

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1885, No. 6938.

Retirements.

Read the following :—

No. 53. *Military 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, 30th September 1885, No. 257.*

With reference to the Military letter of your Government noted in the margin, I have to inform you that before

No. 234, of 9th December 1884.

„ 12, of 3rd February 1885, para. 11.

„ 136, of 21st August 1885, para. 25.

the receipt of the first-named letter the Earl of Kimberley had already represented to the Military Authorities in this country the desirableness of removing all the restrictions upon the retirement with extra annuities of the Officers of the late Indian Artillery.

2. Upon receipt of this letter His Lordship also caused the War Office to be addressed with reference to the exceptional position of the regimental Colonels on the Indian cadres of Royal Engineers.

* To War Office, 21st May 1884, No. 2648.

From ditto, 14th July 1884.

To ditto, 21st August 1884, No. 4259.

To ditto, 25th September 1884, No. 5566.

From ditto, 31st October 1884.

To ditto, 4th February 1885, No. 13692.

From ditto, 19th June 1885.

To ditto, 8th July 1885, No. 4146.

3. A copy of the correspondence * is forwarded herewith.

4. The result, as your Government will have observed, has been the issue of the Royal Warrant of the 18th July 1885, which has somewhat modified

the restrictions before existing as regards the Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels of Engineers.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 21st May 1884, No. 2648-M.

SIR,

The Secretary of State for India desires me to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, that he has under consideration an application on the part of Major T. W. Roberts, Royal (late Madras) Artillery, to be permitted to retire from the service on the Indian pension and extra annuity to which he will be entitled on the 7th May 1884.

It is understood that this Officer will, before that date, have been promoted under the arrangement communicated to you in my letter of the April, and would thus, through the operation of the Royal Warrant of the 23rd June 1882, be debarred from retirement on an extra annuity for a further period of five years.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that through the recent changes made in respect to Officers of the Royal Artillery on the Indian cadres the position of the Officers on those lists who had reasonable expectation of obtaining the extra annuity at an early date has been prejudiced, the Earl of Kimberley considers that it may now be expedient to remove the existing restriction on the attainment of the extra annuities, and to grant the rates specified in Article 978 of the Royal Warrant of the 11th March 1882 without requiring the special terms of service in the several ranks.

I am to request that His Lordship may be favored with the opinion of the Marquis of Hartington on this point.

I have, &c.,

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

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 14th July 1885, No. 75551-8.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for War, to acknowledge the receipt of Major-General Johnson's letter of the 21st May last, 2648-M., proposing a modification of Article 92-III of the Pay Warrant, with a view to meeting the cases of the Majors of the Royal Artillery on the Indian cadres who, in consequence of the arrangement communicated in the India Office letter of the 24th April last, will be debarred from retirement as Majors on an extra annuity under Article 978-XI.

In reply I am to state that Lord Hartington does not consider that it would be desirable entirely to remove, as proposed in Major-General Johnson's letter, the restrictions as to service in the various ranks contained in Article 92-III of the Warrant, as this would unduly stimulate promotion in the Royal Artillery; but that he would suggest, for the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the following addition to the above article, which would enable the Majors in question to retire on the same terms as if their promotion had not been accelerated by the arrangement referred to:—

Insert after the words—"Article 978-XI" in Article 92-III—"A Major of our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, if promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883, may, after completing seven years' service from the date of his promotion to the rank of Major, be granted such extra annuity in addition to the pension to which he would have been entitled as a Major under Indian Retiring Regulations, if he had not been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel."

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(Signed) ARTHUR D. HAYTER.

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I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14th July 1884, in which the Secretary of State for War agrees to an amendment of Article 92-III of the Pay Warrant of 1882, but desires to restrict the modification of it to those Majors of the Royal (late Indian) Artillery who have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883.

In reply I am to request that the Marquis of Hartington may be moved to cause the proposed amendment to be notified at an early date, as it is desirable the officers concerned should receive intimation of the measures affecting their position as soon as possible.

