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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st September 1881, No. 2,159 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following papers :—

No. 5. Copies of correspondence submitted by Colonel BURTON, R.E., dated 1st August 1881.

No. 5-A. Office note to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 4th August 1881 No. 345 N.

No. 5-B. Office note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 13th August 1881, No. 495.

No. 5-C. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th August 1881, No. 4,482.

Read the following extract from a Military Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 42, dated 28th July 1881, paragraph 2 :—

PARAGRAPH 2.—With reference to your telegram, dated 3rd June 1881, I forward herewith a copy of a correspondence which has taken place between this office and Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Burton, R.E., on the subject of his claim to passage under Public Works Department Resolution of 3rd September 1879, paragraph 4, clause 2.

3. You will observe that this officer has been provided with passage at the public expense, subject to the decision of the Government of India as to whether the claim is covered by their resolution.

4. I request that you will cause inquiries to be made, and should it be considered that Lieutenant-Colonel Burton is not entitled to passage, I request that the regulated amount of passage money (68 l.) may be recovered from that officer and credited to the Indian Troops Service.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Ag. Secy. to Govt.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1881, No. 2,159 W.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council considers that under clause (2) paragraph 4 of the Resolution of the Government of India No. 1,605—27 E.G., dated 3rd September 1879, Lieutenant-Colonel Burton cannot be held to be entitled to free return passage; his return to duty having been quite optional with himself.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintendent of Works, Presidency.
,, Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
,, Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Govt. of {1881} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
PRESIDENCY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 1st.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1st September 1881, No. 2,159 W.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 5-6.

Lieutenant-Colonel Burton, R.E.—Inti-
ates that — is not entitled to free return
assage, his return to duty having been
uite optional with himself.

Shirley Holmes
Lymington
11th June 188

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 136 Milt. dated 7th June 1881 this day the above being my present and perma-nent address.

I would wish that the following reply be sent to the Madras Government by telegraph "11 June 188

"Inform Colonel Sankey Engineers Burton arrives Madras 1st August" Conditionally upon the Rt. Honble the Sec: of State granting me the permission to return to India.

I have &c.
(Sd). W. H. B.

To the Under Secretary of State
for India.
Military Deptt:

Sir.

Shirley Holmes
Lymington
15th June 1881

Having taken Special leave to Europe for 2 years from 1st January 1880 under Resolution of Government of India P. W. Dept. No 1605-27 E.G. dated 3rd September 1879 in order to await an opening for reemployment and employment in P. W. Dept being again available for me in Madras on 1st August as notified in your letter No 1366 Mily 7th June 1880, I have the honor to request that a return passage may be provided for me in accordance with Para 4 sub section 2 of the above mentioned Resolution, and so that I may arrive at Madras by the above mentioned date.

I have &c
(Sd) W. H. B.

To
Under the Secty of State
for India
Mily Deptt:

Shirley Holmes
Lymington
23rd June 1881

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1579 dated 22nd June, informing me that a passage from Southampton to Madras on the P. & O. Steamer leaving Southampton 29th inst. has ~~been~~ subject to after consideration been provided for me. In reply I have to request that as I am extremely pressed for time, and may eventually have to pay for the passage and as I have already made certain preliminary arrangements to go by Brindisi that the public passage taken for me may be changed to one by the corresponding Steamer from Brindisi viz that leaving Brindisi for Bombay on the 11th July.

I have &c
(Sd) W. H. Burton
Lt Col. RE

To the Under Secretary
of State for India
Mily Deptt.

True copies
W. H. Burton
Lt Col. R.E.
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No. 1366. Military.

It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the above number may be quoted, and the letter addressed to
The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
London.
Military Department. S.W.

India Office, S.W.,
7th June, 1881.

Sir

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acquaint you that the following telegram has been received from the Government of Madras

" 3rd June 1881.

" Inform Colonel Burton Engineers —
" Division available Madras 1st August "

2. I am to enquire whether any and what reply should be sent to the Madras Government.

I am,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Allen Johnson Colonel,
Military Secretary.

Lieut. Colonel W. H. Burton, R.E.
New Street
Daventry.

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EXAMINER P. W. ACCO

No. 1537 *Military.*

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The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
London,
Military Department. *S.W.*

India Office, S.W.,
25th June 1881.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23rd June 1881 *and to acquaint you in reply that* in accordance with your request a Government passage has been provided for you to Bombay from Brindisi on the 11th July instead of from Southampton on the 29th June 1881.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Allen Johnson Colonel

Military Secretary

Lieutenant Col: W. H. Burton R.E.
Shirley Holmes,
Lymington.

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ENCLOSURE
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EXAMINER P

No. 1519. Military.

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The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
London,
Military Department. S.W.

India Office, S.W.,
22nd June, 1881.

Sir,

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 15th June, inst: and to acquaint you in reply that passage to Bombay on the P. & O. Steamer leaving Southampton on the 29th June, inst:- has been provided for you, on the presumption that the intention of the Resolution mentioned by you, and quoted in the margin, is that officers in the Situation in which you are now placed, are entitled to free passage.

Public Works Department.
3rd September 1879 para: 4 Clause 2.

