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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd December 1868.*

No. 520. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Communicating the reply of the Home Govern-
ment to a despatch from the Government of
India, bringing to notice the case of Veteran
Commissioned Officers, whose promotion to
honorary commissions has not been attended
with any pecuniary advantage. } (Here enter 7th December 1868, No. 4,757.)

No. 521. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1868, No. 3,997.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 52.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
To Captain R. B. Kennedy.

Exd. G. A. Tuxton.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department,
7th December 1868.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 199. 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, the 30th September 1868, No. 341.

I have had under my consideration in Council, your Excellency's letter, dated the 10th of June last, No. 227, bringing to notice the case of Veteran Commissioned Officers, whose promotion to honorary commissions has not been attended with any pecuniary advantage.

2. After remarking that the disappointment felt in consequence of the substitution of rank without pay, for a commission which carried important pecuniary advantages, has, to a great extent, been removed by the measures recently adopted for the improvement of the position of Officers in the Warrant grades, owing to large addition made to their furlough pay and pensions, you observe that, "in fact nothing more is needed than to compensate for the loss of the future prospects which the Veteran establishment held out to those who obtained commissions in it."

3. This result you consider might best be obtained "by bestowing on Lieutenants on the old Veteran establishment (who, under the old system, had some prospect of rising to the rank of Captain), on their being promoted to the grade of Deputy Commissary, with the honorary rank of Captain, the pecuniary advantages to which they would have been entitled as Captains on the Veteran Establishment," and you deem it worthy of consideration whether the same advantages might not be extended to any other Warrant Officers not on the Veteran establishment, whose services may, from time to time, be thought such as to merit the boon.

4. Finally, you suggest that the Government of India should have the power of recommending any distinguished Officer who may hereafter have these extra advantages for promotion on special grounds to the honorary rank of Major, with a further addition to his pay and allowances, and to his pension.

5. It appears to me that a compliance with these recommendations of your Excellency's Government would differ very little from a recurrence to the former system, by which the commissions granted to deserving Warrant Officers carried with them increased pay, according to the rank to which the recipients were promoted.

Sir Charles Woods' despatches, dated the 16th of December 1862, No. 461, and the 30th of January 1864, No. 31, informed you that it was not the intention of Her Majesty's Government that this mode of reward should be continued, the object being that "the remuneration of the individuals" should be made "dependent on their position in the department or post in which they may be serving."

6. With the view, however, of affording compensation for the loss which would thereby be inflicted on this class of public servants, Her Majesty's Government approved of the increased scale of pay and pensions, which was authorized in my despatch of the 9th of December 1867, No. 372.

7. This scheme was sanctioned after mature deliberation, having been under the consideration of your Excellency's Government for upwards of two years; and

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it was held to be a final measure, well calculated to satisfy the just claims of the Warrant Officers affected by the recent change. It does not, therefore, appear to be either necessary or desirable that any further general measure should be adopted in the matter.

8. I shall not, however, object to your bringing to the notice of Her Majesty's Government, the position of any individual who may be peculiarly deserving of reward, and whose claims are not, in your opinion, met by the General Regulations; and it will be in your Excellency's power to recommend the bestowal of such a special reward, either by an increase of pay or pension, or by promotion to an honorary commission of a higher rank, as may appear to your Excellency to be most fitted to the particular circumstances of the case.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, THE 18TH NOVEMBER 1868.
No. 588.

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) B. E. BACON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 200.

ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1868, No. 4757.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Adjutant General's Department)

(True Extract.)

W. H. Hunt Lieut.-Colonel,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Quarter Master General.
- „ Controller of Military Accounts.
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