

8- Copy of Circular Memorandum sent
to the Adjutant General in India
containing a ruling by the Government
of India in the Military Department

and Royal Engineer Officers
transmitting to the Secretary to the Government
of Madras Public Works Department
for their consideration and to be
put in force as soon as possible

Communicated to
the officers concerned
in continuation of G.O.
2526 W of 17 August
1888

2526 W of 17/8/88
2766 W of 17/10/87
1511 W of 22/5/88

Done
20/8/88

Fill in before
time.

- Major A. C. Smith R.E.
- Major R. A. E. Drake Brockman R.E.
- Major W. H. Cooper R.E.
- Major C. C. Rawson R.E.
- Major A. Stuart R.E.
- Capt W. L. C. Haddley R.E.
- Capt C. B. Henderson R.E.
- Capt L. Langley R.E.

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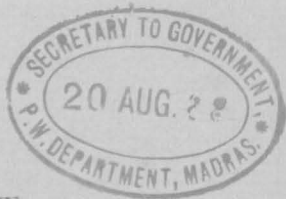
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All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 20304.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.



Simla, the 10th August 1888.

The undermentioned papers are
forwarded to the Secretary to the Government
of Madras, Public Works Department,
in continuation of Public Works Depart-
ment Endorsement No. 18864 of the 27th
July 1888 for favour of delivery to the
officers addressed.

2. It will be noted that the docu-
ment No. 4946 of 22nd October 1886 was
referred to in the subsequent Circular
Memorandum No. 3097 of 19th June 1888
forwarded under Endorsement quoted.

By order,

G. H. Walker

Under Secretary
Document

1571
No. 3345 Waf. 22.5.88.

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By milly Dept. No. 4525 of 5.7.88

By No. 2766 W of 17.10.88

Recd 10.8.88.

No. 2524 W of 17th August 1888

Forwarded ac-
cordingly to the
officers named -

13/8/88
Lt Col. A. C. Smith R.E.
A. R. E. Bate R.E.
Major W. H. Foster R.E.
A. W. Smart R.E.
C. C. Rawson R.E.
Capt. C. Henderson R.E.
L. Langley R.E.
W. L. Chaddley R.E.

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No. 1886 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

Simla, the 27th July 1888.

*The undermentioned papers, received
from the Adjutant General in India,
are forwarded to the Government of
Madras for delivery to the officers
addressed.*

By order,

G. H. Walker

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

Documents referred to

*Adjutant General's Circular Memorandum
No. 3097 C. dated 19th June 1888 communicating
a decision of Government on the employ-
ment and promotion of Majors of Royal
Engineers who have elected for continuous
service in India.*

Govt. of (1888) Madras,
MILITARY.

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

Dated July,

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 5 July 1888, No. 4525

JULY.

Nos.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

*Majors of Royal Engineers.—Observations of
the Government of India on certain questions
submitted as to the employment and promotion
of — who have elected for continuous service in
India, communicated to His Excellency the
Commander-in-Chief for favor of necessary
action.*

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should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 1886 G.

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GENERAL.

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By order,

G. H. Walker

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India

Documents referred to

Adjutant General's Circular Memorandum

N. 3097 C. dated 19th June 1888 communicating a decision of Government on the employment and promotion of Majors of Royal Engineers who have elected for continuous service in India.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 17TH MAY 1888, No. 3315.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Appointments.

Read the following paper:—

No. 218. From Major A. D. ANDERSON, Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, the 2nd May 1888, No. 996-A.

Promotions.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State approving of certain appointments which shall in future carry the rank of Colonel under the Royal Warrant of the 15th November 1887, and to request that the officers named in the margin, who were appointed Assistant Adjutant-Generals on the Madras establishment since the issue of the Royal Warrant of the 31st December 1886, and whose rank did not render them eligible to hold such appointments under the terms of the warrant, may be informed that their appointments are "provisional" only, pending the settlement of the general question of the distribution of commands and staff in India.

2. Should it be considered desirable to notify this point in the Gazette, a further communication will be made hereafter.

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, 22nd March 1888, No. 67.

I have received and considered in Council your Military Despatch No. 165 of the 20th September 1887, and your telegram of the 4th October, on the subject of the appointments in India which should carry the rank of Colonel under the terms of the Royal Warrant of the 31st December 1886, now incorporated in the later Warrant of the 15th November 1887.

2. I forward herewith a copy of correspondence* with the War Office on the subject, together with correspondence with the Horse Guards on certain appointments already made in continuation of the correspondence forwarded with my Military Despatch No. 191 of the 4th August 1887.

* From Horse Guards, 16th August 1887.
To " " 21st October 1887.
From " " 25th October 1887, M 10370.
To " " 19th November 1887.
From War Office, 30th November 1887, M 10049.
To War Office, 16th February 1888.
From War Office, 21st March 1888, M 1942.
To " " 21st March 1888.
From Horse Guards, 13th March 1888.

3. With the concurrence of the Secretary of State for War and of His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief, I approve of the

following appointments carrying the rank of Colonel:—

Administrative Staff.

Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.
Deputy do. (Accountant-General).
Do. (1st Deputy Secretary).
Secretary to Government of Madras, Military Department.
Do. Bombay.
Military Secretary to the Viceroy.
Commissary-General-in-Chief.
Commissary-General.

Indy Dept. & that we
have communicated them
by L.O. to S. G., & the Secy.

This is the first case,
so far as I am aware,
in which the A. G. in
India has sent a ruling
for distribution to in-
dividual officers. The
A. G. Madras, in several
previous cases, sent us
for distribution to R. G.
officers, orders on the
subject of continuous
service, - but in
nearly all such cases
we had already
communicated the
G.O. to the officers
concerned.

