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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

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

Dated March, 19th.

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MARCH.
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Morris, Major R. F., Executive Engineer, Public Works Department.—Decision of the Secretary of State for India in connection with the case of —, who has been absent from duty in India since April 1879, communicated to departments concerned.

With order

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

19th March 1883, No. 1743.

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Read the following:—

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7. I have, therefore, decided, with the concurrence of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, that henceforward an officer of Royal Engineers in the Public Works Department, who may elect for service at the dépôt or for a course of special instruction at the School of Military Engineering during his furlough, shall not be allowed thereafter to resume such unexpired portion of his furlough as will carry him over an aggregate absence from India of two years, without the sanction of the Government under which he is employed.

8. The prior sanction of the local Government will also, in each case, be required before allowing an officer to undertake such duty during his furlough, when its performance would necessitate a total absence of more than two years, or

to enter on either of such duties at the expiration of his ordinary furlough of two years.

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I am, &c.,

(Signed) ALLEN JOHNSON, Major-General,
Military Secretary.

No. 82502-2.

HORSE GUARDS, WAR OFFICE,
8th November 1882.

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I have, &c.,

(Signed) E. A. WHITMORE.

The Military Secretary, India Office.

No. 501-A.

Copy forwarded, with an intimation that the decision will be published in India Army Circulars, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(By Order.)

FORT WILLIAM,
9th March 1883.

(Signed)

W. M. LEES, Colonel,
Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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(True Extract.)

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To the Adjutant-General.

" Public Works Department.

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Exd. P. L. Pereira,

C No 2567

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

To

Circular No. IV Public Works.

Dated March 17, 1883.

Received

Conditions under which Royal Engineer Officers
of the Indian Public Works Department will be
permitted to join the school of Military Engineer-
ing at Chatham.

No. 346, P. W. D. Press—17-3-83—925.

[For Heads of Departments only.]

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The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab, in the Public Works Department.
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The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana and Beluchistan.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.
The Inspector General of Military Works.
The Director General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow.
The Director General of Telegraphs in India.
The Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Telegraph.
The Deputy Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and Officers marginally noted, for information.

By order,

G. H. D. WALKER,

Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 34 (Military), dated 25th January 1883.

From—The Secretary of State for India,
To—The Government of India.

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No. 501—A, Furlough dated 9th March 1883.

Endorsed by Military Department.

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