

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

July 1885, No.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Read the following papers:—

No. . From Brigadier-General GODFREY CLERK, Adjutant-General, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 2nd May 1885, No. 114-W.

Referring to Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 2269, dated the 28th ultimo, forwarding a copy of a telegram as per margin from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, India, having reference to the establishment of Royal Engineer Officers, I am now desired to report, for the information of Government, the present requirements as regards Royal Engineer Officers for the Madras Sappers and Miners.

2. As Government is aware there are at present four Companies, Sappers and Miners, under orders for active service, and the following officers have been detailed for duty therewith:—

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| 1. Captain Dorward. | 5. Captain Connor. |
| 2. „ Boddy. | 6. „ Badgley. |
| 3. „ Langley. | 7. „ Speed. |
| 4. „ Attree. | 8. Lieutenant Anderson. |

It will be seen, however, that this will give only two officers per company, whereas the Commander-in-Chief considers, as does the Officer Commanding the corps, that each company should have at least three officers with it on taking the field.

3. It is understood that certain Royal Engineer Officers at present employed under Government could be made available for duty with the Sappers and Miners in the field, but these officers are either all Captains or Field Officers.

The list of officers already detailed for the four companies and given in the preceding paragraph shows that out of the eight officers seven are Captains, and His Excellency considers it very desirable that the other officers told off for duty with these companies should be Royal Engineer Subalterns. I am therefore to request that application may be made, by telegram, to the Government of India for the services of four Royal Engineer Subalterns for duty with the four Companies, Madras Sappers and Miners, under orders for active service in order that each company may have a complement of three officers when proceeding on service.

4. Besides these four Subalterns, two more officers will be required for duty with the companies remaining in the Presidency, that is, one in the place of Major Boileau, should that officer's request to be allowed to return to Bengal be granted (my letter, No. 89-O.W., dated the 24th ultimo), and another for duty at Bangalore, where there would, when the companies under orders for service leave, be only one officer who is Quarter Master, and who would then be Acting Adjutant, and also in charge of two companies and the dépôt company.

To recapitulate, therefore, the requirements are—

Four Royal Engineer Subalterns for duty with the four companies under orders for service.

Two Royal Engineer Officers for duty with the companies remaining in the Presidency.

5. I am further desired to forward copies of telegrams which have passed between this office and the Adjutant-General in India with reference to this question.

No. Telegram to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 6th May 1885, No. 2405.

No. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 6th May 1885, No. 2406.

No. From Colonel G. CHESNEY, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Officiating Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, 2nd July 1885, No. 712-A.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

In reply to your letter, No. 2406, dated the 6th May 1885, recommending that six Royal Engineer Officers may be provided for service with the four companies of Madras Sappers and Miners warned for service, I am directed to say, for the information of the Governor in Council, that if these companies have to take the field, Her Majesty's Government will be asked to send out some more Subalterns of Royal Engineers, but at present none are available, and while the companies remain in quarters, one officer per company should suffice. Further, that it was never intended that Captains of Royal Engineers should serve with the Sappers, except as commanding companies or on the staff, and that the surplus Captains should be drafted off as soon as possible to duties more appropriate for officers of that rank than the subordinate ones they are now fulfilling.

No. ORDER THEREON, July 1885, No.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Government of India be communicated for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and for guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Adjutant-General.
„ Public Works Department.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

No. 1757 W of 29 July 1885

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Govt. of [1885] Madras.

MILITARY.

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

Dated July, .

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G.O., 22 July 1885, No. 3984.

JULY.

No. .

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Madras Sappers and Miners.—Letter from the Government of India relative to the appointment of Royal Engineer Officers to the —, communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

With order

26TH MARCH 1885, No. 755 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following letter from Colonel W. S. TREVOR, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 19th March 1885, No. 428 G. :—

I am directed to reply to the general question raised in your letter No. 89 W., dated 10th January, to which attention is drawn in your later letter No. 539 W., dated 7th instant, regarding the power of the Government of Madras to appoint to the Public Works Department officers of Royal Engineer without reference to the Government of India.