The ruling now
sent by the A. G.
in India, is contained
in Indy. Dept. Pros.
No 4525-27 5.7.88,
already communicated
to the P. W. D. The
original of this order
is

is here in the Madras
Office, lying over by
order of D. W., until
we receive orders from
G. of S. P. W. Dept., on
the subject of the with-
drawal of the ~~order~~
ruling relating
to compulsory retire-
ment at the age of
50 years. The rest
of the Indy. Pros. relate
to R. G. officers serving
in the Indy. Works
Branch, & D. W.

I thought it unnecessary
to communicate it
to our officers imme-
diately. I put up
a copy of the Indy
Dept. G.O.

Meanwhile, as
the paper sent by
the A. G. in India
is only an extract

SAW Indian No. 1886 C. d/27
July 8th.

The previous record
seems to be at Madras.
It would be as well to
look it up, and see
that copies of all their
rulings are preserved in
our office. This system
of addressing officers
direct is novel and
likely to prove miscon-
venient unless we take
the requisite precautions
to retain copies of all
such communications.
C. Shinde also, I think,
have the rulings on
record in his office, &
unless we send them to
him, he is not likely
to get them.

R.S.

8-VIII. 84

C.A.W.

Civ 7896

Have looked up
the file, & find that
in all such cases, we
have received the rulings
separately either from
L. of J. or the local
mag

from the L. of J. etc.
we may perhaps dis-
tribute it as desired.

If we find at
any time that a
ruling not already
officially communicated
to R. W. D., is sent
for distribution to
individual officers,
we shall of course
take copy of it for
record, & for
communication to
the Secy.

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R.S.
13-VIII. 84

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 17TH MAY 1888, No. 3315.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Appointments.

Read the following paper :—

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Promotions.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State approving of certain appointments which shall in future

No. 67 of the 22nd March 1888.
Major T. Harris, Middlesex Regiment.
Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel G. Simpson,
Madras Staff Corps.

carry the rank of Colonel under the Royal Warrant of the 15th November 1887, and to request that the officers named in the margin, who were appointed Assistant Adjutant-Generals on

the Madras establishment since the issue of the Royal Warrant of the 31st December 1886, and whose rank did not render them eligible to hold such appointments under the terms of the warrant, may be informed that their appointments are "provisional" only, pending the settlement of the general question of the distribution of commands and staff in India.

2. Should it be considered desirable to notify this point in the Gazette, a further communication will be made hereafter.

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, 22nd March 1888, No. 67.

I have received and considered in Council your Military Despatch No. 165 of the 20th September 1887, and your telegram of the 4th

Appointments in India to carry the rank of Colonel.
M 1942.

October, on the subject of the appointments in India which should carry the rank of Colonel under the terms of the Royal Warrant of the 15th November 1887.

2. I forward herewith a copy of correspondence * with the War Office on the subject, together with correspondence with the Horse

* From Horse Guards, 16th August 1887.
To " " 21st October 1887.
From " " 28th October 1887, M 10370.
To " " 19th November 1887.
From " " 30th November 1887, M 10049.
To War Office, 16th February 1888.
From War Office, 21st March 1888, M 1942.
To " " 21st March 1888, M 1942.
From Horse Guards, 13th March 1888.

Guards on certain appointments already made in continuation of the correspondence forwarded with my Military Despatch No. 191 of the 4th August 1887.

3. With the concurrence of the Secretary of State for War and of His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief, I approve of the

following appointments carrying the rank of Colonel :—

Administrative Staff.

Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.
do. (Accountant-General).
Deputy do. (1st Deputy Secretary).
Secretary to Government of Madras, Military Department.
do. Bombay.
Military Secretary to the Viceroy.
Commissary-General-in-Chief.
Commissary-General.

Army Staff.

Deputy Adjutant-General.
 Assistant do. at Army Head-quarters.
 Do. Musketry, Bengal.
 Deputy Quarter Master General.
 Assistant Quarter Master General at Army Head-quarters.
 Deputy do. Intelligence Branch.
 Assistant do.
 Judge Advocate-General.
 Director of Military Education.
 Colonels on Staff Commanding Stations.
 Military Secretary to Commander-in-Chief in India.

Royal Artillery.

Director-General of Ordnance.
 Deputy do.
 Inspector-General of Ordnance.
 Deputy do.
 Inspector-General of Royal Artillery in India.
 Assistant Adjutant-General, Royal Artillery.
 Colonel on the Staff, Royal Artillery.

Royal Engineers.

Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department.
 Chief Engineer,
 Superintending Engineer, } 14 of these in all.
 Appointment ranking as such,
 Surveyor-General of India.
 Deputy do.

4. With the concurrence of Mr. Secretary Stanhope and of His Royal Highness, I also approve of your suggestion that, for appointments in India to be held for officers of the British Army, all officers, wherever serving, shall be considered eligible, provided they are duly qualified for Indian staff service.

5. With regard to "supplementary selection," it does not appear to be necessary to lay down any definite rule at present, as all Lieutenant-Colonels who attained that rank before the 1st January 1887 will be promoted under the rules in force prior to that date. I do not understand why your Government propose that not less than four years' service should be required as a qualification for promotion instead of the three years required under the existing regulations. You suggest that you should be permitted under this head to recommend any distinguished officer in civil or political employ, but I would remind your Government that, under existing rules, officers in civil employ (except officers of rank taken for high political or civil employment), after ten years' absence from military duty, are removed from the effective list and placed on a supernumerary list, rising thereon to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, but to no higher rank. If, under the old system, when mere existence generally qualify an officer for the rank of Colonel, it was thought necessary to debar officers in civil employ from attaining that rank, still more ought they now to be debarred when more exceptional qualification is required for attaining it.

6. You observe that the new system will allow but a contracted field of advancement for the purely Regimental Officers of the Army. The supplementary selection will, however, provide for such advancement when it may be deemed advisable.