With respect, however, to the objection raised in your letter under reply, that the removal of the restriction altogether would have the effect of unduly stimulating promotion in the Royal Artillery, I am to point out that in the case of a considerable proportion of those who would be likely to take advantage of the measure no promotion would result from their doing so, as, on the retirement of the senior unemployed Lieutenant-Colonels or of Colonels and Major-Generals, one of the newly-promoted supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonels would be absorbed, no promotion being made in his room.

I am to suggest that, at any rate, the restriction should be removed to the extent of placing regimental Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels with a combined service of five years in those ranks on the footing of General Officers, as laid down in the amended Royal Warrant of the 23rd June 1882, and that no inconvenience need be apprehended from the withdrawal of all restrictions so long as the officer relieving will cause the absorption of a supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel; but I am to state that, meanwhile, the Earl of Kimberley does not wish to retard the notification of the amendment already accepted, which, as above stated, His Lordship considers should be published without delay.

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Assistant Military Secretary.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 25th September 1884, No. 5566-M.

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* Dated 12th September 1884.

Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts, however, applies for the pension of his rank (365*l.* per annum), together with an extra annuity of 210*l.*

To the latter he is entitled under the concession contained in your letter of the 14th July last,* but under the wording of that letter he is precluded from receiving any higher pension than that of a Major (292*l.*) with the annuity.

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In about sixteen months' time, however, Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts would have been entitled to the higher pension even had he remained a Major. It does not appear to the Earl of Kimberley that there would be any advantage in forcing him to remain in the service for that period, and His Lordship, who is still in favor of abolishing all restrictions on the retirement with extra annuity of Officers of the late Indian Artillery, trusts that the Marquis of Hartington will consent to reconsider the point in question, in view to the Lieutenant-Colonels being allowed to retire on annuities with whatever pensions they may be entitled to under Indian regulations.

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Assistant Military Secretary.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 31st October 1884, No. 75551-11.

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 5566-M., and to acquaint you in reply that, after giving full consideration to the question, Lord Hartington is unable to make any further concession with regard to the retirement of Majors of the Royal (late Indian) Artillery than that notified in the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884 (Clause 181, Army Circulars, 1884).

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. T. DELABERE.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 4th February 1885, No. 13692-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to forward herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, copy of a letter† from the Government of India suggesting the withdrawal of the existing restriction on the retirement, with extra annuities, of regimental Colonels of the late Indian Artillery and Engineers.

Though regretting the decision of the Marquis of Hartington to make no further concession with regard to the retirement of the Officers of the late Indian Artillery,‡ the Earl of Kimberley desires, however, to point out that the conditions of service of the Officers of the Indian cadres of Engineers differ materially from those of the Officers of Artillery. The Indian Engineers of the senior ranks, except in the rare cases of exchange with Officers at home, serve altogether in India and to a great degree in purely civil positions. Any slight acceleration of their promotion would cause no inconvenience as regards the Officers of the British list, and the charge for their pensions practically falls entirely upon Indian Revenues.

Under these circumstances, His Lordship trusts that the Marquis of Hartington will not withhold his consent to the regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers being permitted to retire with extra annuities without any restriction as to service in their rank, a restriction which is not enforced in the case of their regimental juniors who may have been fortunate enough to obtain early promotion to the grade of General Officer.

I am, &c.,

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

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 19th June 1885, No. 7688-915.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 4th February last, No. 13692-M., and subsequent correspondence, regarding the retirement of Officers of the late Indian Artillery and Engineers, I am directed to inform you that, in consideration of the exceptional position of the

regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers, the Secretary of State for War is willing to allow them to retire upon Indian pension after five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel.

I am also to state that he is prepared to extend to Lieutenant-Colonels of the late Indian Engineers promoted to that rank since the 31st December 1883, the conditions of retirement which were granted to Officers of the late Indian Artillery by the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884 (Clause 181, Army Circulars, 1884).

I am, therefore, to transmit, for the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the enclosed draft of a warrant, which it is proposed to issue, giving effect to these decisions.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. T. DELABERE.

