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CLOSURES.

No. 1.

45, Pall Mall,
25th March 1882.

Sir, In reply to your letter M. 1211, dated 21st March 1882, I have the honour to inform you that I do not propose retiring until I have completed 35 or 38 years' service. If it be the wish of the Government that my special leave and furlough be extended to enable me to retire, I am willing to meet their views, otherwise am prepared, if necessary, to return to my duty.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. N. HUNTER, Colonel, R.E. (Madras).

No. 2.

Kinross,
23rd March 1882.

M. 1332.
Sir, In reply to India Office No. M. 1211, of the 21st instant, which reached me this day, I have the honour to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that it is my present intention to retire from the Service on the 26th October 1883, when I shall have completed the 32 years' service entitling me to Colonel's pension.

2. Should I be so fortunate as to obtain an extension of my present leave up to the above-mentioned date, I should not return to India for the few intervening months.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. CHRYSTIE, Colonel, R.E.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

No. 3.

65, Richmond Road, Westbourne Park, W.,
22nd March 1882.

Sir, In reply to your letter, M. 1211, of yesterday's date, I have the honour to inform you that I have no intention at present of retiring from the Service at the termination of my special leave, or soon after.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) H. SMALLEY, Major, R.E.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

Engineers.

No. 2201

Government of Madras
Military Department
Dated the 10 May 1882

India Office,
London, 13th April 1882.

Military,
No. 27

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor
in Council, Fort St. George.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of 17th March 1882, inquiring whether Colonels J. N. Hunter, and W. Chrystie, and Major H. Smalley, all of the Madras cadre of the Royal Engineers, now on special leave in this country, propose retiring from the Service before, or soon after, the termination of such special leave.

2. I caused the necessary inquiries to be made of these Officers, and on 28th March 1882 telegraphed to you as follows:—

“Yours, 17th March. Chrystie retires October 1883. Hunter and Smalley continue.”

3. From the letters I now enclose, you will perceive that Colonel Hunter does not propose retiring until he has completed 35 or 38 years' service. Colonel Chrystie intimates his wish to retire on 26th October 1883, when he will have completed 32 years' service. Major Smalley states he has no intention at present of retiring at, or soon after, the expiration of his special leave.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) HARTINGTON.

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