2. I am however to state that the Government of Madras will be consulted in the matter, and should it be considered that, under the said clause, your claim to passage at the public expense is not covered, you will be called upon

Lieut. Colonel W. H. Burton, R.E.
Shirley Holmes
Lymington.

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upon to refund the passage money.

3. The following telegram has been addressed to the Government of Madras, dated 13th June 1881

"Your's 3rd. Burton accepts"

4. I am to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

I am,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Allen Johnson
Colonel,
Military Secretary.

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8 AUG 81
EXAMINER P.W. AC

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Copies of Correspon
Submitted by Col. Burt

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OF MADRAS.
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P. W.
DEP

SECRETARY.

Ootacamund ~~Chepauk,~~ 4th August 188
No. 345 N
OFFICE NOTE.

To C

For note on Lieut. Col. Burton's claim to return free passage.

No. 495 4/8/81 W.
13/8/81 Mem. 4

TO E.

NOTED. A FREE RETURN PASSAGE,
TO AN OFFICER OF THE ROYAL ENGINEER
WHO PROCEEDED ON SPECIAL LEAVE UNL
THE PROVISIONS OF GOVT. OF INDIA P
DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 1605-27 P.
DATED 3RD. SEPTEMBER 1879 IS ADMISS
BLE ONLY IF HE IS CALLED UPON TO
RETURN BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE
PERIOD OF LEAVE. THERE IS NOTHING
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LIEUT. COL. BURTON WAS DIRECTED TO RETURN TO DUTY, AND THIS POINT REQUIRES TO BE DECIDED FIRST BY GOVERNMENT. PLEASE SEE ALSO PARA 2 OF INDIA OFFICE LETTER NO. 1519 OF 23RD. JUNE 1881 TO THE ADDRESS OF LIEUT. COL. BURTON R.E.

C.

Shirley Holmes
Lymington
15 June 1881.

Sir,

Having taken special leave to Europe for 2 years from 1st January 1880 under Resolution of the Government of ~~Madras~~ India. Public Works Department No. 1605–27 E.G. dated 3rd September 1879 in order to await an opening for re-employment – and employment in the Public Works Department being again available for me in Madras on 1st August next, as notified in your Letter No. 1366 dated 7th June 1881, I have the honour to request that a return passage may be provided for me in accordance with Para: 4 Clause 2 of the above mentioned Resolution and so that I may arrive at Madras by the above mentioned date.

I have &ca

(sd) W. H. Burton
Lieut. Colonel R.E.
Ex. Engineer P.W. Dept.
Madras.
Military

The Under Secretary of State
for India
Military Dept.

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Military No. 1519

India Office.
22nd June 1881.

Sir,

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x P.W. Despt
3 Sept. 79 para 4
Clause 2

I am however to state that the Government of Madras will be consulted in the matter and should it be considered that under the said clause your claim to passage at the public expense is not covered you will be called upon to refund the passage money.

The following telegram has been addressed to the Government of Madras dated

Lt. Coll. W. H. Burton R.E.
Shirley Holmes
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dated 13 June 1881" "Yours 3rd. Burton "accepts".

I am to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

I am &ca

(sd) A. Johnson

Transport - Officer

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No. 4482

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Ootacamund ~~Fort St. George~~, the 20 August 1881

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Order — Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

A. Baukin Colonel
Ag: Secretary to Govt.

To

The Public Works Department.
With one enclosure

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:—

Copies of correspondence submitted by Colonel Burton R.E. d/ 1st Augt. 1881.
Office Note to the Examiner P.W. Accounts, No. 345 N d/ 4th " "
— Do. — from — do — do — " 495 d/ 13th " "
From the Military Department No. 4482 d/ 20th Augt. 1881

FOR ORDERS. as to whether Colonel Burton should be held to be entitled to free return passage under Clause (2) para 4 of the Govt. of India Resolution No. 1605-27 E.G. dated 3 September 1879.

Col. B's return was perfectly optional with himself – I don't consider that he can claim free passage as if required to return to duty.

R. A. Sankey Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W. Dept.

R.S.

The Hon the Governor
FOR ORDERS.

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No. 2159W PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT,

UNDER date the 1st Septr/81

Read the following :—

Copies of correspondence submitted by Col Burton RE } (HE d/ 1st Augt/81)

Office Note to the Examr. PW Accounts } (" No: 365h d/ 4th ")

Do from do — (" " 495 " 13th " ")

From the Mily Deptt. — (" " 4482 " 20th Augt/81)

The Honourable the Governor in Council considers that under clause (2) para 4 of the Resolution of the Govt of India No. 1605-27 E.G. dated 3rd September 1879, Lieut Colonel Burton cannot be held to be entitled to pure—

R.S.

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return passage; his return to duty having been quite optional with himself.

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Ex: Br. A. ✓
Mily Dept. ✓ Desd 9-9-81

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Govt. of {1881} Madras.

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To

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G. O., 1st Septr 1881, No. 2159 W

Nos. 5 to 6

Lt Col Burton R.E.

Intimates that — is not entitled to free return passage; his return to duty having been quite optional with himself.

Entd in Receipt Regr