2. I am to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the Secretary of State has limited the recruitment of the engineering establishment to 30 annually, viz. :—

From the corps of Royal Engineer	...	...	...	...	...	6
From Cooper's Hill	...	...	...	...	...	15
From Indian Civil Engineering Colleges	...	...	...	...	...	9

It is therefore impracticable to allow the Governments of Madras and Bombay to appoint officers of Royal Engineers without restriction.

3. The whole question, however, of the strength of Royal Engineers in India, and their distribution, is now under consideration, and the wishes of the Madras Government for liberty of action, within certain prescribed limits, will be borne in mind.

4. Meanwhile, no appointments of Royal Engineer officers to the engineering establishment can be made either in Madras or Bombay without reference to the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 26th March 1885, No. 755 W., Public Works.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., W.P.D.

To the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Military Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.
Spare Copies

GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1885) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 26th.

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Encl.

G.O., 26th March 1885, No. 755 W.

MARCH.

Royal Engineer Officers

Letter from the Government of India stating that the question of the strength of — in India is under consideration, and that no appointments can be made without reference to the Government of India, recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

7th September 1885, No. 4911
Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Read the following :—

No. 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, 23rd July 1885, No. 189.

In the 2nd para. of your Military letter, dated 17th March 1885, No. 39, you observe that, as far as you can understand, India is paying for a considerable number of Engineer officers who are not employed by the Indian Government. You state that the nominal establishment for India is nine battalions, and the Home establishment eight, but that the number of officers is, and has been for some years, much below nine battalions, and the number at home in excess of eight. You add that the English estimates do not admit charges for more than eight battalions, and you accordingly conclude that India must be paying for the surplus.

2. In your more recent letter, No. 61, you recur to the subject, and say you are under the impression that all the Engineer officers serving out of India who are in excess of the Home establishment of eight battalions are being paid for by India; and, if such be the case, you ask that the arrangement may now be put a stop to, and that all officers properly belonging to the Indian establishment may be sent out to India as quickly as possible.

3. With reference to the above, I desire to make the following observations.

4. The strength of the Corps of Royal Engineers, exclusive of Colonels, Commandant and General Officers, stood, on 1st April 1885, as under—

Cadre.	Colonels.	Lieutenant-Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.
British	18	62	129	245	244
Bengal	4	24	29	...	...
Madras	3	15	7	...	...
Bombay	3	13	12	...	...
Total	28	114	177	245	244=808

Of the above 244 Lieutenants, 61 were under instruction at the School of Military Engineering. The charges for their pay and instruction are divided between India and England, and they must not therefore all be reckoned as belonging to

the British establishment. In the following statement of the numbers serving on both establishments on 1st April 1885 they are omitted:—

	Colonels.	Lieutenant-Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.
On Indian establishment ...	10	53	82	119	64=328
Balance on British establishment.	18	61	95	126	119=419

5. In your calculations you do not appear to take into consideration the subalterns under instruction at Chatham. Of these fully half should be reckoned as belonging to the Indian establishment, and if this proportion (thirty) be added to the number of all ranks (328) as shown above, a total is obtained of 358, equal

* At forty-seven officers per battalion. to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ battalions,* a number not very much below that (376) of the eight battalions, which in your Military letter No. 100 of 1882 (paras. 26—28) you expressed the opinion that the Indian establishment should in future consist of.

6. In regard to your impression that India is paying for all the officers serving on the Home establishment in excess of its nominal strength of eight battalions (376), it will be perceived from the statement in the margin † that the British establishment is in excess by seventy-four. Notwithstanding this excess it will, however, be found that, owing to circumstances, no corresponding charge is being incurred by India.

7. The reduction of the number of Engineer officers serving in India took place some five years ago at the urgent request of your Government, and the War Office at the time stated their intention of charging India with the pay of such officers as should, after 1st April 1880, be thrown on their hands in excess of their own establishment. Claims were accordingly advanced for the years 1880-81 and 1881-82, and were taken into consideration by Lord Northbrook's Commission in assessing the amounts payable by India on account of Army effective charges for those years. These claims were not large in amount. No further claims have been advanced, and it seems improbable that any of importance will arise, for the reason that from one cause or another the War Office have, since 1881-82, had employment for all the Engineer officers they have been able to obtain. They have found work not only for all officers not actually serving on the Indian establishment, but they have been driven to borrow officers on the Indian establishment who happened to be at home on furlough. Your fears that India may be paying for a large number of officers serving on the British establishment in excess of its nominal strength are consequently not likely to be realized. Neither is it probable that in respect of the last three years the payments to the War Office will exceed the charges for the proportion of subalterns under instruction, and for the officers constituting the Indian establishment of the dépôt at Chatham.