7. You observe also "that it appears to increase the value of the brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in a disproportionate manner, considering that brevets may be obtained in the field under conditions which may not always point to the officer being of particular merit, distinction or ability." It seems to me, however, that the opposite is actually the case. Under the old system a brevet Lieutenant-Colonel was promoted to Colonel after four years' service, with the former rank, in almost any appointment, whereas now he cannot be promoted unless specially selected, which he hardly could be if deficient in merit and ability.

8. Your greatest objection of all to the new system is that it will prevent the selection of young and active officers for staff appointments in India, more especially for the appointments of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quarter Master General. This difficulty will, however, be almost entirely met by the change in designation of these appointments, in connection with the scheme for the commands and staff in India, which I now have under my consideration.

HORSE GUARDS, WAR OFFICE,
 16th August 1887.

SIR,

With reference to previous correspondence noted in the margin on the subject of the selection of certain officers to the positions of Assistant Adjutant-General and of Assistant Quarter Master General in India, whose rank did not, under the terms of the Royal Warrant of 31st December 1886, render them eligible to hold such appointments, I am now directed by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to inform you that a further return has been received from the Commander-in-Chief in India stating that the undermentioned officers have also been selected for such positions, and to request that you will be good enough to convey to the Secretary of State for India in Council the expression of His Royal Highness' hope that no effect be given to these nominations until the question has been definitely settled, as they are entirely outside the scope and intention of the Royal Warrant above referred to—

Letters to India Office of—
 29th April 1887.
 12th May 1887.
 19th May 1887.
 30th June 1887.
 18th July 1887.

Major H. M. E. Brunner, Scottish Rifles.
 Captain E. E. Money, Bengal Staff Corps.
 Major T. Harris, Middlesex Regiment.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. B. HARMAN.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

HORSE GUARDS, WAR OFFICE,
 21st October 1887.

SIR,

With reference to previous correspondence noted in the margin on the subject of the selection of certain officers to the position of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quarter Master General in India, whose rank did not, under the terms of the Royal Warrant of 31st December 1886, render them eligible to hold such appointments, I am now directed by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to inform you that a further return has been received from the Commander-in-Chief in India stating that Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel G. Simpson, Madras Staff Corps, has been selected for the position of Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras, and to request that you will be good enough to convey to the Secretary of State for India in Council the expression of His Royal Highness' hope that no effect be given to this nomination until the question has been definitely settled, as it is entirely outside the scope and intention of the Royal Warrant above referred to.

Letters to India Office—
 29th April 1887.
 12th May 1887.
 19th May 1887.
 30th June 1887.
 18th July 1887.
 16th August 1887.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. B. HARMAN.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

M 10370/87.

INDIA OFFICE,
 28th October 1887.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st October, and to acquaint you that a communication has been received from the Government of India on the subject of the appointments to carry the rank of Colonel which is now under consideration.

2. Meanwhile the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Simpson, referred to in your present letter and those of Majors Brunner and Harris and Captain Money, referred to in your previous letter of the 16th August, have not been notified in the *London Gazette*.

3. In their Despatch the Government of India suggest that, until the list of Indian appointments has been formally approved, appointments to the staff in that country should continue to be made under former regulations. Any other arrangement they think would be embarrassing and inconvenient.

4. Viscount Cross would be glad to be furnished with the opinions of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief and of Mr. Stanhope on this point. The list of appointments carrying the rank of Colonel is not actually incorporated in the Royal Warrant, but is contained in a subsidiary regulation which can be more easily modified. In His Lordship's opinion it might be possible to delay the operation of this regulation to some extent as regards India.

I have, &c.,

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

The Military Secretary, Horse Guards, War Office.

No. 57514/1836.

HORSE GUARDS, WAR OFFICE,
19th November 1887.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, on the subject of appointments to the staff in India which are to carry the rank of Colonel, I am directed by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to request you will be good enough to inform the Secretary of State for India in Council that His Royal Highness, having fully considered the subject in question, is of opinion that all appointments to the staff in India, which it is proposed should carry the rank of substantive Colonel in the Army, made since the issue of the Royal Warrant of 31st December last, and any that may be made pending the settlement of this question, should be announced as "provisional" only, and should be subject to any modification it may be necessary to make hereafter.

The appointments involved at present are—

- Major P. D. Jeffreys, Connaught Rangers, to be Assistant Adjutant-General, Bengal.
- Major H. A. Sawyer, B.S.C., to be Assistant Quarter Master General (Intelligence Branch), Bengal.
- Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Clerk, H. M. I. M. F., to be Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras.
- Major H. M. E. Brunner, Scottish Rifles, to be Assistant Adjutant-General, Bengal.
- Captain E. E. Money, B.S.C., to be Assistant Quarter Master General, Bengal.
- Major T. Harris, Middlesex Regiment, to be Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras.
- Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel G. Simpson, M.S.C., to be Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras.

I am to add that Mr. Secretary Stanhope fully concurs in the above view.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. B. HARMAN.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

M 10049/87.

INDIA OFFICE,
30th November 1887.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, with reference to my letter to the Horse Guards of the 28th October last, M 10370, to forward herewith, for such remarks as Mr. Secretary Stanhope and His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief may desire to offer, copy of a Despatch from the Government of India, with its enclosures, on the subject of the application to India of the Royal Warrant of the 31st December 1886, as far as regards promotion to the rank of Colonel in the Army.

2. The Government of India arrange the appointments, which, in their opinion, should carry the rank of Colonel under four heads. The first of these is "Administrative Staff." Viscount Cross proposes that appointments included under this head should carry the rank.

3. His Lordship would also approve of the appointments placed under the head of "Army Staff," except as regards the command of the Central India Horse. This force consists of two regiments, and is commanded by an officer who combines political employment with his military duties.