Whereas we deem it expedient to amend the regulations governing the retirement of Officers of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, both as regards regimental Colonels and those Majors who have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883;

Our will and pleasure is that Article 92-III, of Our Warrant of the 10th June 1884, as amended by Our Warrant of the 26th September 1884, be cancelled, and that the following be substituted in lieu thereof:—

92-III. An Officer of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery or Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, who shall retire on a pension under Indian Retiring Regulations after the following full pay service, viz:—

If a General Officer, five years' combined service as regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, regimental Colonel, and Major-General, or five years' combined service as regimental Lieutenant-Colonel and Major-General;

If a regimental Colonel of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, five years' service subsequently to becoming a regimental Colonel;

If a regimental Colonel of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and regimental Lieutenant-Colonel;

If a regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, five years' service in the rank;

If a regimental Major, seven years' service in the rank;

If a Captain, after the age of 38;

may be granted, in addition to such pension, the extra annuity specified in Article 978-XI. A Major of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, or of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, if promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883, may, after completing seven years' service from the date of his promotion to the rank of Major, be granted such extra annuity, in addition to the pension to which he would have been entitled as a Major under Indian Retiring Regulations if he had not been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. This Article shall not apply to an Officer who shall have retired, or shall retire, after the 28th September 1881, on the rates of pension applicable to Officers of Our Indian Staff Corps.

Given at Our Court at
day of
reign.

this
1885, in the 48th year of Our

By Her Majesty's command.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 8th July 1885, No. 4146-M.

Sir,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th June, No. 7688-915, and to acquaint you, in reply, that His Lordship concurs in the draft, forwarded therewith, of a Warrant which the Secretary of State for War proposes to issue giving effect to the decision which has been arrived at to allow regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers to retire upon Indian pension, with extra annuity after five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel; and to extend to Lieutenant-Colonels of the late Indian Engineers promoted to that rank since the 31st December 1883, the conditions of retirement which were granted to Officers of the late Indian Artillery by the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884.

I have, &c.,

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

Retirements. No. 671-A.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

(By Order.)

FORT WILLIAM,
21st November 1885.

(Signed)

A. CROOKSHANK, Col.,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1885, No. 6938.

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

(True Extract.)

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

To the Adjutant-General.

" Controller of Military Accounts.

" Public Works Department, for information.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

Order thereon No. 494 of Aug. 9/86

Communicates to officers
of the Royal (late Madras)
Engineers serving in the P. M. Dept.
(Sij) D. M. C.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

MILITARY.

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

Dated December, 7th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 7th December 1885, No. 6938.

B. No. 494 of Aug. 9. 1886

DECEMBER.
Nos. 53-54.

The Hon. Col. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Col. H. Prendergast R.E.
Col. J. Beatty R.E.
Col. J. Hatched R.E.
Col. M. H. Burton R.E.
Col. C. J. Smith R.E.
Col. H. H. Meade R.E.
Lieut. Col. H. C. Pitt-Rivers R.E.
Col. H. H. Thomson R.E.
Lieut. Col. A. J. Hays R.E.
Lieut. Col. J. Pennington R.E.
Lieut. Col. J. L. Morant R.E.
Major S. C. Clarke R.E.

Retirement.

Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels of Royal Engineers.—Correspondence from Her Majesty's Government intimating that a Royal Warrant has been issued modifying the restrictions, before existing as regards the retirement on pensions of —, with extra annuities, communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief and the Controller of Military Accounts.

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„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Public Works Department, for information.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

Gobt. of {1885} Madras.

MILITARY.

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(Dated December, 7th.)

Issued

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Encl.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1885, No. 6938.
Retirements.

Read the following :—

No. 53. *Military 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, 30th September 1885, No. 257.*

With reference to the Military letter of your Government noted in the margin, I have to inform you that before the receipt of the first-named letter the Earl of Kimberley had already represented to the Military Authorities in this country the desirableness of removing all the restrictions upon the retirement with extra annuities of the Officers of the late Indian Artillery.

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Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 21st May 1884, No. 2648-M.

