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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

## Government of Madras

*Public Works*

DEPARTMENT

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15th February 1876.*

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No.2 6 8. Read the following letter from Lieutenant A. AWDRY, R.E., Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, Public Works Department, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th February 1876:—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that on my arrival in London, on the 30th August last, I reported to the Secretary of State for India that I had been sent on special duty to England to escort Mary Lady Hobart, and, as directed in my orders, I asked for orders as to the period for which I was to remain in England.

2. I append a copy of the reply which I received, in compliance with which I left England on the 29th December on my return journey, and arrived in Madras on the morning of the 23rd January.

3. I reported officially to the Chief Secretary to Government the fulfilment of the mission with which I was charged, and I submitted my bill of expenses which the Government have been pleased to pass for payment by the Accountant-General.

4. I now have the honor to request the sanction of the Government to the period, from the 19th July 1875 to the 22nd January 1876, during which I was absent from Madras on special duty under G.O., No. 1,730-A, of 18th June 1875, being counted by me as "service in India" in all questions as regards furlough, length of service, pension, &c.

5. Before my departure to England I had, as a temporary measure, been posted to the Nilgiri District; but, as this was not a permanent arrangement, I was on my return to all intents and purposes without a district, and was obliged to remain in Madras until I was appointed to some other district.

6. In the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 1st instant, I was posted to the Coimbatore District, and I am proceeding to that station within the period ordinarily allowed for joining.

7. The Controller of Public Works Accounts, however, informs me that as I have been absent on duty, and not on leave, the ordinary rules applicable to officers returning from Europe do not apply to my case, and he suggests that I should request you to be so good as to put my name in the *Fort St. George Gazette* as having been "on duty" from the 23rd January until the date of my arrival at Coimbatore. I have the less hesitation in asking for this to be done as for a considerable portion of the time during which I have been in Madras I have had to attend to various matters which Mary Lady Hobart intrusted to me to see to on my return to India.

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From Major-General T. PEARS, Military Secretary, to Lieutenant A. AWDRY, R.E., dated India Office, S.W., 1st October 1875, No. 1,768—Military.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st ultimo, and to acquaint you, in reply, that you may avail yourself of four months' leave of absence from the date of your arrival in this country in attendance on Lady Hobart.

2. At the expiration of this period you should proceed to rejoin your duty in India.

3. Up to the date of your return to Madras, you will be entitled to full Indian pay and allowances and half the staff salary of your appointment as Executive Engineer, 3rd grade.

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15th February 1876.

No. 269.

ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1876, No. 413.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 16.

LIEUTENANT A. AWDRY, R.E., having  
for a considerable portion of his stay at  
Madras been occupied in attending to  
the matters for which he was allowed to proceed on duty to England by G.O.,  
No. 1,730-A., of 18th June 1875, will be considered to have been engaged on that  
duty up to the date of his taking charge of the Coimbatore Range.

2. The claims preferred by him in paragraph 4 of his letter will be referred for  
consideration in the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Coimbatore.  
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.  
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Madras

8<sup>th</sup> February 1876

To General C. W. Walker R.E.

Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that  
on my arrival in London on the 30<sup>th</sup> August last  
I reported to the Secretary of State for India  
that I had been sent on special duty to  
England to escort Her Majesty's Lady Hobart, and  
as directed in my orders - I asked  
for orders <sup>the</sup> <sup>public</sup> <sup>period</sup> I was to remain in England.

2. I append a copy of the reply  
which I received, in <sup>compliance</sup> ~~accordance~~ with  
which I left England on the 27<sup>th</sup> December  
on my return journey and arrived  
in Madras on the morning of the  
23<sup>rd</sup> January.

3. I reported officially to the  
Chief Secretary to Government the  
fulfilment of the mission with  
which

which I was charged, and I submitted my bill of expenses which the Government have been pleased to pass for payment by the Accountant General.

4. I now have the honor to request the sanction of the Government to the period from the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1875 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1876, during which I was absent from Madras on Special duty under C.O. 1730 of 18<sup>th</sup> June 1875 being, certified by me as 'Service in India' in all questions as regards furlough, length of service, pension, etc.

5. Before my departure to England I had, as a temporary measure, been posted to the Nilghee District; but, as this was not a permanent arrangement, I was <sup>re-appointed</sup> to all intents and purposes without

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6. In the Fort St George <sup>Gazette</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant I was posted to the Coimbatore District and I am proceeding to that Station within the period ordinarily allowed for joining.

7. The Controller of Public Works Accounts however informs me that as I have been absent on duty and not on leave the ordinary rules applicable to officers returning from Europe do not apply to my case, and he suggests that I should request you to be so good as to put my name in the Fort St George Gazette as having been on duty from

from the 23<sup>rd</sup> January until the  
date of my arrival at Coimbatore.  
I have the less hesitation in  
asking for this to be done as  
for a considerable portion of the  
time during which I have been  
in Madras I have had to  
attend to various matters  
which Mrs Lady Hobart entrusted  
to me to see to on my return  
to India.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient servant

Ambrose Airdrey

Lieut. R.E.  
Exec. Eng. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade P.M.S.

No: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 10 Bt 268

No: 1788 Military

India Office S.W.

1<sup>st</sup> October 1895

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of  
State for India in Council to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> ult.  
and to acquaint you in reply, that  
you may avail yourself of 14 months'  
leave of absence from the date of  
your arrival in this country in  
attendance upon Lady Hobart

2. At the expiration of this  
period you should proceed to rejoin  
your duty in India.

3. Up to the date of your return to Madras  
you will be entitled to full Indian Pay  
and allowances and half the Staff  
Salary of your Appointment as  
Executive Engineer 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant

(Signed) T. Pease

Major General  
Military Secretary

Lieutenant

A. Airdrey

True Copy

A. Airdrey L.E.  
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M. WORKS FORM No. 3.  
Current No. 999  
From  
Lieut. A. Audley R.E.  
Exc. Engr., P. W. D.

No. 8 }  
Dated 8 } Febry: 1876.  
Recd. 8 }

Subject:— Requesting to put his name in the Fort St. Geo. Gazette as having been on duty from the 1st of Jan'y until the date of his arrival at Coimbatore

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 15 Feb'y 1876  
Read the following:—

From.  
Lieutenant A. Audley R.E. (P.E. of 8 Feb'y 1876.)  
Exc. Engr. S.H.C.

Lieutenant A. Audley R.E. having for a considerable portion of his stay at Madras been occupied in attending to the matters for which he was allowed to proceed on duty to England by G.O. No 1730 of 18 June 1875, will be considered to have been engaged on that duty up to the date of his taking charge of the Coimbatore Range.  
The claims preferred by

by him in para. of his  
letter will be referred  
for consideration in the  
Military Department.

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G. O. 15 Feb. 1878, No. 413

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Letter to Andampore -  
Intending that -  
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date as referred by G. O. No.  
1750 A. D. 18<sup>th</sup> June 1878. up to  
the date of his leaving charge  
of the Coimbatore Range