



From Major-General Sir T. D. BAKER, K.C.B., J.D.C., for Commander-in-Chief in India, to the Adjutant-General to the Forces, Horse Guards; dated Simla, 25th October 1886.

I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, a copy of a letter from Captain T. Digby, R.E., relative to the Royal Warrant for securing the continuous service in India of officers of Royal Engineers of the Imperial List, and of the reply\* conveying the views of the Government of India with regard to the question asked by that officer.

\* Military Department letter No. 1451-AS, dated 8th October 1886.

2. In view of the heavy pecuniary loss to the regimental mess and band funds that the extension of the system applicable to officers of the late Indian cadres to officers of the Imperial List who may elect for continuous Indian service would entail, and of the fact that the latter officers will still form a part of the Royal Corps, I am inclined to the opinion that no alteration should be made in the regulations at present in force.

No. 250-C.

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

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(By Order.)

FORT WILLIAM,  
31st January 1887.

(Signed) E. HAY,  
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 148. From G. H. D. WALKER, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Fort William, 22nd January 1887, No. 162-G (General).

The following is forwarded to the Military Department.

From Lieutenant W. R. HILLIARD, R.E., to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department; dated 18th November 1886.

In reply to your letter No. 1078-E, dated 4th instant, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your No. 997-E, and to express regret that reply was not made sooner; the delay was due to my not being able to refer to the letter in question. As I shall not have completed four years' service in India until January 1887, under para. 1 of the Royal Warrant, I am not obliged to elect until then.

2. I would venture to take this opportunity of inquiring if the two following points have been raised or already decided:—

- (a) Will an officer electing for Indian service, either in a civil or military appointment, be entitled to a passage to and from England in one of Her Majesty's troopships when proceeding on furlough.
- (b) Will he be allowed to join the Civil Engineers' Provident Fund, if serving in a civil department, and therefore subject to civil rules.

No. 1241-E (Establishments).

The foregoing is submitted to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, for disposal.

CALCUTTA,  
18th December 1886.

(Signed) A. G. BEGBIE, Major, R.E.,  
Offg. Accountant-General, P.W.D.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department; dated 22nd January 1887, No. 161-G.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 1241-E, dated 18th December 1886, forwarding a letter from Lieutenant W. R. Hilliard, R.E., inquiring—

- (1) Whether an officer of Royal Engineers electing for continuous Indian service, either in a civil or military appointment, will be entitled to a passage to and from England in one of Her Majesty's troopships when proceeding on and returning from furlough; and
- (2) Whether an officer of Royal Engineers, who elects for continuous Indian service, will be eligible to join the Civil Engineers' Provident Fund.

2. As regards (1), I am to state that officers of Royal Engineers, who have elected or who may hereafter elect for continuous Indian service either in a civil or military appointment, as referred to in Articles 835 to 837 of the Army Regulations, India, Vol. I, Part I, will be eligible only for non-regulation passages in troopships under para. 253 of the Transport Regulations, Part I. Subaltern officers are, however, not disqualified by their election for continuous Indian service from passage at public expense or passage-money on proceeding to England on medical certificate.

3. In respect to (2), I am to state that officers of Royal Engineers are not eligible to join the Civil Engineers' Provident Fund.

No. 263-C.

Engineers.

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

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(By Order.)

FORT WILLIAM,  
1st February 1887.

(Signed) E. HAY,  
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1887, No. 845.

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Public Works Department, and the Controller of Military Accounts.

(True Extract.)

*Alfred Kenney Herbert E.* Lt.-Col.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

„ Public Works Department.  
„ Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To  
 THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,  
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Engineers.

Royal Warrant.—Decision of Government of India on certain points raised by Royal Engineer Officers in connection with the — for securing the continuous service in India of such officers, communicated to departments concerned.

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