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

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Transport—Sea.

Grant of "not entitled" passages on Her Majesty's Indian Troopships extended to non-commissioned officers of the Public Works Department and Army Head-quarters Staff and their families.

S. Es. ✓
C. A. G. ✓
S. M. P. W. acct. ✓

Dep'to 10-1-83.

With order

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following :—

No. 291. *Proceedings of the Government of India, Military Department; dated Fort William, 13th December 1882, No. 747-C.*

Transport—Sea.

Extract of a Military Letter from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India; dated 26th October 1882, No. 351.

Para. 7. I approve of the proposals of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to extend the grant of "not entitled" passages on Her Majesty's Indian Troopships to non-commissioned officers of the Public Works Department and Army Head-quarters Staff and their families.

Care should be taken that the payment for rations for the voyage should invariably be made on or before embarkation.

No. 747-C.

Copy of the foregoing, with a copy of letter No. 2492-A., dated 8th July 1882, from the Quartermaster-General in India, forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. CROOKSHANK, Lieut.-Colonel,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. SANDFORD, R.E., Officiating Quartermaster-General in India, to Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Simla, 8th July 1882, No. 2492-A. (Transport—Sea).

With reference to Military Department No. 150-S.C. (Transport—Sea), dated 11th May 1882, I am directed to state that His Excellency's recommendation is intended to apply to all Non-Commissioned Officers of the several departments in India and their families. At present, however, the concession could only apply to non-commissioned officers of the Public Works Department and Army Head-quarters Offices, as these two classes alone receive privilege leave, and it is only on such leave being granted that advantage could be taken of "non entitled" passages.

2. The number of departmental non-commissioned officers in the three Presidencies is approximately as follows :—

	Bengal.	Madras.	Bombay.
Public Works Department, including Barrack Department	194	60	54
Ordnance	52	45	68
Commissariat	93	38	11
Army Head-quarters Offices, Remount, Stud, &c.	28	2	4
Miscellaneous Department	4	2	1
	371	147	138
	656		

Of these it will be seen that about 343 belong to the Public Works Department and Army Headquarters Offices, and from various causes it is not considered that more than 4 or 5 per cent. would annually avail themselves of "non entitled" passages if the privilege were extended to them.

3. His Excellency considers the rule in revised para. 217, Transport Regulations, Part I, in regard to the lodging of the full amount of the cost of the return passage by a private vessel should be maintained so as to provide for cases when a passage by troopship could not be obtained, and individuals found themselves at the expiration of their leave unable to defray the cost of their return voyage.

4. With regard to the question whether "non entitled" passages should be granted to wives of non-commissioned officers unaccompanied by their husbands, Sir Donald Stewart considers that the privilege should be limited to special cases to be decided by His Excellency on their merits.

5. I am to remark that, should His Excellency's recommendation be conceded, the conditions under which such passages are granted will be clearly explained to all applicants.

No. 292. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1882, No. 6896.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Controller of Military Accounts.

(True Extract.)

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Colonel,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.

„ Public Works Department.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Adjutant-General, for information.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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