

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

11th March 1881, No. 1444.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Read the following :—

No. 180. *Military Despatch from the Most Honorable the MARQUIS of HARTINGTON, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council; dated India Office, London, 6th January 1881, No. 11.*

I have considered in Council the memorial from Major A. T. Fraser, R.E. (Madras), praying for reinstatement in the Public Works Department, transmitted with para. 3 of your Military letter, No. 444, dated 19th October 1880.

2. Major Fraser's case is not analogous to those of officers who, whilst actually serving in the Public Works Department, were thrown out of employ in consequence of financial reductions. He was employed in Mysore, and had to vacate his appointment on the introduction of Native rule into that province. He might, therefore, in ordinary course have found himself placed at the disposal of the Military Department; and though it is true that in ordinary times he might not have had long to wait for an opening in the Public Works Department, yet in no case could he have had any sort of claim to compensation (which is, in fact, what his present application amounts to) in respect of the period passed out of (Public Works) employment.

3. Under the circumstances, you have rightly instructed the Madras Government to take an early opportunity, on Major Fraser's return to India, of providing him with employment on the Public Works Department in Madras; and I quite approve of your refusal to replace him in the department merely for the purpose of giving him special leave on additional absentee allowances.

4. By my predecessor's Despatch, No. 368, dated 11th December 1879, approval was given to the decision of your Government to allow Major Fraser, who was granted special allowances for eighteen months as compensation for loss of his appointment in Mysore, to draw for the same period while on leave the difference between pay as a British regimental officer and the furlough pay he would have received under the 1868 Rules.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, 26TH FEBRUARY 1881, No. 577-A.

Appointments—Engineers.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, with reference to his letter, No. 4505, dated 17th July 1880, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(By Order.)

(Signed) H. A. SAWYER, Captain,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 11th MARCH 1881, No. 1444.

No. 181.

ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1881, No. 1444.

No. 680, dated 30th January 1880.
„ 6518, „ 15th October „

Communicated to the Provincial
Commander-in-Chief, in continuation of
the Proceedings of Government marginally noted.

(True Extract.)

Lt. Haulin Colonel,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

„ Public Works Department. *10/10/81*

N. C. No. 1616.

**Govt. of (1881) Madras
MILITARY.**

To
THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 11th.

Issued

Recd.

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Encl.

G.O., 11th March 1881, No. 1444.

**MARCH.
Nos. 180-181.**

Communicating copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State, approving the action taken by the Government of India on the memorial of Major A. T. Fraser, R.E. (Madras), praying for reinstatement in the Public Works Department.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 359 G.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL

To,

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department.

Fort William 4th March 1881.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 2882 A. W.
dated 14th December, recommending that Major
A. T. Fraser R. E. may be graded as a
2^d Grade Executive Engineer from 15th "
February, I am directed to refer you to
para: 3 of Military despatch from the
Secretary of State, No. 11 dated 6th January
1881, quoted below:—

"Under the circumstances you have
rightly instructed the Madras Govern-
ment to take an early opportunity, on
Major

S.W.C. No 1499

Major Fraser's return to India, of providing
in with employment on the Public Works
Department in Madras, and I quite approve ^{received 10th March 81}
your refusal to replace him in the Dept^t
merely for the purpose of giving him special
leave on additional absentee allowance."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most obed^t servant,

M. S. Sampson

Under Secy. to the Govt of India.

P.B. No. 282 W. 14-12-80.
282 W. 1-2-81

As it seems to me
that there has
been some needless
delay in getting out
the final order by
which Major Fraser's
request will be
of no avail

18/2/81

~~Atty~~

Major Fraser's
Enrolment is dated
11th Decr. 80.

Shew enclosed
has: on the paper.

- (1). Adj. Genl's final
application of 29th Novr 80
- (2). Referred to P.W. Dept.
on the 3rd Decr.
- (3). Reply by P.W. Dept.
on the 11th Decr.

Reference to the original
(put up) will show cause
of detention in P.W. Dept.

- (4). Second letter from Adj. Genl
- (5). Order in Military Dept
d/19th Jan^y: 81. H. S. 18/2.

There was no delay
in this Department
between (1) and (2) of
C.A.W.'s list came
my note for order dated
6th Dec, from the
same day, and the
papers were also cir-
culated the same day -
Returned from circulation
on the 9th & draft
of O. initialed by you
on 10th after which
it had been circulated
for order & printed -

The Adjutant General's
second letter (4) of
C.A.W.'s letter, was

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not addressed to the
P. W. D. at all, and
was only communicated
with the final order
in the P. W. D. dated
19th January -

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Amended
Att
21/2/81

Chs. 1488.
11-2-81

Public Works Deptt

Letter from the Government of India
No. 359 G. dated 4th March 1881.

Circulated for information

The effect of this ruling
appears to be that Major Fraser
can draw nothing beyond the
British pay of his rank un-
til he arrives in India and
assumes charge of an ap-
pointment in the P. W. D.

C. R. Lambey
Col. R. E.
Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

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Ct. R.M.A. Des 18-3-81
Major A.T. Fraser R
(in archive)

C. H. W.

"Doubt"

Send me all
proposed Committee
with their names
and addresses for
6 months later
- some of them

G.O. Submitted

R.P.
1872

C.A. W.

What was the
date of Abigail Perry
- Charles' Endowment