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14th December 1876. No. 3,408.*

No. 334. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 29th November 1876, No. 306 W:—

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, the enclosed letter from Major J. N. Hunter, R.E., (now on furlough,) re-electing the old scale of staff pay with military allowances.

2. It will be seen from the accompanying statement that up to the 1st December 1876, Major Hunter will have received under the consolidated scale of salaries a sum of Rupees 1,120-6-2 more than he would have drawn had he in the first instance elected for staff salary and military pay and allowances.

3. This amount will be reduced monthly by Rupees 66-13-8 so long as he continues to draw furlough pay under the consolidated scale.

4. In the event, therefore, of no alteration being made in his present rate of furlough pay, he will have adjusted in April 1878 the entire amount overdrawn.

5. In paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of his letter, Major Hunter submits that the comparison between the two scales of pay should be made from the date (5th July 1872) of his commission, instead of that (1st April 1875) on which the increased Major's pay has been authorized to be drawn, and that Majors of Royal Engineers should be allowed 'to draw the pay and allowances of their position in the corps, and not that paid to officers of the Staff Corps.'

6. These points I leave for the consideration of Government.

From Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., to Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Madras, dated St. James' Square, London, 24th October 1876.

REFERRING to the Order of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, No. 2,465, dated the 15th September 1876, calling upon certain Royal Engineer Officers to elect between the two rates of pay obtaining in the department, I have the honor to advise you, for the information of the Government, that I choose the staff salary of my grade, in addition to military pay and allowances, and not the consolidated salary of my grade in the Public Works Department.

2. I beg most respectfully to submit to Government that my commission as Major bears date the 5th July 1872, not the 1st April 1875, and that the comparison of moneys undue and overdrawn should be calculated from the former, not the latter date.

3. I would further beg permission to draw attention to the fact that Royal Engineer Officers of every rank serving in the Public Works Department, draw the military pay and allowances of their rank in the corps to which they belong, and not the pay assigned to the corresponding rank in the Staff Corps; that the same principle was in force in the corps of Madras Engineers in granting pay to officers of the rank of Major, before that rank was abolished. I therefore pray that the Government will consider the propriety of granting to Majors of the Royal Engineers the right that is conceded to their brother officers in every other rank, viz., to draw the pay and allowances of their position in the corps, and not that paid to officers of the Staff Corps.

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4. Should the points raised in the last two paragraphs be beyond your province, I beg to say that you may act on the choice given in the first paragraph, and leave the questions in paragraphs 2 and 3 for the consideration of Government.

No. 335.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1876, No. 3,408.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 26.

THE points raised by Major Hunter will be referred for favorable consideration to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 3,409, dated 14th December 1876.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Ex-l. S. T. Austin.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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General.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
P. W. Department.

Fort William 13th December 1876.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 3409 dated 14th December 1876, forwarding a representation from Major Hunter R. E. to his pay and allowances, I directed to state that it was intended that Royal Engineer Officers who might reelect the old scale of salaries should do so from date of original election, and not, as appears to have been understood from the 1st April 1875, i.e. that officers now electing the old scale, shall be placed in the same position, as if they had originally elected that scale and their pay readjusted accordingly.

I am to add, that Major Hunter's claim to be allowed to draw the pay and allowance

allowances of his position in the Royal Engineer-
ing Corps, instead of the pay fixed for officers
this rank in receipt of staff salaries cannot
entertain.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt servant,

W. L. Lumsden

Undersecretary to the Govt of India.

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From

The Govt of India

Dated 18th December 1876

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By Mr. Lumsden
R.E. Corps concerned
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