

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

4th July 1883, No. 3720.

Pay and Allowances.

Read the following :—

No. 24. *Military Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council; dated India Office, London, 10th May 1883, No. 171.*

I forward herewith, for the information of your Lordship's Government, copy of a correspondence with Major-General H. N. D. Prendergast, C.B., V.C., R.E., late Madras, on the subject of the amount of pay issued to him as an unemployed General Officer of Indian Engineers.

2. Unattached pay at the rate of 1*l.* 6*s.* per diem, which has been abolished for officers promoted to the grade of General Officer after the 1st July 1881, was issued to Major-General Prendergast by the Accountant-General of this office on a last pay certificate from the Presidency Paymaster at Bombay.

3. Major-General Prendergast must now be called upon to make his election between English pay as an Indian General Officer and half pay under the conditions specified in para. 31 of the Marquis of Hartington's Despatch, No. 407, of the 8th December 1881, the necessary adjustment of his pay then being made.

4. In future it must be understood that Indian Officers, unless they elect for half pay on promotion to Major-General, must draw English pay for the rest of their service while unemployed.

5. An officer electing the rates of half pay under the above-quoted paragraph must also accept the rates of retiring pensions to be given at certain ages, as laid down in para. 9 of the Marquis of Hartington's Despatch, No. 372, of the 10th November 1881. As there may possibly be some doubt as to the minimum rates of retiring pensions to be allotted to Generals and Lieutenant-Generals on voluntary or compulsory retirement, I take this opportunity of informing your Lordship that it was not intended that any General Officer should receive less than 800*l.* a year if compulsorily retired at the age of 62 years, or than 750*l.* a year if retiring voluntarily at the age of 60 years.

6. I desire further to provide for a case which might possibly arise, and to rule that no General Officer, of whatever age, shall receive less on retirement than 700*l.* a year, the highest of the ordinary pensions laid down in the Despatch, No. 299, of the 8th February 1881.

Letter from Major-General ALLEN JOHNSON, Military Secretary, to Major-General H. N. D. Prendergast, C.B., V.C., R.E.; dated India Office, 8th March 1883, No. 1902-M.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to inform you that, by the Royal Warrant of the 25th June 1881, the rate of unattached pay of 1*l.* 6*s.* per diem granted to Major-Generals of Royal Engineers was abolished with effect from the 1st July 1881, except as regards officers promoted to the rank of Major-General before that date.

The unemployed pay of a Major-General of Engineers of the Indian Army is 1*l.* 3*s.* per diem, and consequently you have been overpaid, by the Accountant-General of this office, the sum of 12*l.* 15*s.*

Under para. 31 of the Marquis of Hartington's Despatch, No. 407, of the 8th December 1881, published in G.G.O., No. 10, of 6th January 1882, a General Officer of Indian Engineers, on relinquishment of any title to succeed to Colonel's allowances, is allowed the benefit of the rates of half pay and retiring pay fixed for officers appointed to the Staff Corps after the 1st July 1881.

A copy of the above paragraph and of the despatches therein referred to is enclosed for your information.

Should you elect on these conditions to receive the half pay instead of unemployed pay, the sum of 5*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* would be due to you for the period during which you have been paid.

Letter from Major-General H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, C.B., V.C., R.E., to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated 10th March 1883.

With reference to your No. 1902-M., dated 8th March 1883, I have the honor to request that you will favor me by stating whether, if I accept the unemployed pay of a Major-General of Royal Engineers, 1*l.* 3*s.*, for the present, I shall be able to elect for half pay instead of unemployed pay on future occasions of being out of employ.

At present I have not the Royal Warrants on the subject of retirement at hand, nor the Pay Code, nor Pension Rules, nor Rules of the Engineer Retiring Fund, nor Rules of the Military and Clive's Fund, nor have I time to consult other officers of my corps about the prospects of promotion, so that a decision given by me now, on the eve of departure for India and when I am overwhelmed with private affairs, would practically be a leap in the dark.

Letter to Major-General H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, C.B., V.C., R.E.; dated India Office, 13th March 1883, No. 1985-M.

The Military Secretary has to acknowledge the receipt of Major-General Prendergast's letter of the 10th March, and to inform him that it appears to him (the Military Secretary) that election must be made on promotion to Major-General, and not indefinitely held over. Major-General Prendergast may, however, if he desires it, raise the question after his return to India, in order to obtain a more authoritative decision.

Should he not wish to do this, but should decide to make his election now, the Military Secretary would be glad to be informed, in order that the necessary adjustment of pay may be made.

Letter from Major-General H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, C.B., V.C., R.E., to the Under Secretary of State for India, dated 15th March 1883.

In reply to No. 1985-M., dated 13th March 1883, from the Military Secretary, I have the honor to state that I shall take advantage of the kind offer made in that letter to allow me to raise the question after my return to India regarding election to receive half pay or unemployed pay as Major-General.

No. 109-S.B.

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Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and for necessary action.

(By Order.)

SIMLA,
16th June 1883.

(Signed) F. STEVENSON, Captain,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1883, No. 3720.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for favor of the necessary action and report.

(True Extract.)

A. S. Russell.

Under Secy., P.W.D.,

For Secretary to Government,
Mily. Dept.

To the Adjutant-General.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Public Works Department. *with 20 copies* ✓

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To
THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
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Dated July, 4th.

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G.O., 4th July 1883, No. 3720.

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Her Majesty's Government on the subject of the
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cated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief
for necessary action and report.

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With order
A. [Signature]

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