SIR,

The Secretary of State for India desires me to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, that he has under consideration an application on the part of Major T. W. Roberts, Royal (late Madras) Artillery, to be permitted to retire from the service on the Indian pension and extra annuity to which he will be entitled on the 7th May 1884. It is understood that this Officer will, before that date, have been promoted under the arrangement communicated to you in my letter of the April, and would thus, through the operation of the Royal Warrant of the 23rd June 1882, be debarred from retirement on an extra annuity for a further period of five years.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that through the recent changes made in respect to Officers of the Royal Artillery on the Indian cadres the position of the Officers on those lists who had reasonable expectation of obtaining the extra annuity at an early date has been prejudiced, the Earl of Kimberley considers that it may now be expedient to remove the existing restriction on the attainment of the extra annuities, and to grant the rates specified in Article 978 of the Royal Warrant of the 11th March 1882 without requiring the special terms of service in the several ranks.

I am to request that His Lordship may be favored with the opinion of the Marquis of Hartington on this point.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ALLEN JOHNSON, Major-Genl.,
Military Secretary.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 14th July 1885, No. 75551-8.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for War, to acknowledge the receipt of Major-General Johnson's letter of the 21st May last, 2648-M., proposing a modification of Article 92-III of the Pay Warrant, with a view to meeting the cases of the Majors of the Royal Artillery on the Indian cadres who, in consequence of the arrangement communicated in the India Office letter of the 24th April last, will be debarred from retirement as Majors on an extra annuity under Article 978-XI.

In reply I am to state that Lord Hartington does not consider that it would be desirable entirely to remove, as proposed in Major-General Johnson's letter, the restrictions as to service in the various ranks contained in Article 92-III of the Warrant, as this would unduly stimulate promotion in the Royal Artillery; but that he would suggest, for the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the following addition to the above article, which would enable the Majors in question to retire on the same terms as if their promotion had not been accelerated by the arrangement referred to:—

Insert after the words—"Article 978-XI" in Article 92-III—"A Major of our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, if promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883, may, after completing seven years' service from the date of his promotion to the rank of Major, be granted such extra annuity in addition to the pension to which he would have been entitled as a Major under Indian Retiring Regulations, if he had not been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel."

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ARTHUR D. HAYTER.

Letter to Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 21st Aug. 1884, No. 4259-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14th July 1884, in which the Secretary of State for War agrees to an amendment of Article 92-III of the Pay Warrant of 1882, but desires to restrict the modification of it to those Majors of the Royal (late Indian) Artillery who have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883.

In reply I am to request that the Marquis of Hartington may be moved to cause the proposed amendment to be notified at an early date, as it is desirable the officers concerned should receive intimation of the measures affecting their position as soon as possible.

With respect, however, to the objection raised in your letter under reply, that the removal of the restriction altogether would have the effect of unduly stimulating promotion in the Royal Artillery, I am to point out that in the case of a considerable proportion of those who would be likely to take advantage of the measure no promotion would result from their doing so, as, on the retirement of the senior unemployed Lieutenant-Colonels or of Colonels and Major-Generals, one of the newly-promoted supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonels would be absorbed, no promotion being made in his room.

I am to suggest that, at any rate, the restriction should be removed to the extent of placing regimental Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels with a combined service of five years in those ranks on the footing of General Officers, as laid down in the amended Royal Warrant of the 23rd June 1882, and that no inconvenience need be apprehended from the withdrawal of all restrictions so long as the officer relieving will cause the absorption of a supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel; but I am to state that, meanwhile, the Earl of Kimberley does not wish to retard the notification of the amendment already accepted, which, as above stated, His Lordship considers should be published without delay.

(Signed) EDMUND NEEL,
Assistant Military Secretary.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 25th September 1884, No. 5566-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, with reference to my letter of the 21st August last, No. 4259, and previous correspondence, to inform you that a letter* has been received from the Horse Guards submitting a renewed application from Lieutenant-Colonel T. W. Roberts, R.A., late Madras, for permission to retire from the service.

* Dated 12th September 1884.

Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts, however, applies for the pension of his rank (365*l.* per annum), together with an extra annuity of 210*l.*

To the latter he is entitled under the concession contained in your letter of the 14th July last,* but under the wording of that letter he is precluded from receiving any higher pension than that of a Major (292*l.*) with the annuity.

