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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th March 1876.*

No. 317. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Establishment—General,) dated Fort William, 4th March 1876, Nos. 338—68 E.—G. :—

The Governments of Madras and Bombay in the Public Works Department, General, Irrigation and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal, the North-western Provinces and the Punjab in the Public Works Department, General and Irrigation Branches.
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The Resident, Hyderabad.
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The Superintendent of Port Blair, and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Inspector-General of Military Works.
The Director of State Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow.
The Director-General of Telegraphs.
The Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Telegraph.
The Deputy Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.

Copy of the following forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and Officers noted in the margin for information.

(By order.)

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Colonel J. MACDONALD, Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated 20th August 1875, No. 3,386.

(Passages—Sea).

MAJOR-GENERAL H. W. B. BELL, Royal Engineers, has represented that a "passage to England at the public expense" is, by G.O.G.G. No. 687 of 1875, confined to "officers of the Royal (late Indian) Artillery," without mention of officers of the Royal (late Indian) Engineers, though in all Regulations and Acts relating to the Indian Ordnance Corps, no distinction has hitherto been made between the officers of the Artillery and Engineers, and solicits that it may be ruled that all officers of the Royal (late Indian) Engineers, who have retired or may retire in India, on full pay pension under Indian rules, are also "entitled to passage to England at the public expense."

2. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that, as the Royal (the late Indian) Engineers are under the same conditions of service as the old Indian Artillery, the former should participate in the privilege accorded to the latter.

3. Under the circumstances I am directed to submit the application for the orders of the Government of India.

From Colonel H. K. BURNE, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Military Department, dated 14th October 1875, No. 429S—32D.

(Passages—Sea).

I AM directed to acknowledge your letter, No. 3,386, dated 20th August 1875, submitting for orders an application from Major-General H. W. B. Bell, Royal (late Bombay) Engineers, that the provisions of G.O.G.G. No. 687 of 1875, may be made applicable to officers of the old Indian Engineers. The application is based on the ground that in all Regulations and Acts relating to the Indian Ordnance Corps, no distinction has hitherto been made between the officers of the Artillery and Engineers.

2. Major-General Bell's application has the support of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Bombay Army, who is of opinion that, as the Royal (late Indian) Engineers are

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3. In reply I am to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the Government of India are unable to accept this view as correct.

4. There is a marked distinction drawn in the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 233, of 30th June 1863, between the officers of the old Indian Engineers and Artillery. That Despatch, which was published in G.O., No. 112A, of 31st July 1863, and which lays down the arrangements adopted by Her Majesty's Government "consequent on the late army alterations," refers exclusively to officers of the twelve new line regiments, to the Indian Artillery, and in one instance only to the Indian Engineers. In clauses F and G, the furlough allowances and the passage money to be granted to officers of the new line regiments and Indian Artillery are laid down assimilating them to a great extent with the other officers of the old British Army. The officers of Indian Engineers are not included in this arrangement,—in fact the only arrangement made in respect to them in the order of 1863 is that the statute regarding five years' absence from India will not apply to them.

5. In further proof of the intentions of Her Majesty's Government to draw a distinction between the officers of the late Indian Artillery and the late Indian Engineers, I am to refer you to the Despatch addressed by Sir Charles Wood to the Bombay Government, No. 83 of 23rd September 1865, in which the Secretary of State says—"I request you will cause it to be clearly understood that the new passage warrant does not apply to officers of the late Indian Engineers, who are, in this respect, to be treated as still belonging to the Indian service. This should have been understood from the G.O. of the Government of India, dated 31st July 1863, No. 112A, which announce that 'officers of the Artillery and new line regiments should be allowed passage money under the Regulations applicable to British officers.'"

6. The Government of India believe that had the G.O. referred to, and the subsequent ruling thereon, been brought to the knowledge of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Bombay Army, Major-General Bell's grounds for his present application would not have had his Excellency's support.

7. The Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, I am to state, is unable, therefore, to concede Major-General Bell's claim to participate in the advantages of G.O. No. 687 of 1875, which springs directly from the arrangements laid down in 1863,—arrangements from which Major-General Bell and other officers of the late Indian Engineers were expressly excluded.

No. 430 S.

Endorsed by the Military Department.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Quartermaster-General for the information of the Right Honorable the Commander-in-Chief.

No. 431 S.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Military Department, for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

No. 432 S.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Controller of Military Accounts for information.

No. 861, dated 17th February 1876.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Public Works Department for information.

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No. 318.

ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1876, No. 719.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

COMMUNICATED to all officers of the
Royal (late Madras) Engineers in the
Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the officers concerned.

„ Military Department.

Exd. L. C. Shanker.

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Nos. 33S—68 E—G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
ESTABLISHMENT.
General.

Fort William, March 4, 1876.

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Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 33S6, dated 20th August 1875.

From—Colonel J. Macdonald, Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay, Military Department,
To—Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

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General.

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Nos. 338-68 E-G.

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Despatch 13-4-76

Provisions of G. O. No. 687 of 1875, regarding passage to England at the public expense not applicable to officers of the Royal (late Indian) Engineers.

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