8. I have to add that the War Office will be requested to replace at the disposal of the Indian Government the services of the officers they have borrowed as soon as the exigencies of the service permit.

No. 1143-A.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

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

(By Order.)

SIMLA,
17th August 1885.

(Signed) T. DEANE,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. ORDER THEREON, September 1885, No. 491.

Communicated for the information of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, the Public Works Department, and the Controller of Military Accounts.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Adjutant-General.

„ Public Works Department.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No. 2136 W of 12th Sept/85

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Govt. of (1885) Madras.
MILITARY.

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



Dated September,

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G.O., 7th September 1885, No. 4911

No. 2136 W of 12th Sept/85

SEPTEMBER.
Nos.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Observations of Her Majesty's Government on the subject of the deficiency of Royal Engineer officers on the Indian establishment, communicated to departments concerned.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

16th March 1886, No. 1718.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Read the following papers:—

No. 203. From Brigadier-General W. K. ELLES, C.B., I.D.C., Adjutant-General, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 7th January 1886, No. 58-O. (Miscellaneous).

I have the honor, by desire of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to forward herewith a letter from the Commandant, No. 561, dated 30th December 1885. "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, having reference to the proposed arrangements, &c., in consequence of the re-organization of that corps agreeably to the instructions laid down in India Army Circular, Clause 174, December 1885.

2. Major-General Rowlands has approved of the appointments as also of the numbering and lettering of the companies as proposed by the Commandant in para. 2 of his letter, and he has been so informed.

3. The retention for one year of the old together with the new titles of the companies has also been approved, but instead of being shown as suggested by Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton in the following manner:—

B	C	1
A	B	G

it has been decided to show them thus—

(No. 2, late B) (No. 3, late C) (B, late H).

4. With regard to paras. 3, 4 and 5 of the same letter, I am to request the early orders of Government thereon.

5. It will be seen from the accompanying table of appointments that there are permanent vacancies for one Company Commander and five Company Officers.

The officers named in the margin are at present attached to the "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners and are serving with companies with the Burma Expeditionary Force.

Captain Dorward, R.E.
Lieutenant Barnet, "
" Stewart, "
" Learoyd, "
" Beevor, "
" Renny-Tailyour, R.E.

If it is not the intention of Government to withdraw these officers, they will be appointed to the existing vacancies; but, should it be otherwise, I am to

request that early steps may be taken to complete the establishment of British Officers with the Sappers and Miners.

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. F. HAMILTON, R.E., Commandant, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, to the Adjutant-General; dated Bangalore, 30th December 1885, No. 561. (Through the Officer Commanding, Bangalore Division; dated Bangalore, 2nd January 1886, No. 1267-D.)

With reference to Army Circular, India, 16th December 1885, I have the honor to forward, for the sanction of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, a list of the appointments made in accordance therewith. I also forward, for sanction, a list of officiating appointments necessitated by the absence of most of my officers in Burma.

2. Referring to para. 3 of the Circular, I propose, with the sanction of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, numbering and lettering the companies as follows :—

Present letter.	New letter or number.
A	A
B	2
C	3
D	4
E	5
F	6
G	1
H	B
I	Broken up and merged in other companies.
K	

The "A" Company exists as it should be at present; the "H" has for some time past been prepared to become the Depot Company; the remaining companies are at the present time and have been since the formation of the corps known to all the Native ranks by their numbers; i.e., the present "C" is known as the 3rd Company, the "F" as the 6th, &c.; it will therefore cause less dislocation of ideas and confusion if I be allowed to call the present G Company No. 1 and allow the remaining five companies to retain the numbers by which they have been so long known. I would request permission to retain the old as well as the new title * for one year as I think thereby much confusion would be obviated.

* e.g.—
 $\frac{B}{H}$, $\frac{2}{B}$, $\frac{1}{G}$ &c.