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In about sixteen months' time, however, Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts would have been entitled to the higher pension even had he remained a Major. It does not appear to the Earl of Kimberley that there would be any advantage in forcing him to remain in the service for that period, and His Lordship, who is still in favor of abolishing all restrictions on the retirement with extra annuity of Officers of the late Indian Artillery, trusts that the Marquis of Hartington will consent to reconsider the point in question, in view to the Lieutenant-Colonels being allowed to retire on annuities with whatever pensions they may be entitled to under Indian regulations.

I have, &c.,

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Assistant Military Secretary.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 31st October 1884, No. 75551-11.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 5566-M., and to acquaint you in reply that, after giving full consideration to the question, Lord Hartington is unable to make any further concession with regard to the retirement of Majors of the Royal (late Indian) Artillery than that notified in the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884 (Clause 181, Army Circulars, 1884).

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. T. DELABERE.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 4th February 1885, No. 13692-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to forward herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, copy of a letter† from the Government of India suggesting the withdrawal of the existing restriction on the retirement, with extra annuities, of regimental Colonels of the late Indian Artillery and Engineers.

Though regretting the decision of the Marquis of Hartington to make no further concession with regard to the retirement of the Officers of the late Indian Artillery,† the Earl of Kimberley desires, however, to point out that the conditions of service of the Officers of the Indian cadres of Engineers differ materially from those of the Officers of Artillery. The Indian Engineers of the senior ranks, except in the rare cases of exchange with Officers at home, serve altogether in India and to a great degree in purely civil positions. Any slight acceleration of their promotion would cause no inconvenience as regards the Officers of the British list, and the charge for their pensions practically falls entirely upon Indian Revenues.

Under these circumstances, His Lordship trusts that the Marquis of Hartington will not withhold his consent to the regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers being permitted to retire with extra annuities without any restriction as to service in their rank, a restriction which is not enforced in the case of their regimental juniors who may have been fortunate enough to obtain early promotion to the grade of General Officer.

I am, &c.,

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

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 19th June 1885, No. 7688-915.

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With reference to your letter of the 4th February last, No. 13692-M., and subsequent correspondence, regarding the retirement of Officers of the late Indian Artillery and Engineers, I am directed to inform you that, in consideration of the exceptional position of the

regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers, the Secretary of State for War is willing to allow them to retire upon Indian pension after five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel.

I am also to state that he is prepared to extend to Lieutenant-Colonels of the late Indian Engineers promoted to that rank since the 31st December 1883, the conditions of retirement which were granted to Officers of the late Indian Artillery by the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884 (Clause 181, Army Circulars, 1884).

I am, therefore, to transmit, for the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the enclosed draft of a warrant, which it is proposed to issue, giving effect to these decisions.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. T. DELABERE.

Whereas we deem it expedient to amend the regulations governing the retirement of Officers of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, both as regards regimental Colonels and those Majors who have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883;

Our will and pleasure is that Article 92-III, of Our Warrant of the 10th June 1884, as amended by Our Warrant of the 26th September 1884, be cancelled, and that the following be substituted in lieu thereof:—

92-III. An Officer of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery or Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, who shall retire on a pension under Indian Retiring Regulations after the following full pay service, viz:—

If a General Officer, five years' combined service as regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, regimental Colonel, and Major-General, or five years' combined service as regimental Lieutenant-Colonel and Major-General;

If a regimental Colonel of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, five years' service subsequently to becoming a regimental Colonel;

If a regimental Colonel of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and regimental Lieutenant-Colonel;

If a regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, five years' service in the rank;

If a regimental Major, seven years' service in the rank;

If a Captain, after the age of 38;

may be granted, in addition to such pension, the extra annuity specified in Article 978-XI. A Major of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, or of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, if promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883, may, after completing seven years' service from the date of his promotion to the rank of Major, be granted such extra annuity, in addition to the pension to which he would have been entitled as a Major under Indian Retiring Regulations if he had not been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. This Article shall not apply to an Officer who shall have retired, or shall retire, after the 28th September 1881, on the rates of pension applicable to Officers of Our Indian Staff Corps.