4. By a telegram received since the date of their Despatch, the Government of India have requested that the appointment of Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief in India may be added to this list. With this His Lordship would propose to comply.

5. The Government of India have included the appointments of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quarter Master General in the list, acting thus in accordance with instructions

They point out, however, the inconvenience and embarrassment that will be caused by the limitation which the warrant places on the selection of officers for these appointments in India. I am to state that Viscount Cross concurs in the opinion of the Government of India on this point and in that of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as given in the Adjutant-General's letter of the 27th July 1887, No. 5449-A. It appears to His Lordship, however, that the difficulty is not an insuperable one.

6. In a Despatch recently received from the Government of India, which is now under His Lordship's consideration, a scheme is submitted for the revision of the commands and staff in that country. It proposes that the use of the terms "Division" and "Brigade" shall be abandoned, the Armies of the three Presidencies being for the future divided into "Districts," and it is also proposed that the Adjutant-General's and Quarter Master General's Departments in these districts shall be amalgamated. In making these proposals the Government of India call attention to the inconvenience in use of the terms "Assistant Adjutant and Quarter Master General" and "Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter Master General," and suggest a simpler nomenclature.

7. Viscount Cross, adopting this suggestion, proposes to designate these officers "District Staff Officer, 1st Class," and "District Staff Officer, 2nd Class," respectively. The appointment of District Staff Officer, 1st Class, need not be included in the list of appointments carrying the rank of Colonel, the difficulty would be got rid of, and the local Government would be able as heretofore, to appoint young and active officers to perform the duties required. The appointments of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quarter Master General at Army Head-quarters would remain, and these appointments would carry the rank of Colonel.

8. The third head is that of "Royal Artillery." Viscount Cross would approve of the appointments therein enumerated, except those of "Superintendent of Factories" and "Ordnance Officer, 1st Class." The Royal Artillery not being divided into two distinct bodies, one serving in India and the other out of India, it does not appear to His Lordship to be necessary to arrange the matter, as proposed by the Government of India, so that the number of qualifying appointments in and out of India shall be in proportion to the number of officers serving in and out of India respectively. Moreover, the inclusion of the two appointments named would give an excessive number of Colonels to the Indian Ordnance Department.

9. The case of the Royal Engineers who come under the last head of arrangement is different. This corps is divided into two, more or less distinct, bodies. In this instance it does then become necessary to consider the proportion borne by the Indian establishment to the number of officers to be employed out of India. This is almost exactly four to five, and therefore, assuming the number of Colonels for service out of India to be 15, the number for India should be 12. It will be some years yet before the old system of promotion will be entirely superseded by the new, and it is difficult to say at present whether it will be necessary or not to grant the rank of Colonel to any officer holding the appointment of "Superintending Engineer." Meanwhile it does not appear to Viscount Cross to be necessary to include this appointment in the list of those to carry the rank of Colonel. His Lordship would approve of the other appointments named by the Government of India.

10. With regard to the mode of "supplementary selection" which will have to be devised for the purpose of giving to the Indian Staff Corps its due proportion of Colonels, I am to state that Viscount Cross does not propose at present to lay down any rule beyond requiring that an officer shall have completed three years' satisfactory service in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the terms of the Warrant. Clause (c) of Article 12 of the Warrant is a distinct clause under which the three years' service is not required, and in Viscount Cross' opinion its operation should not be mixed up with that of Clause (a) of the same Article. His Lordship does not concur in the proposal of the Government of India that they should be permitted under this head to recommend any distinguished officer in civil or political employ, except in instances where senior officers are specially selected for temporary employment in such capacities.

11. His Lordship concurs in the suggestion that, for appointments in India to be held by officers of the British Army, all officers, wherever serving, shall be considered eligible, provided they are duly qualified for Indian staff service.

12. The last paragraph but one of the Despatch from India seems to be based on a misunderstanding of a letter from the Horse Guards of the 30th June last. Viscount Cross understands that the words "rank of Colonel" in the letter refer to the substantive and not to the local and temporary rank.

I have, &c.,

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

The Under Secretary of State for War.

No. 57514/1846.

WAR OFFICE,
16th February 1888.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th November last, M 10049, giving cover to copy of a Despatch from the Government of India, with its enclosures, on the subject of the application to India of the Royal Warrant of 31st December 1886 (reproduced in that of the 15th November 1887) as far as regards promotion to the rank of Colonel in the Army.

2. Since the receipt of the correspondence in question, the subject has been under the consideration of His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief and the Military authorities in this department, and I have now to communicate to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, the conclusions arrived at on the various points therein discussed.

3. For more easy reference I propose to remark on the different points, paragraph by paragraph, as enumerated in your letter under acknowledgment.

4. Para 2, Administrative Staff—

Appointments.							
Secretary to Government, India *	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Do. do. Madras *	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Do. do. Bombay *	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Deputy Secretary (Accountant-General)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
First Deputy Secretary in India	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Military Secretary to Viceroy	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Commissary-General-in-Chief	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Commissary-General ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Total							11

* With local rank of Major-General or Brigadier-General.

These appointments are recommended by the Government of India to carry the rank of Colonel, and they meet the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

5. The Secretary of State for War and the Commander-in-Chief have no objection to offer, and consider that they are appointments which should carry the rank.

