large may not be aware of your decision in the case of Colonel Richards, or may not have duly considered their present position, as Officers of a Staff Corps, whose only duty is Staff duty, it would be well to cause it to be publicly notified to the Officers of the three Presidencies, that no Officer of a Staff Corps is at liberty to decline any employment for which the Government may think proper to select him, or to throw himself out of employment by resignation of an appointment, excepting under special circumstances, to be duly considered and admitted by the Government of his Presidency.

9. I have also to call your attention, in connexion with this return, to the cases of Lieutenant-Colonel Holroyd and Lieutenant-Colonel Turner.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th December 1868.*

10. Lieutenant-Colonel Holroyd has been out of employment now for five years, and is recorded as doing duty in the Eastern Frontier District. He was removed from a Civil Officer in that District in 1863, in consequence of his having become the holder of landed property within the jurisdiction.

11. If, as would appear to be the case, this Officer is qualified for Staff employment, it is presumed that no difficulty need have been experienced in employing him in some suitable position at some time since 1863. In the present arrangement, by which Lieutenant-Colonel Holroyd is permitted to reside unemployed in the Eastern Frontier District, drawing Staff Corps pay, and serving for promotion and pension, the personal convenience of that Officer would appear to be consulted to the prejudice of the interests of the State.

12. Lieutenant-Colonel Turner was, in 1863, summarily removed from the Judge Advocate General's Department.

13. In your despatch dated the 31st August 1865, you stated that you considered this Officer eligible for further employment, if opportunity offered.

14. It is to be regretted that no such opportunity should have yet presented itself, and that a qualified Officer should have been permitted, for so long a period as five years, to remain on full pay, but unemployed.

15. Your Government have often had occasion to allude to the large list of unemployed Officers.

16. It is obvious that, under the new Furlough Rules, when the Staff Corps shall have attained to their normal condition, the number of unemployed Officers should be very small indeed.

17. Your Government have, however, a right to expect that the list shall not be swollen to the detriment of the public interests, by the retention on the full pay list of Officers unfit for employment of any kind, or by permitting Officers to resign their appointments upon private and personal considerations, and thus to throw themselves out of active employment.

1. Communicated to the several Departments of the Government Secretariat, and to the Commander-in-Chief (Adjutant General's Department) for information and guidance.

2. The G. O. which may be published by the Government of India, agreeably to the wishes of Her Majesty's Government, as expressed in paragraph 8 of the enclosure of the despatch above recorded, will, when received, be re-published in this Presidency.

3. The instructions contained in paragraph 2 of the communication above recorded, will be attended to in the Military Department.

No. 197.

ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1868, No. 3,835.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

To the Superintending Engineers
.. Captain R. B. Kennedy.
.. the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Exd. G. A. Turton.

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
23rd November 1868.*

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2. By the return in question, it appears that there were at the above date 81 Officers of all ranks in the Bengal Staff Corps unemployed. On the 31st December 1866, the number was 85. Thus, at the close of 1867, the number of unemployed Officers was only four below that at the close of 1866, while the official Army List for the Presidency of Bengal shows that 28 fresh admissions to the Staff Corps from the Artillery or Line Regiments were sanctioned during the year 1867.

3. I regret to observe that of the Officers included among the unemployed on the 31st December 1867, 11 are stated to have been permitted to resign their appointments.

4. In each of these cases, there may have been special reasons for a departure from the principle very properly laid down by your Government in 1864, on the occasion of Lieutenant Colonel Richards desiring to resign his appointment.

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No. 552. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1868, No. 4561.

Communicated to the several Departments of the Government Secretariat and to the Commander-in-Chief (Adjutant General's Department,) for information and guidance.

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3. The instructions contained in paragraph 2 of the communication above recorded will be attended to in the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

W. H. Smith Lieut.-Colonel.

Offg. Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department. *With 200 fac. Copies.*
" Adjutant General.
" Controller of Military Accounts, for information.
Exd. A. W. Cooke.

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Controller of the Govt. Secy.
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The Superintending Engineer

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