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2nd June 1883, No. 3129.

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Read the following:—

No. 36. *Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Military Department, under date Simla, the 18th May* 1883, *No.* 457-*M.W.*

Defences—Torpedoes.

Position of Royal Engineer officers employed on sub-marine mining duty at ports, and their relations with the Inspector of Sub-Marine Defences and the Officers Commanding Sappers and Miners.

Read—

Letter to the Government of Bombay, No. 1132-M.W., dated 27th November 1882.
Endorsements to the Government of Madras and Inspector-General of Military Works, No. 1132-M.W., dated 27th November 1882.
Endorsement from the Government of Madras, No. 6835, dated 20th December 1882.
Resolution by the Government of Bombay, No. 7556, dated 23rd December 1882.
Letter to the Adjutant-General in India, No. 107-M.W., dated 31st January 1883.
Letter from the Adjutant-General in India, No. 1822-C., dated 19th April 1883.

It has been brought to the notice of the Governor-General in Council that the present arrangements for carrying on the local duties connected with sub-marine mining at the ports of Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi, and Rangoon are not altogether satisfactory in one important point. The officer in immediate charge has hitherto been an officer of the Sappers and Miners belonging to the detachment of the corps for the time being at the port, and has been liable to removal on relief of the detachment, or for duty with the corps elsewhere, without reference to the requirements of the sub-marine mining service. The continuance of this state of things appears hardly compatible with the satisfactory conduct of a service which is specially dependent for its efficiency on the local knowledge and experience of the officer in charge.

2. The Governor-General in Council is therefore pleased to direct that a subaltern officer of the Royal Engineers shall be stationed at each of the ports of Calcutta, Rangoon, Bombay, and Karachi for special duty in connection with sub-marine mining service, and shall not be liable to removal except in communication with the Inspector of Sub-Marine Defences.

3. These officers while employed on sub-marine mining duties at the ports will be borne on the rolls of the Sappers and Miners, all their pay and allowances being a military charge; but they also will be posted to the Military Works Department or the Public Works Department of the Presidency, as the case may be, and graded as Assistant Engineers, 2nd grade.

4. They will command the detachments of Royal Engineers and Sappers stationed at the ports, and in all matters relating to discipline and interior economy

they will be under the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners. But in regard to practice, experiments, the charge of stores, and all matters directly connected with sub-marine mining, they will be under the direct orders of the Inspector of Sub-Marine Defences.

5. The tenure of these appointments on special duty at the ports shall be limited to three years, unless previously terminated by the promotion of the officer in the Military Works or Public Works Department to the rank of Assistant Engineer, 1st grade. At the end of three years the Sub-marine Mining Officer should be relieved by an officer from the Sappers and Miner Corps of the Presidency who is commencing his tour of Indian service.

No. 457-M.W.

Order,—Ordered that a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

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(True Extract.)

SIMLA,
18*th May* 1883.

(Signed) G. CHESNEY, Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1883, No. 3129.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Inspector-General of Ordnance, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 6835, dated 20th December 1882.

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