6. Paras. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11. Army Staff—

Appointments.							
Adjutant-General	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Deputy Adjutant-General	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Assistant Adjutant-General at Army Head-quarters	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Assistant Adjutant-General, Musketry, Bengal	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Quarter Master General	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Deputy Quarter Master General	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Assistant Quarter Master General at Army Head-quarters	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Deputy Quarter Master General, Intelligence Branch	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Assistant Quarter Master General	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Military Secretary to Commander-in-Chief, East Indies	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Judge Advocate-General	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Director of Military Education	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brigadier-Generals	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Colonels on Staff, Commanding Stations	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Total							53

The appointments of Adjutant-General and Quarter Master General in India, Madras, and Bombay, have been included in this list; but looking to the fact that, as in future, the scheme of making appointments carry rank in the Army, and so do away with fixed establishments, is likely to be extended to the General Officer's list, it is probable that these appointments will be considered as appointments to carry the rank of Major-General, or of Brigadier-General, to be held by a Major-General.

7. The question of the Assistant Adjutant-Generals and of the Assistant Quarter Master Generals and the objections raised by the Government of India have been fully considered. The force of the arguments adduced in reference to the exigencies of Indian service are duly appreciated, and it is therefore proposed to concur in the recommendations made, viz., that only those appointments at Army Head-quarters of the different presidencies should carry the substantive rank of Colonel, selections for the posts being made with His Royal Highness' approval from the general list of Colonels or Lieutenant-Colonels of requisite standing, and

having the necessary qualifications for Indian staff service, other appointments to the Adjutant-General's and Quarter Master General's Departments being made as heretofore, but under their new titles of "District Staff Officers, 1st and 2nd Class."

8. This will solve the difficulty that has arisen in regard to the appointments made since the issue of the new Royal Warrant, and which has been the subject of recent correspondence.

9. In order, however, to obviate any difficulty arising as regards the seniority in length of service of officers of the British and Indian Armies, consequent on the regulations which affect their attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, it is considered very advisable that the number of appointments throughout the service which carry rank to be allotted to each service should be clearly defined, and their proportional distribution between the two Armies be made a rule, as is now the case in Division and Brigade Commands.

10. In the opinion of the Secretary of State for War and of the Commander-in-Chief, this point is of considerable importance, and Mr. Stanhope trusts it will meet the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

11. Brigade Commands are, it appears from para. 6, likely to undergo certain revisions, and although they are included, as they now exist, in the above list of Colonels' appointments, it is probable that, under the circumstances stated above regarding the establishment of General Officers, new arrangements will have to be made in regard to their tenure, and on this point a separate communication will be submitted for the consideration of the Secretary of State for India in Council. Meanwhile it is not considered desirable that any decision should be arrived at in regard to the suggestion by the Government of India that the temporary command of brigades should carry the rank of Colonel.

12. The point also raised by the Adjutant-General in India in his letter of the 27th July 1887, in regard to the officiating appointments held by officers during the period of absence, on leave or other causes, of the permanent holders, and the possibility of a permanent vacancy arising, has been considered, but the difficulty appears to be met, so far as the Adjutant-General's and Quarter Master General's Departments are concerned, by the arrangement now come to, and officiating appointments would not carry rank.

13. The new appointments of Colonels on the Staff Commanding Stations, referred to by the Government of India in their list, have not yet been officially referred to this department, but a communication was addressed to you on the subject on the 17th October last, No. 57514, 1883, and it is trusted that these appointments, if eventually carried out, should also be distributed between the British and Indian services.

14. The other appointments enumerated under this heading, "Army Staff," are concurred in.

15. Para. 8, Royal Artillery—

Appointments.							
Director-General, Ordnance, India	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Deputy Director-General, Ordnance, India	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inspector-General, Ordnance, India	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Deputy Inspector-General, Ordnance, India	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inspector-General, Royal Artillery, India	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Assistant Adjutant-General, Royal Artillery, India	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Colonels on Staff, Royal Artillery, India	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total							16

These appointments are concurred in.

16. Para. 9, Royal Engineers.

Appointments.							
Secretary to Government, India, Public Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
14 Chief Engineers, or Superintending Engineers, or appointments ranking as such	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Surveyor-General of India	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Deputy Surveyor-General of India	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
* Assistant Adjutant-General for Royal Engineers, Army Head-quarters	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total							18

* Not mentioned, but should be included as an Assistant Adjutant-General at Head-quarters.

The above shows the proposal (except the Assistant Adjutant-General for Royal Engineers) made by the Government of India, but left open for future consideration by the Secretary of State for India in Council.

17. The case of the Royal Engineers differs from that of the Royal Artillery. Officers of Royal Engineers elect for continuous employment in India at an early period of their service, and it is to India alone that they can look for their professional advancement. If there is to be nothing certain for them to look forward to, it is feared that there will be a difficulty in obtaining officers willing to risk their future by accepting continuous service.

18. It seems, therefore, absolutely necessary that a certain number of appointments should be open to them, which would ensure their obtaining the rank of Colonel, and so on to General Officer.

19. The proposal made by the Government of India seems a very reasonable one, and it is hoped that the Secretary of State for India in Council will be able to reconsider his decision in the matter and accept their recommendations.

20. Para. 10, supplementary selection—

The application of Article 12c (now Article 12 of Royal Warrant of 15th November 1887) as a means of providing for any deficiency in the number of Colonels of the Indian Staff Corps as compared with that of Colonels of the British service, is hardly within its scope. The rank granted by it is brevet only, and intended as a reward for service of an exceptional nature, and not on account of a satisfactory performance of duty generally.

21. It is noticed that the Secretary of State for India in Council takes this view also, and only proposes to recommend promotion under this head when senior officers are specially selected for temporary employment in civil or political employ.

22. Probably such circumstances would be rare, but in any case where it might be considered desirable to promote an officer under this Article, it would be necessary that the recommendation should be referred to this country for consideration on its merits in this department.

23. With reference to the last para. (12) of your letter, I am to state that there has been no departure from the original intention of Article 13 (now Article 16), and the extract quoted from Horse Guards letter of 30th June 1887 was not intended to indicate any change, but rather to emphasize the conditions of Articles 12a (now 15a) under which the substantive rank of Colonel is carried by the appointment.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) RALPH THOMSON.

