GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

18th July 1884, No. 3389.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Read the following paper :—

No. 242. *From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India ; dated Simla, 3rd July* 1884, *No.* 378-*S.A.*

In reply to your letter, No. 2821-C., dated the 30th June 1884, I am to say that the Government of India accept the proposals of the Commander-in-Chief that Captain Goldie and Lieutenant Newman be transferred at once to Bombay and Madras, respectively ; also that Major Boileau and Captains Cotter, Kirke, Peacocke and Heathcote be detailed for duty in the other presidencies, the two first when their services can be spared from the Hurnaí Road works, and the three last when they may become available.

No. 378-S.A.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, with reference to his letter, No. 1884, dated the 21st April 1884, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(By Order.)

SIMLA, 3rd *July* 1884.

(Signed) A. CROOKSHANK, Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1884, No. 3389.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and departments concerned, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2734, dated 9th June 1884.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Adjutant-General.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

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

Dated July, 18*th*.

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G.O., 18th July 1884, No. 3389.

JULY.
Nos. 242—243.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Proposals of the Commander-in-Chief in India to transfer certain Royal Engineer officers from Bengal to the Madras presidency, accepted by the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

9th June 1884, No. 2734.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Read the following papers:—

No. 94. *From Major E. COLLEN, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieut.-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Fort William, 22nd March* 1884, *No.* 560-*A*.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

I am directed to request that, under the orders of the Governor in Council, you will furnish the Government of India with information, as early as possible, of the number of Royal Engineer officers at present deficient in the Madras presidency.

2. In furnishing the above information, care should be taken to afford full particulars why the officers are required and the cause of the vacancy. For this purpose, I am to suggest that it would be easy for reference if the information was prepared in a tabulated form giving (1) the number of officers at present deficient, (2) in whose room an officer is to be appointed, and (3) how the place became vacant.

No. 1560.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of early submission of the required information.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27*th March* 1884.

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

To the Adjutant-General.

No. 95. *From Brigadier-General GODFREY CLERK, Adjutant-General, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 17th April* 1884, *No.* 185.

In returning letter, No. 560-A., dated 22nd ultimo, from the Government of India, referred to the Commander-in-Chief under Military Department memorandum, No. 1560, dated 27th idem, I am directed to report, for the information of Government, that out of the authorized strength of twenty company officers of Royal Engineers for regimental duty with the "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, there are now only eleven on the strength of the corps, thus leaving it deficient of nine company officers.

2. A table is appended showing (1) the number of officers at present deficient, (2) in whose room an officer should be appointed, and (3) how the vacancy was caused.

3. With reference to para. 2 of despatch, No. 355, dated 15th November 1883, from the Secretary of State for India, recorded in Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1151, dated 7th March last, intimating that Lieutenant W. R. Morton, R.E., was appointed to this presidency in room of Lieutenant Goldney reverted to home service, I beg to forward the accompanying copy of a letter * from the Commandant, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, reporting that Lieutenant Morton is now doing duty with the Bengal Sappers and Miners at Roorkee—

* No. 170, dated 12th April 1884.

No. of officers deficient.	In whose room an officer should be appointed.	How the vacancy was caused.
1 ...	Captain G. Henry	Appointed Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Western District.
2 ...	Lieutenant W. H. Goldney ...	Reverted to home service.
3 ...	,, Digby ...	Transferred to Bengal in 1881.
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No. 96. *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 21st April 1884, No. 1884.*

No. 97. *From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, 23rd May 1884, No. 225-S.A.*

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

I am directed to state, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, that the Governments of Madras and Bombay having brought to the notice of the Governor-General in Council the great paucity of officers of the Royal Engineers in those presidencies, it has been found on inquiry that there is a greater proportion of Royal Engineer officers in Bengal than in the other presidencies, and that the disproportion of officers in the three presidencies arose in the following manner:—In 1881-82, and again in 1882-83, no advice was received beforehand from the India Office as to the vacancies which the Royal Engineer officers sent out were intended to fill, and in the absence of this information the whole of these officers were allotted for Bengal. Last year the distribution was properly made, but the deficiency in the establishment in Madras and Bombay, which occurred in the two previous years, has never been made good. The result is that they are very short of officers, while the Bengal presidency has received an excessive proportion of the total reliefs, and, judging from the Army List, the corps of Bengal Sappers and Miners have an establishment of officers in excess of its requirements.

Government of Bombay, Public Works Department, No. 37-E.—122, dated the 30th January 1884.
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(Return requested.)

2. It appears therefore to the Government of India that the most practical way of dealing with the case is now to effect a redistribution, and transfer, say, two captains and two subalterns from Bengal to each of the other two presidencies; and I am to ask that His Excellency may be moved to cause the transfer of eight

officers in the proportion above given from the list of unemployed Royal Engineer officers. The Army List shows the following officers to be unemployed at present, and there may be others:—

Captain Goldie.	Lieutenant Morton.
,, Watkins.	,, Newman.
,, Heathcote.	,, Chapman.
,, Cotter.	,, Ellis.

3. The Government of India, and doubtless the Commander-in-Chief also, are aware that the actual total establishment of Royal Engineers in India is considerably below the sanctioned strength of nine battalions, but it is understood that the general question is under the consideration of a committee at home.

No. 225-S.A.

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

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(By Order.)

(Signed) A. CROOKSHANK, Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

SIMLA,
23rd *May* 1884.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1884, No. 2734.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Government of India be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and departments concerned.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Adjutant-General.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No: 1587 Wd/24th June/84

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Sd/ J. S. S.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

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

Dated June, 9th.

Issued

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JUNE.
Nos. 94—98.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Transfer of four Royal Engineer officers from Bengal to the Madras presidency, directed by the Government of India.

With Order

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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No. 1560.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of early submission of the required information.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
27th March 1884. *Offg. Secretary to Government.*

To the Adjutant-General.

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(True Extract.)

A Kennedy Herbert Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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