Given at Our Court at
day of
reign.

this
1885, in the 48th year of Our

By Her Majesty's command.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 8th July 1885, No. 4146-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th June, No. 7688-915, and to acquaint you, in reply, that His Lordship concurs in the draft, forwarded therewith, of a Warrant which the Secretary of State for War proposes to issue giving effect to the decision which has been arrived at to allow regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers to retire upon Indian pension, with extra annuity after five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel; and to extend to Lieutenant-Colonels of the late Indian Engineers promoted to that rank since the 31st December 1883, the conditions of retirement which were granted to Officers of the late Indian Artillery by the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884.

I have, &c.,

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

Retirements.

No. 671-A.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

(By Order.)

FORT WILLIAM,
21st November 1885.

(Signed)

A. CROOKSHANK, Col.,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 54.

ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1885, No. 6938.

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

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

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

To the Adjutant-General.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

„ Public Works Department, for information.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

Govt. of 1885 Madras.

MILITARY.

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

(Dated December, 7th.

Issued

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DECEMBER.
Nos. 53-54.

Retirement.

Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels of Royal Engineers.—Correspondence from Her Majesty's Government intimating that a Royal Warrant has been issued modifying the restrictions, before existing as regards the retirement on pensions of —, with extra annuities, communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief and the Controller of Military Accounts.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1885, No. 6938.

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Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that through the recent changes made in respect to Officers of the Royal Artillery on the Indian cadres the position of the Officers on those lists who had reasonable expectation of obtaining the extra annuity at an early date has been prejudiced, the Earl of Kimberley considers that it may now be expedient to remove the existing restriction on the attainment of the extra annuities, and to grant the rates specified in Article 978 of the Royal Warrant of the 11th March 1882 without requiring the special terms of service in the several ranks.

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With respect, however, to the objection raised in your letter under reply, that the removal of the restriction altogether would have the effect of unduly stimulating promotion in the Royal Artillery, I am to point out that in the case of a considerable proportion of those who would be likely to take advantage of the measure no promotion would result from their doing so, as, on the retirement of the senior unemployed Lieutenant-Colonels or of Colonels and Major-Generals, one of the newly-promoted supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonels would be absorbed, no promotion being made in his room.

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Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 25th September 1884, No. 5566-M.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts, however, applies for the pension of his rank (365*l.* per annum), together with an extra annuity of 210*l.*

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I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. T. DELABERE.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 4th February 1885, No. 13692-M.

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Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 19th June 1885, No. 7688-915.

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No. 671-A.

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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of (1885) Madras.

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The Secretary of State for India desires me to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, that he has under consideration an application on the part of Major T. W. Roberts, Royal (late Madras) Artillery, to be permitted to retire from the service on the Indian pension and extra annuity to which he will be entitled on the 7th May 1884.

It is understood that this Officer will, before that date, have been promoted under the arrangement communicated to you in my letter of the April, and would thus, through the operation of the Royal Warrant of the 23rd June 1882, be debarred from retirement on an extra annuity for a further period of five years.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that through the recent changes made in respect to Officers of the Royal Artillery on the Indian cadres the position of the Officers on those lists who had reasonable expectation of obtaining the extra annuity at an early date has been prejudiced, the Earl of Kimberley considers that it may now be expedient to remove the existing restriction on the attainment of the extra annuities, and to grant the rates specified in Article 978 of the Royal Warrant of the 11th March 1882 without requiring the special terms of service in the several ranks.

I am to request that His Lordship may be favored with the opinion of the Marquis of Hartington on this point.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ALLEN JOHNSON, Major-Genl.,
Military Secretary.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 14th July 1884, No. 75551-8.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for War, to acknowledge the receipt of Major-General Johnson's letter of the 21st May last, 2648-M., proposing a modification of Article 92-III of the Pay Warrant, with a view to meeting the cases of the Majors of the Royal Artillery on the Indian cadres who, in consequence of the arrangement communicated in the India Office letter of the 24th April last, will be debarred from retirement as Majors on an extra annuity under Article 978-XI.