P.S.—I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, and enclose herewith a copy of the reply * which was made to your communication of the 28th October last.

* See No. 4 ante.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

R. T.

No. 57514-82.

SIR,

HORSE GUARDS, WAR OFFICE,
13th March 1888.

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that a communication has been received from the Commander-in-Chief in the East Indies enclosing an extract from General Orders by the Government of India appointing Colonel T. A. Cooke, 17th Lancers, to be an Assistant Adjutant-General on the Bengal establishment with effect from the 15th January 1888.

As this officer does not appear to have been appointed to the Head-quarters Staff in India, he will not be holding, under the proposal contained in my letter of the 16th ultimo, an appointment which is, in future, to carry the substantive rank of Colonel, and His Royal Highness would therefore suggest, for the favorable consideration of Viscount Cross, that, pending the settlement of the general question of staff in India, the above-named officer, as well as those named in my letter of the 19th November 1887, should all be announced as "provisional" only, in accordance with the terms laid down in that communication.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. B. HARMAN.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

M 1942.

SIR,

INDIA OFFICE,
21st March 1888.

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th February, No. 57514/1846, and to acquaint you in reply that Viscount

Cross concurs in the list of appointments to carry the rank of Colonel as modified in your letter. The Government of India will be duly informed.

2. In the 7th para. of your letter it is proposed that selection for appointments on the staff of the army carrying the substantive rank of Colonel should be made, with the approval of His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief from the general list of Colonels or Lieutenant-Colonels of requisite standing and having the necessary qualification for Indian staff service. As all promotions of Staff Corps officers to the rank of Colonel in the Army are submitted to His Royal Highness, all appointments to posts carrying that rank should be so submitted, and would, it is presumed, be gazetted by the War Office; but Viscount Cross does not understand that His Royal Highness wishes to interfere with the discretion of the local authorities in India in selecting such officers of the Indian service as may, in their opinion, be most fitted for appointment to the posts in question.

3. The 8th para. contains a suggestion that the number of appointments, throughout the service, which carry rank, to be allotted to each service, should be clearly defined, and their proportional distribution between the two armies be made a rule, as is now the case in Divisions and Brigade Commands. With reference to this I am to state that Viscount Cross concurs in the opinion that, as a general rule, the appointments should be, as far as possible, equally divided, as in fact all the appointments to the staff of the army in India now are at present; but it does not appear to His Lordship desirable, if practicable, to lay down a hard and fast regulation on the subject, and His Lordship hopes that Mr. Secretary Stanhope and His Royal Highness will not insist upon an arrangement which must at any rate have the effect of seriously fettering the Governments and Commanders-in-Chief in India in the exercise of their necessary discretion on this point.

4. The proposals of the Government of India with regard to the commands and staff in India, referred to in the 13th para. of your letter, were forwarded to you with my letter of the

5. From the 21st and 22nd paras. of your letter it would appear that the final clause of para. 10 of my letter of the 30th November last has not been quite understood. It was intended to suggest that senior officers specially selected for temporary employment in civil or political capacities might be included in the "supplementary selection," not that they should be made eligible for promotion under Article 12 of the Royal Warrant of the 15th November 1887, which it is presumed they already are.

I have, &c.,

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

The Under Secretary of State for War.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1888, No. 3315.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief for such action as His Excellency may deem advisable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Inspector-General of Ordnance,
" Commissary-General,
" Controller of Military Accounts,
" Public Works Department, } for information.

Exd. E. C. Sharkey.

No 1511 to 22nd May 1888

Recorded

(sd) Jott

Gobt. of (1888) Madras.
MILITARY.

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

Dated May, 17th.

Issued.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 17th May 1888, No. 3315.

B/L 1511 to 22/5/88

MAY.
Nos. 218-219.

Appointments.

Royal Warrant of 15th November 1887.—
Despatch from the Secretary of State approving
of certain appointments which shall in future
carry the rank of Colonel under the —, commu-
nicated with certain instructions by the Govern-
ment of India.

17TH OCTOBER 1887, No. 2766 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department (General),
dated Simla, 26th September 1887, No. 1884 G.

Retirement of officers of the Public Works Department, who, at the age of 50 years,
have not attained the rank of Superintending Engineer, 3rd class.

Read again—

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 18 P.W., of 22nd March 1883.
Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 15 P.W., of 21st April 1884.

Resolution—

The Governor-General in Council is pleased to rule, with reference to the corre-
spondence quoted above, that any Civil Engineer of the Public Works Department,
who, on reaching the age of 50 years, has not attained the rank of Superintending
Engineer, will be liable to be called upon to retire, provided—

- I. That no officer having less than 25 years' service to his credit for pension
shall be called upon to retire under this order within two years of the
present date.
- II. That no officer having less than 20 years' service to his credit for pension
shall be called upon to retire under this order within three years of the
present date.
- III. That an officer called upon to retire under this order shall be allowed to
take any furlough admissible under the rules before his final retirement,
subject to the condition of section 110, rule 9A, Civil Pension Code, in
regard to retirement on attaining the age of 55 years. This proviso to
be in force for five years from the date of this resolution.

2. A military officer in the Public Works or Military Works Department, who,
on reaching the age of 50 years, has not attained the rank of Superintending Engineer,
will be liable to be called upon to vacate his appointment, provided that, before finally
quitting the department under this order, he be allowed to take any furlough admis-
sible under the rules and allowances of the Public Works Department applicable to
him. This last proviso to be in force for five years from date of this resolution.

Order—

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh,
and the Punjab.
" Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burmah—^{Upper} Assam, and Coorg.
" Resident at Hyderabad.
" Agents to the Governor-General for Central India, Rajputana, and Beluchistan.
" Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
" Inspector-General of Military Works.
" Director-General of Railways.
" Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Central
" Division, and Lucknow.
" Superintendent of Works, Simla, Imperial Circle.

