

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

10th June 1886, No. 3470.

Retirements.

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No. 92. *Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council; dated India Office, London, 15th April 1886, No. 91.*

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* To War Office, 25th January 1886 (M-827).
From do. 1st February 1886 (M-1113).
with enclosure.

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N^o 1547 May 18 June 86

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Govt. of (1886) Madras.

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To THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
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Dated June, 10th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 10th June 1886, No. 3470.

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JUNE.
Nos. 92-93.

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