In reply I am to state that Lord Hartington does not consider that it would be desirable entirely to remove, as proposed in Major-General Johnson's letter, the restrictions as to service in the various ranks contained in Article 92-III of the Warrant, as this would unduly stimulate promotion in the Royal Artillery; but that he would suggest, for the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the following addition to the above article, which would enable the Majors in question to retire on the same terms as if their promotion had not been accelerated by the arrangement referred to:—

Insert after the words—"Article 978-XI" in Article 92-III—"A Major of our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, if promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883, may, after completing seven years' service from the date of his promotion to the rank of Major, be granted such extra annuity in addition to the pension to which he would have been entitled as a Major under Indian Retiring Regulations, if he had not been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel."

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ARTHUR D. HAYTER.

Letter to Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 21st Aug. 1884, No. 4259-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14th July 1884, in which the Secretary of State for War agrees to an amendment of Article 92-III of the Pay Warrant of 1882, but desires to restrict the modification of it to those Majors of the Royal (late Indian) Artillery who have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883.

In reply I am to request that the Marquis of Hartington may be moved to cause the proposed amendment to be notified at an early date, as it is desirable the officers concerned should receive intimation of the measures affecting their position as soon as possible.

With respect, however, to the objection raised in your letter under reply, that the removal of the restriction altogether would have the effect of unduly stimulating promotion in the Royal Artillery, I am to point out that in the case of a considerable proportion of those who would be likely to take advantage of the measure no promotion would result from their doing so, as, on the retirement of the senior unemployed Lieutenant-Colonels or of Colonels and Major-Generals, one of the newly-promoted supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonels would be absorbed, no promotion being made in his room.

I am to suggest that, at any rate, the restriction should be removed to the extent of placing regimental Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels with a combined service of five years in those ranks on the footing of General Officers, as laid down in the amended Royal Warrant of the 23rd June 1882, and that no inconvenience need be apprehended from the withdrawal of all restrictions so long as the officer relieving will cause the absorption of a supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel; but I am to state that, meanwhile, the Earl of Kimberley does not wish to retard the notification of the amendment already accepted, which, as above stated, His Lordship considers should be published without delay.

(Signed) EDMUND NEEL,
Assistant Military Secretary.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 25th September 1884, No. 5566-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, with reference to my letter of the 21st August last, No. 4259, and previous correspondence, to inform you that a letter *

* Dated 12th September 1884.

has been received from the Horse Guards submitting a renewed application from Lieutenant-Colonel T. W. Roberts, R.A., late Madras, for permission to retire from the service.

Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts, however, applies for the pension of his rank (365*l.* per annum), together with an extra annuity of 210*l.*

To the latter he is entitled under the concession contained in your letter of the 14th July last,* but under the wording of that letter he is precluded from receiving any higher pension than that of a Major (292*l.*) with the annuity.

* No. 75551-8.

In about sixteen months' time, however, Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts would have been entitled to the higher pension even had he remained a Major. It does not appear to the Earl of Kimberley that there would be any advantage in forcing him to remain in the service for that period, and His Lordship, who is still in favor of abolishing all restrictions on the retirement with extra annuity of Officers of the late Indian Artillery, trusts that the Marquis of Hartington will consent to reconsider the point in question, in view to the Lieutenant-Colonels being allowed to retire on annuities with whatever pensions they may be entitled to under Indian regulations.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) EDMUND NEEL,
Assistant Military Secretary.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 31st October 1884, No. 75551-11.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 5566-M., and to acquaint you in reply that, after giving full consideration to the question, Lord Hartington is unable to make any further concession with regard to the retirement of Majors of the Royal (late Indian) Artillery than that notified in the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884 (Clause 181, Army Circulars, 1884).

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. T. DELABERE.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 4th February 1885, No. 13692-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to forward herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, copy of a letter† from the Government of India suggesting the withdrawal of the existing restriction on the retirement, with extra annuities, of regimental Colonels of the late Indian Artillery and Engineers.

† No. 234, of 9th December 1884, and enclosures.

Though regretting the decision of the Marquis of Hartington to make no further concession with regard to the retirement of the Officers of the late Indian Artillery,† the Earl of Kimberley desires, however, to point out that the conditions of service of the Officers of the Indian cadres of Engineers differ materially from those of the Officers of Artillery. The Indian Engineers of the senior ranks, except in the rare cases of exchange with Officers at home, serve altogether in India and to a great degree in purely civil positions. Any slight acceleration of their promotion would cause no inconvenience as regards the Officers of the British list, and the charge for their pensions practically falls entirely upon Indian Revenues.