Ordered that
this resolution be
communicated to the
Local Governments,
Administrations and
officers marginally
noted, for informa-
tion.

Also that it be
published in the
Gazette of India.

ORDER—dated 17th October 1887, No. 2766 W., Public Works.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Exd. J. Moses.
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Major W. H. Coaker

Letter from the
Govt. of India forward-
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Pension Service, and
requesting the filled
in by — forwarded
to — for a decision —

GENERAL
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of (1887) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 17th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 17th Oct. 1887, No. 2766 W.

OCTOBER.

Engineer Establishment

Resolution of the Government of India ruling that the officers of the Public Works Department, who, at the age of 50 years, have not attained the rank of Superintending Engineer, will be liable to be called upon to retire, communicated to officers of the department.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

JULY 1888, No.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Read the following paper :—

No. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. COLLEN, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, the 8th June 1888, No. 1286-A.

Engineers.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter * No. 2480-C, dated the 15th May 1888, submitting certain questions as to the employment and promotion of Majors of Royal Engineers.

* Enclosures herewith returned.

neers who have elected for continuous service in India.

2. In reply, I am to say, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, that as Major S. J. Lambert, R.E., will not attain the age of 50 years until the 15th of April 1892, it does not appear to the Government of India to be necessary to consider his individual case at present. The Secretary of State has, moreover, recently directed that action should be suspended on the Public Works Department Circular directing the compulsory retirement of Executive Engineers from that Department on attaining the age of 50 years, and it is doubtful whether the measure will be carried out.

3. With regard to the exemption of continuous service Royal Engineer officers serving in the Military Works Department from compulsory retirement, I am to state, for His Excellency's information, that the decision on this point communicated in Military Department letter No. 1488-AS, dated the 14th October 1886, did not strictly interpret the Secretary of State's ruling, which was to the effect that exemption from retirement would be secured "if necessary;" and in a subsequent despatch† His Lordship explained this to mean that special exemption from retirement from the service might be secured in any particular case if necessary.

4. It does not therefore appear that the Home authorities intended that Royal Engineer officers of the Military Works Department should be exempt from the conditions in regard to half-pay and retirement to which all other officers of the corps are subject under the Royal Warrants at present in force; and I am to request that, under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, all officers to whom the previous decision was communicated may be informed of the precise instructions of the Secretary of State on this point as above explained.

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, 7th October 1886, No. 272.

In continuation of the Earl of Kimberley's Military Despatch No. 194, of the 22nd

Questions connected with Royal Warrant, 20th February 1886, and service of Royal Engineer officers in India.

* From War Office, 20th August 1886, and enclosure.
To ditto, 10th September 1886, M 8154.
From ditto, 27th August 1886, and enclosure.
To ditto, 17th September 1886, M 8404.
From ditto, 22nd September 1886.
To ditto, 30th September 1886, M 9551.

† Telegram to the Viceroy, dated 29th September 1886.

July last, I forward herewith copy of further correspondence * with the War Office regarding the Royal Warrant of the 20th February 1886, and the continuous service of officers of Royal Engineers in India.

2. Your Lordship has already been informed in my telegram of the 29th September † that the Military Works Branch should be considered as Civil for the purposes of Article 8 of the Royal Warrant, special exemption from retirement from the service being secured in any particular case if necessary.

3. With reference to this point, I may point out that compulsory retirement in the ranks of Major and Captain has been suspended by the Royal Warrant of the 10th August 1886, and that in the case of a Lieutenant-Colonel such retirement does not take place till the age of 55 years.

4. In my telegram above quoted, you were also informed that the period of election for continuous Indian service had been extended to the 1st November.

No. 20/Engineers/1378.

SIR,

WAR OFFICE,
20th August 1886.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the Secretary of State for India in Council, a memorandum detailing certain points on which inquiries are constantly being made at this office on the interpretation of the recent Royal Warrant † respecting the conditions of service in India of officers of Royal Engineers, and on which decisions have not been received.

† 20th February 1886.

As regards the question in para. 2, it is presumed that the election once made is irrevocable.

I am therefore to request you will be good enough to inform me whether Sir R. Cross concurs in the above observation, and also favor me with his remarks upon the other questions contained in the memorandum.

I am also to add that, considering the Military Works Department is now the normal employment of officers of Royal Engineers in India, and that the question whether that Department is a Civil or Military Department is still under the consideration of the Government of India, also bearing in mind that the result is not likely to be arrived at in time for it to be promulgated so as to reach officers by the 1st October next, Mr. Secretary Smith would be allowed.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) H. G. DEEDES.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

MEMORANDUM.

If officers accept continuous Indian service, and the Staff Corps rules of pension, will they be relieved of the disabilities they now lie under in India as Queen's officers? For example, will they be eligible for political employment, for employment in Military Department, Government of India, for the Judge Advocate General's Department, &c., and, if selected, would they be appointed to Army Staff as Indian or as Queen's officers?

2. Is the election (made by 1st October) to be irrevocable, or may officers hereafter revert to the English list, giving up all claim to the benefits derived from Indian service? (See also para. 5.)

§ Of the Royal Warrant.

3. Para. 11. § "Elsewhere than in India" would appear to include service under the Indian Government in England, as for example under para. 7, or in War Office or India Office.

4. Many officers in India have furloughs to their credit under the rules of 1868. Will they be allowed to work this off under those rules, or must they lose the very beneficial rates of furlough pay already earned by past service in India?

No. M 8154.