3. With reference to para. 6, I request that you will be good enough to inform me whether the provisions of G.O., No. 1278, dated 11th March 1885, authorizing an increase of 25 per cent. on account of Suakin are to be taken as an authority for increasing the new "B" Company, or whether the G.O. in question is to be considered as cancelled by the provisions of para. 6.

4. With reference to para. 18, I have to request that you will be good enough to procure for me the regulations for examinations in the Military Works Department.

5. With reference to para. 30, I request that you will inform me if my artificer followers † are to be summarily discharged, or whether I am to keep them on under the provisions of para. 38, keeping my total number of privates by so many under strength and replacing each artificer as he becomes non-effective by a sapper. Owing to the change in organization, I have many supernumerary naigues. I propose, with the sanction of the Commander-in-Chief, to make the total present number of naigues, sappers and artificers equal the total proposed number of naigues and sappers.

† 4 Carpenters.
 9 Smiths.
 10 Hammermen.
 8 Bellows boys.

No. 204. Telegram to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 12th January 1886, No. 272.

No. 205. From Brigadier-General W. K. ELLES, C.B., J.B.C., Adjutant-General, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 20th January 1886, No. 161-O. (Miscellaneous—Appointments).

With reference to my letter, number and date as per margin, I have the honor, by desire of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to say that it is not considered desirable to select Captain Dorward, R.E., for any appointment with the "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, as he would, by para. 11 of India Army Circular, dated the 11th December 1885, supersede Captain and Brevet Major Wilkieson in the appointment of Second in Command—a post for which Major Wilkieson, from his long service and intimate acquaintance with that corps, is specially suited.

No. 206. Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, Madras; dated 23rd January 1886, No. 227-A.B.

Your 272, of 12th. Temporary retention of five Royal Engineer Subalterns named for duty with Madras Sappers during continuance of field operations sanctioned, but their permanent transfer inadmissible, as proportion of Subalterns in this Presidency is already too small.

No. 207.

No. 583.

Copy furnished for the information of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, with reference to para. 5 of the Adjutant-General's letter, No. 58-O. (Miscellaneous), dated 7th January 1886.

2. The Government of India will now be addressed in regard to the paucity of Royal Engineer Officers with the Sappers and Miners under the new organization.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
 26th January 1886.

(Signed)

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

To the Adjutant-General.

No. 208. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 26th January 1886, No. 584.

No. 209. From Brigadier-General W. K. ELLES, C.B., J.B.C., Adjutant-General, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 16th February 1886, No. 365-O. (Officers).

With reference to para. 2 of Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 583, dated the 26th January 1886, and in continuation of my letter, number and date as per margin, I am desired to bring to the notice of Government that an additional vacancy for a Company Commander will shortly occur by the transfer to Imperial duty of Captain Attree, R.E., who has applied for this transfer.

2. Captain Attree's application has, however, been held in abeyance as there is no officer at present available to relieve him at Suakin.

3. I am therefore to request that, in representing the paucity of officers of the Royal Engineers with the "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, it may be stated to the Government of India that there are permanent vacancies for two Company Commanders and five Company Officers.

No. 210. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 18th February 1886, No. 1079.

No. 211. From Col. A. CROOKSHANK, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieut.-Colonel A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Fort William, 4th March 1886, No. 578-A.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters quoted in the margin, in which the services of additional Royal Engineer Officers are asked for in order to complete the establishment of the Madras Sappers and Miners.

No. 584, dated the 26th January 1886.
 „ 1079, „ the 18th February 1886.

2. In reply I am to say, for the information of the Governor in Council, that there are no officers of Royal Engineers in the Bengal Presidency available for transfer to Madras. Reference has been made to the Secretary of State; but there is no immediate prospect of the strength of the Royal Engineers in this country being reinforced from England.

No. 212. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1886, No. 1718.

Ordered that the letter from the Government of India above recorded be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. Separate orders will be passed on para. 4 of the Adjutant-General's letter, No. 58-O. (Miscellaneous), dated 7th January 1886.

(True Extract.)

A. Kenney-Herbert

Lt.-Col.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
 „ Controller of Military Accounts.
 „ Public Works Department. 10 ofc.

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To THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
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MARCH.

Nos. 203-212.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Madras Sappers and Miners.—Intimation from the Government of India that there are no officers of Royal Engineers in the Bengal Presidency available for transfer to Madras to complete the establishment of the —.

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