

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

11th July 1882, No. 3521.

Pensions—Warrant Officers.

Read the following paper:—

No. 193. *From Colonel W. M. LEES, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Fort William, 1st July 1882, No. 945-A.*

Pensions—Warrant Officers.

I am directed, with reference to Clauses 30 and 210 of India Army Circulars of 1881, to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a copy of a letter from the Secretary of State for India, No. 167, dated the 4th May 1882, requesting it to be explained to all non-commissioned officers entering the Indian warrant grade, that, if discharged in that grade, they will be entitled to pension under Indian rules only, and to suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency, that the following clause be added to the declaration required to be

Para. 39, Section 26, Bengal Army Regulations. signed by every soldier before promotion to warrant officer:—

2. *I am aware that, if discharged or retired as a warrant officer, my claims to pension will be settled under Indian Regulations.*

Copy, with copy of the despatch and enclosures, forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and with a request that His Excellency in Council may be moved to require a similar declaration from soldiers in the Madras Presidency before being promoted to warrant officers.

(By Order.)

(Signed) W. M. LEES, Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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, 4th May 1882, No. 167.

With reference to your G.O. of 16th September 1881, No. 514, promulgating the revised

* To War Office, 8th February 1882, No. 393.
From " 11th March 1882.
To " 31st March 1882, No. 1029.
From " —April 1882.
To " 27th April 1882, No. 1538.

scale of pensions for warrant officers of the Indian Army authorized in my despatch, dated 11th August 1881, No. 270, I forward herewith copy of the correspondence with the War Office noted in the margin, and request that you will cause it to be duly explained to non-commissioned officers entering the Indian warrant grade that, if discharged in that grade, they will be entitled to pension under Indian rules only.

N B.—If there is not room here for the whole of the explanation an additional half sheet or more of foolscap should be added and the explanation should be continued thereon.

* Here enter the Fund.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 8th February 1882
No. 393-82-M.

SIR,
I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th January 1882, No. 7/General No. 342, and in reply to forward, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, copy of a General Order of the Government of India, dated 16th September 1881, No. 514, publishing a revised scale of pensions for warrant officers of the Indian Army, with effect from 1st September 1881, from para. 5 of which it will be perceived that a new rate of pension of 54l. a year, or Rs. 50 a month, has been instituted for warrant officers "of any grade wishing to retire after 21 years' total service," such rate being designed to meet the cases of warrant officers who, under the former regulations, had not the length of service qualifying for departmental pensions.

I am to add, that the new regulations will render unnecessary any reference to the pension rates of the non-commissioned ranks in connection with the pensioning of warrant officers.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) ALLEN JOHNSON, Colonel,
Military Secretary.

No. 7/Genl. No. 360.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,
WAR OFFICE, 11th March 1882.

SIR,
With reference to your letter of the 8th ultimo, No. 393, *Military*, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to request that you will be good enough to state whether it is to be understood that, on non-commissioned officers of the British Army being promoted to warrant rank on the Indian Unattached List, it is explained to them that, by accepting such promotion, they relinquish all claim to pension under British rules.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) R. H. KNOX.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 31st March 1882,
No. 1029-82-M.

SIR,
I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th March 1882, No. 7/General No. 360, inquiring, with reference to this office letter of 8th February 1882, No. 393-M., whether it is to be understood that, on non-commissioned officers of the British Army being promoted to Indian warrant rank, it is explained to them that, by accepting such promotion, they relinquish all claim to pension under British rules.

In reply, I am to state that, though practically as warrant officers these men come upon an entirely new scale of pension, it does not seem desirable that their relinquishment of all claim to pension under British rules should be insisted on, as otherwise such of them as might be remanded to the ranks would have no pension on which to fall back.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) ALLEN JOHNSON, Colonel,
Military Secretary.

No. 7/Genl. No. 546.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,
WAR OFFICE,— April 1882.

SIR,
I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, No. 1029, *Military*, and to acquaint you in reply that if the warrant officers referred to should be remanded to the ranks, they would revert to the right to pension which they possessed before their promotion; but that the object of the War Office letter of the 11th ultimo, No. 7, General No. 360, was to ascertain whether it had been made clear to them that, if discharged as warrant officers, they would be only entitled to pension under Indian rules.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) R. H. KNOX.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 27th April 1882,
No. 1538-82 M.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the—April 1882, No. 7/General No. 546, and to acquaint you, in reply, that the Government of India will be instructed to explain to non-commissioned officers appointed to the Indian warrant grade that, if discharged in that grade, they will be entitled to pension under Indian rules only.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ALLEN JOHNSON, Colonel,
Military Secretary.

No. 194.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1882, No. 3521.

Communicated for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief
and for guidance.

(True Extract.)

For Ag. Secretary to Government,
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To the Adjutant-General.

" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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to officers of the
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To
THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

O. S. B. P.

Dated July, 11th.

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Communicating docket from the Government of India requesting that soldiers in the Madras Presidency be required to sign a declaration, before promotion to the Indian warrant grade, that they are aware that, if discharged in that grade, they will be entitled to pension under Indian rules only.

With order
Encl. in Receipt Reg