INDIA OFFICE,
10th September 1886.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th August, and to reply as follows to the questions therein enclosed:—

- (1) Officers of Royal Engineers who have elected for continuous Indian service will be eligible for employment in any position to which they may be appointed by the authorities in India, and, if appointed to the Army Staff, would be appointed as Indian officers.
- (2) The object of the Royal Warrant being to assure to the Government of India the certainty of continuous service on the part of officers engaging for its performance, the election is binding on the officer. An officer could return to the British Establishment by exchange only.
- (3) "Elsewhere than in India," in Article 11, of the Warrant, includes service in England under the Indian Government on the part of an officer who has, as in the case of Lieutenant-Colonel Courtenay, never rendered any service in India, but otherwise such service and duty at the School of Military Engineering under Article 7, would be reckoned as equivalent to service in India.
- (4) The Furlough Rules of 1868 cease to be applicable to officers electing for continuous service. After election they are no longer eligible for furlough under those rules.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of your letter, I am to state that Viscount Cross proposed, after communication with the Government of India, that employment in the Military Works Branch should be military employment for all purposes except those of Article 8 of the Warrant. The Government of India, however, consider that the service of retired officers (though not of officers on half-pay) in this branch is impracticable. I am therefore to inquire whether it would not be possible to issue a Royal Warrant in respect to such officers substituting transfer to an Indian half-pay list for retirement from the service as laid down in the Royal Warrant of the 10th June 1884 (in cases where it may be considered desirable to exempt officers from such retirement) until such time as officers would cease to be employed under the rules which apply to other persons holding similar appointments. I am to request that Lord Cross may be favored with a very early reply on this point.

I have, &c.,

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

The Military Secretary, Horse Guards, War Office.

No. 20/Engineers/1399.

WAR OFFICE,
27th August 1886.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit, herewith, for the consideration of the Secretary of State for India in Council, a memorandum of further questions which have been raised on the subject of the recent Royal Warrant respecting the conditions of service of officers of Royal Engineers in India, and I am therefore to request that you will be so good as to cause me to be informed what replies Viscount Cross considers should be sent thereto.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) RALPH THOMPSON.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

MEMORANDUM.

Will the grading of officers in the Military Works Department (which is ruled to be the normal duty of Royal Engineer officers in India) be by regimental or departmental seniority?

2. Will officers of Royal Engineers, ordered to India in future, be liable to be merely attached to the Military Works Department with only Rs. 50 in addition to their regimental pay as at present, or will they be graded with their contemporaries in the Department at once?

3. If an officer, after serving in India under new rules, exchanges to Home service, does he thereby forfeit all claim to Indian pensions which he may have earned?

4. If an officer elects for Indian service, what will be his regimental pay in the rank of Major, viz., that of a Major, Royal Engineers, or only as at present, that of a Staff Corps Major?

No. M 8404.

SIR,

INDIA OFFICE,
17th September 1886.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th August 1886, and to reply as follows to the questions in the memorandum therein enclosed:—

- (1) The grading of officers in the Military Works Branch is by departmental seniority.
- (2) No alteration has been proposed, but the question is one which must rest mainly with the Government of India to decide.
- (3) A continuous service officer exchanging for Home service would forfeit all claim to Indian pension.
- (4) No change is proposed as to the pay of Majors in receipt of staff salary.

I have, &c.,

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

The Military Secretary, Horse Guards, War Office.

No. 20/Engineers/1411.

SIR,

WAR OFFICE,
22nd September 1886.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of India Office letter, No. M 8154, of the 10th instant, and, with reference to the proposal contained in the concluding paragraph thereof, viz., that a Royal Warrant may be issued substituting transfer to an Indian half-pay list for retirement from the service, as laid down in the Royal Warrant of the 10th June 1884, in cases where it may be considered desirable to exempt officers employed in the Military Works Department from such retirement, I am to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that in all probability the present rules as to compulsory retirement will shortly be considerably relaxed.

Under these circumstances, Mr. Secretary Smith considers that it would not be expedient to make any special exception in the case of officers of Royal Engineers employed under the Royal Warrant of the 20th February 1886; and I am now to request that you will be good enough to cause an early decision to be arrived at regarding the point submitted in the letter from this office of the 20th ultimo, No. 20/Engineers/1378, relative to the extension of the period during which officers of Royal Engineers may make their election for continuous Indian service.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) RALPH THOMPSON.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

M 9551.

SIR,

INDIA OFFICE,
30th September 1886.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd September, and to acquaint you in reply that Viscount Cross admits the inconvenience, under the circumstances, of issuing a Royal Warrant as suggested in my letter of the 10th September.

2. I am to add that His Lordship has decided that the Military Works Branch shall be considered as military for all purposes except those of Article 8 of the Royal Warrant of 20th February 1886, and that, in view of the lateness of the time at which it has been possible to arrive at this decision, His Lordship consents to the extension to the 1st November next of the period during which officers of Royal Engineers may make their election for continuous service in India.

I have, &c.,

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

The Under Secretary of State for War.

Telegram to the Viceroy, dated 29th September 1886.

Your Military telegram, 4th September. Military Works Branch made Civil, for the purpose of para. 8. Exemption from retirement will be secured if necessary. Period of election extended to 1st November.

No. 1286-A.

Copy of the above, and of the Secretary of State's Despatch No. 272, dated the 7th October 1886, and enclosures, forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, with reference to the telegram from the Military Department, No. 1485-AS, dated the 13th October 1886.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. C. TOKER,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

SIMLA,
8th June 1888.

No. ORDER THEREON, 5 July 1888, No. 4525
Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of necessary action, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 6451, dated 14th October 1886.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Bigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
" Public Works Department.

Exd E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of (1888) Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

Dated July,

Issued

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G.O., 5 July 1888, No. 4525

JULY.

Nos.

Appointments—Royal Engineers.

Majors of Royal Engineers.—Observations of the Government of India on certain questions submitted as to the employment and promotion of — who have elected for continuous service in India, communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of necessary action.