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W. Dept. for information.

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To
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I am directed, by Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th December 1883, No. 112 (Engineers) 1443, and to acquaint you in reply, for the information of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, that the Earl of Kimberley considers that it will be advantageous rather than otherwise to permit exchanges to be effected between officers of the Royal Engineers who are actually serving in India, and who have completed, or are about to complete, a tour of Indian service, and officers who are under orders for duty in that country, whereby an officer of the former class would virtually engage to serve a second term of seven years in India without relief.

It will, however, I am to add, be necessary that the application from the officer in India shall be made with the approval of the Government under which he may be serving if he is employed in the civil or military branch of the Public Works Department.

I have, &c.,

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

No. 661-A.

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

(By Order.)

FORT WILLIAM,
23rd April 1884.

(Signed) E. COLLEN, Major,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1884, No. 2173.

Communicated for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Alfred Herbert Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

„ Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

MILITARY.

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



Dated May,

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

8th May 1884, No. 2173.

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Read the following :—

No. 94. 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, 14th February 1884, No. 51.

I forward, for the information of your Lordship's Government, the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Horse Guards on the subject of exchange between officers of Royal Engineers serving in India and those who are under orders for duty in that country.

2. Your Lordship will observe that I have approved of such exchanges, on the understanding that, in the case of those officers who are serving in the civil or military branches of the Public Works Department, the application shall only be made with the approval of the Government under which the officer is serving.

3. This condition will secure to the Government the power of so controlling such exchanges as to guard against the occurrence of any administrative inconvenience which might arise without such check.

Letter to the Military Secretary, India Office; dated Horse Guards, War Office, 10th September 1883, No. 69190-7.

SIR,

I am directed, by His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that the officer of Royal Engineers named in the margin, who has completed upwards of seven years' service in India, and who is still on Indian duty, applied personally at this office some short time since for permission to exchange, for a second tour in India, with a Captain of Royal Engineers about to proceed to that country on a first Indian tour.

He was informed verbally that, under the decision of the Secretary of State for India in Council in the cases of Lieutenants Yorke and Pulford, R.E., and Lieutenants Campbell and Maxwell, R.E. (see letter as per margin),

No. 549-H., of 1st October 1875.
No. 989-H., of 5th November 1878.

which are almost identical, it was not probable that such application would be entertained.

As, however, these decisions were given some six years since, and the general circumstances of the case are now somewhat altered, he has been permitted, at his very urgent request, to place his case on paper, and the same is now forwarded for the consideration of the Earl of Kimberley.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) M. F. DILLON, Major-General.

Letter from Captain M. MARTIN, Royal Engineers, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Engineers, Horse Guards, War Office.

SIR,

With reference to my proposed exchange on completion of a full term of Indian service with another Captain commencing, or about to commence, his term of Indian service, by which I should engage to complete a second period of seven years (in his place), relinquishing my right to return to home duty (either at once or on application), I have the honor to beg your kind consideration as to whether my exchange may not be favorably considered.

The following considerations seem to apply to my case:—

1. The three years' rule does not seem to apply, as I do not propose to take up employment and relinquish it (to meet which case the rule was, I believe, devised), and, also, the three years does not invariably apply, as Captain Hurst was permitted to return from India on exchange under three years' residence, showing, I venture respectfully to submit, that the rule has exceptions.
2. The India Office offer, I believe, no objections. I am in two respects a more valuable officer in India than a fresh Captain from home—(1) in experience of the country and language, and (2) in having already a fixed place in the Sappers and Miners—to which I can return without superseding others.
3. In no way do I propose to put Government to expense, but only to exercise a right allowable to other branches, notably the Royal Artillery and Army Medical Department.
4. The Adjutant-General in India was unable to find any impediment to an exchange, acting on which authority I visited home, in the full hope of being allowed to complete the matter.
5. In the event of an exchange while at home being refused, I respectfully wish to state that there does not seem any legal obstacle (unless imposed by fresh ruling) in the way of my exchanging in India with a Captain newly arrived, by which he would go home in my place.

(This perfectly legal form of exchange is more expensive to Government than the slightly more questionable exchange I now propose.)

In conclusion, I beg to express a hope that this application may be forwarded to the India Office for report, if you will be kind enough to consider the case worthy of such action.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) M. MARTIN, Captain, R.E.,
(Doing duty Officer, Bengal Sappers
and Miners.)

Letter to the Military Secretary, Horse Guards, War Office; dated India Office, 14th September 1883, No. 5981-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter* of the 10th September 1883, R.E.-69190-7, and to acquaint you in reply,

* No. 5981.
with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, that any proposal in respect of an exchange between Captain M. Martin, R.E., at present on the Bengal establishment who has completed a seven years' tour of service in India, and a Captain of the same corps about to proceed to India on a first tour should be submitted, in the first instance, to the authorities in India.

From Horse Guards, 10th September 1875.
To Horse Guards, 1st October 1875, No. 549-H.
From Horse Guards, 27th November 1875.
To Horse Guards, 5th December 1875, No. 989-H.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) EDMUND NEEL,
for Military Secretary.

Letter to the Military Secretary, India Office; dated Horse Guards, War Office, 29th December 1883, No. 112 (Engineers) 1443.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 14th September last, No. 5981-M., I am directed, by His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, to acquaint you, for the informa-

tion of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that an application has now been received in this office from Captain M. Martin, R.E., through the Commander-in-Chief in India, for permission to exchange with Captain F. J. Day, R.E.; the latter officer having, however, in the interval been pronounced medically unfit for duty in India, the exchange cannot now be entertained.

With reference to former correspondence, however, as per margin, His Royal Highness desires me to submit, for Lord Kimberley's consideration, whether it would be advantageous or otherwise to permit exchanges to be effected between officers of the Royal Engineers who are actually serving in India, and who have completed, or are about to complete, a tour of Indian service, and officers who are under orders for duty in the country.

I am, therefore, to request you will be good enough to favor me with His Lordship's views upon this subject for general guidance.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) E. A. WHITMORE.

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FORT WILLIAM,
23rd April 1884.

(Signed) E. COLLEN, Major,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 95.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1884, No. 2173.

Communicated for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

P. W. D.

Gobt. of (1884) Madras.
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To
THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

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Communicated to Royal
Engineers officers of the P.
W. Dept. for information.

(Signed) J. H.

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C. S. for Rys.

S. Es.

Es. in Chief State Rys.

C. A. to Govt.

Genl. Supt. P. W. Stores

Es: P. W. A.

Es: Rys. Accts.

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