Under these circumstances, His Lordship trusts that the Marquis of Hartington will not withhold his consent to the regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers being permitted to retire with extra annuities without any restriction as to service in their rank, a restriction which is not enforced in the case of their regimental juniors who may have been fortunate enough to obtain early promotion to the grade of General Officer.

I am, &c.,

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

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for India; dated Financial Secretary's Department, War Office, 19th June 1885, No. 7688-915.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 4th February last, No. 13692-M., and subsequent correspondence, regarding the retirement of Officers of the late Indian Artillery and Engineers, I am directed to inform you that, in consideration of the exceptional position of the

regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers, the Secretary of State for War is willing to allow them to retire upon Indian pension after five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel.

I am also to state that he is prepared to extend to Lieutenant-Colonels of the late Indian Engineers promoted to that rank since the 31st December 1883, the conditions of retirement which were granted to Officers of the late Indian Artillery by the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884 (Clause 181, Army Circulars, 1884).

I am, therefore, to transmit, for the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the enclosed draft of a warrant, which it is proposed to issue, giving effect to these decisions.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. T. DELABERE.

Whereas we deem it expedient to amend the regulations governing the retirement of Officers of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, both as regards regimental Colonels and those Majors who have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883;

Our will and pleasure is that Article 92-III, of Our Warrant of the 10th June 1884, as amended by Our Warrant of the 26th September 1884, be cancelled, and that the following be substituted in lieu thereof:—

92-III. An Officer of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery or Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, who shall retire on a pension under Indian Retiring Regulations after the following full pay service, viz. :—

- If a General Officer, five years' combined service as regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, regimental Colonel, and Major-General, or five years' combined service as regimental Lieutenant-Colonel and Major-General;
- If a regimental Colonel of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, five years' service subsequently to becoming a regimental Colonel;
- If a regimental Colonel of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and regimental Lieutenant-Colonel;
- If a regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, five years' service in the rank;
- If a regimental Major, seven years' service in the rank;
- If a Captain, after the age of 38;

may be granted, in addition to such pension, the extra annuity specified in Article 978-XI. A Major of Our Royal (late Indian) Artillery, or of Our Royal (late Indian) Engineers, if promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel since the 31st December 1883, may, after completing seven years' service from the date of his promotion to the rank of Major, be granted such extra annuity, in addition to the pension to which he would have been entitled as a Major under Indian Retiring Regulations if he had not been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. This Article shall not apply to an Officer who shall have retired, or shall retire, after the 28th September 1881, on the rates of pension applicable to Officers of Our Indian Staff Corps.

Given at our Court at this
day of 1885, in the 48th year of Our
reign.

By Her Majesty's command.

Letter to the Under Secretary of State for War; dated India Office, 8th July 1885, No. 4146-M.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th June, No. 7688-915, and to acquaint you, in reply, that His Lordship concurs in the draft, forwarded therewith, of a Warrant which the Secretary of State for War proposes to issue giving effect to the decision which has been arrived at to allow regimental Colonels of the late Indian Engineers to retire upon Indian pension, with extra annuity after five years' combined service as regimental Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel; and to extend to Lieutenant-Colonels of the late Indian Engineers promoted to that rank since the 31st December 1883, the conditions of retirement which were granted to Officers of the late Indian Artillery by the Royal Warrant of the 26th September 1884.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ALLEN JOHNSON, Major-Genl.,
Military Secretary.

No. 671-A.

Retirements.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

(By Order.)

FORT WILLIAM,
21st November 1885.

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

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1885, No. 6938.

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

(True Extract.)

W. H. Herbert Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

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

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To
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DECEMBER.
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Retirements.

Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels of Royal Engineers.—Correspondence from Her Majesty's Government intimating that a Royal Warrant has been issued modifying the restrictions, before existing as regards the retirement on pensions of —, with extra annuities, communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief and the Controller of Military Accounts.

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Budget Estimates.

Reviewing the — of the Marine department for 1886-87.

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